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Middlethorpe Messenger

Together we learn to shine

Kindness

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A big thank you to everyone who attended parents consultation yesterday. It was lovely to have parents into school again and for you to finally meet teachers face to face. Hopefully, this will be able to continue and extend further in the future. This term the whole school has been working on a History focus. It has been a pleasure seeing the learning happening in classrooms and being produced in books. I am sure the children have been sharing their newly acquired knowledge with you at home. Our very first 'Middlethorpe Pumpkin Hunt' has ended a super half term of learning. Everyone has had a fantastic time pumpkin hunting and trying to crack the code. Photos of the event can be seen on Class Dojo and Twitter. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, relaxing half term holiday and look forward to seeing all the children returning on Monday 1st November.

Mrs Simpson

Arts and Culture Council

Following on from the success of the Eco Schools group, after half term we are creating an Arts and Culture Council led by Miss McCulloch. Each class will nominate a representative to join the Arts and Culture Council. Their role will include:

- sharing ideas about how art, music, history and languages can be improved further
- organising activities and events across the year
- sharing children's views
- celebrating creativity

We will look forward to seeing the impact of their role across the course of the year.

Sports

This term has seen a return to Middlethorpe participating in sporting competitions with other schools. Since September children have represented the school in three football competitions. Our Year 5/6 girls won one of their matches. The Year 4/5 boys came 4th place in their tournament and won the respect award voted by the teams they played. The Year 5/6 boys won their competition and have now qualified for the district final to be played in Hull. Well done to all the children who competed. Mr Cadman said that they all played extremely well and were super ambassadors for the school.

My Child at School

Thank you for your support with our new MCAS app. Like any new system we have had some teething problems. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this. Moving forward, if you experience any errors or problems when trying to book anything please could you send a screen shot of the error to office@middlethorpeprimary.co.uk to help resolve the issue.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Phillips a fond farewell. Miss Phillips has supported the school in many different roles during her time at Middlethorpe and I would like to thank her for her commitment and dedication to all the children and families. We wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Reading

At Middlethorpe reading is at the centre of the curriculum. Evidence suggests that children who read regularly not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, have increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. We have recently invested in new reading books across the whole school. From Reception children will start with phonetically decodable books and library books to read and share at home for pleasure. As children progress through the school and move in to Key Stage 2 they begin to explore a wide range of authors through our 50 books for each year group. To further support children in Key Stage 2 with their reading development we use an online programme called 'Reading Plus'. The programme is tailored to a child's reading stage and supports fluency and vocabulary development. To support your child we ask that you read with them at home regularly. Children are rewarded for reading at home by counting the number of daily reads. When children reach 100 reads they receive a token for 'Rory' our reading vending machine. We ask that you encourage your child to care for the books that come home and that books are returned promptly for other children to enjoy.

Term Dates

Friday 22nd October	School closes half term
Monday 1st November	School opens
Monday 15th November	Anti-bullying week odd socks day
Friday 19th November	Children in Need
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17th December	School closes Christmas
Tuesday 4th January	School opens

