



# Middlethorpe Messenger

## *Together we learn to shine*

**Kindness      Responsibility      Pride**

Principal email: [r.simpson@middlethorpeprimary.co.uk](mailto:r.simpson@middlethorpeprimary.co.uk)



Welcome back! It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school and to get to know our new starters . The children have been full of exciting news about their summers which has been lovely to hear. I hope you have all had a lovely time. All classes have settled back in to school life really well. The children are already showing excellent learning behaviours in their new classes and as they are able to move more freely in classrooms and around school it feels like school life is beginning to return to normal. The whole school subject focus this half term is History. Curriculum newsletters and knowledge organisers will be placed on the website shortly so you can see what your child will be learning this half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to the coming year.

### Timings

Children should be dropped off at school between 8:45am and 8:55am and registers close at 9:00am. If your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late.

Gates will open at 8:40am we ask that you do not arrive before this time because you will not be able to get on site.

Doors will open for collection at 3:30pm. **Gates will open at 3:20pm.** Please do not arrive before this time because lessons continue until the end of the day.

Thank you for your support in this.

### Water and Snack

We ask that children bring water in a named water bottle daily. Water bottles should only contain water. At Middlethorpe we promote a healthy lifestyle. Drinking water is important for feeling energized and for proper brain performance and opting for water rather than sweetened drinks hydrates without sugar or calories.

Reception and KS1 children receive free fruit daily at playtime so do not need to bring a snack to school. KS2 children are welcome to bring fruit for a morning snack.

### Absence

Please report any absences via the school office and not Class Dojo. Absences should be reported by 9:00am so they can be recorded accurately.

If you child has COVID 19 symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough, loss of the sense of taste or smell) do not send them to school and obtain a PCR test. Please report this by calling the office.

Appointments should be made where possible outside the school day. Where appointments are made in the school day we ask that you inform the office prior to the appointment and provide evidence of the appointment.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs began this week with great success. It has been lovely to see the children return to trying out new experiences and pursue their interests further. After school clubs are now full. It has also been great to see the return of music tuition singing lessons. We are keen to widen our offer further including non sporting clubs. Please contact the office if you know someone who is interested in delivering an after school club in school.

### Uniform

Thank you for your support with school uniform including PE kits. It is great to see the children looking so smart even on PE day. Children can still wear their school jumper or cardigan on their PE day.

Jewellery should not be worn to school with the exception of a watch or small studded earrings. **Please ensure earrings are removed or covered with tape or plasters on PE days.**

### Term Dates

Thursday 16th September	Individual photos
Friday 24th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 8th October	Mental Health Day Wear Yellow
Friday 22nd October	School closes half term
Monday 1st November	School opens
Friday 17th December	School closes Christmas
Tuesday 4th January	School opens
Friday 11th February	School closes
Monday 21st February	School opens
Friday 1st April	School closes
Tuesday 19th April	School opens
Friday 27th May	School closes
Monday 13th June	School opens
Thursday 21st July	School closes for summer



