



*"Excellence, Truth  
and Grace"*

MIDDLETON PARISH CHURCH SCHOOL

Keeping In Touch Newsletter

*Spring 2 What's Been Done...*

The sun shines as we come to the end of another term. It has been wonderful to welcome families and back into school and church over recent weeks for different events and meetings. It seems a long time since we have been able to share our activities with families in the school building. As this term end, we say goodbye to Mrs Jastrzebski, one of our longest serving teachers. As she makes a move out of the classroom, we wish her lots of luck and successes in her next chapter.

All that is left to say is have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to welcoming you all back for the start of the summer term on Monday 25th April 2022.

Mrs Wainwright

### Global Policing

We were very excited to meet Shane and Bev from the Global Policing team this half term. They met with parents and pupils to talk about e-safety helping us to understand the risks around social media and the use of the internet, how we can manage these risks and keep ourselves safe. They will hopefully be back before the end of the year and will certainly continue to work with us and our community next year. Two projects they will be leading are 'Mini Chameleon' and 'Chameleon' working with children to develop positive friendships and understand citizenship.

**Global Policing**

### Commando Luke

Commando Luke has been in school each week to work with children across school to build their confidence, resilience and engagement. He also sets up a range of activities at lunch time for children to engage with.

He will continue to work with small groups of children each week who have been recognised by their class teachers for their hard work, determination and attitude to learning as well as providing additional support to those who need it.



### Easter Celebrations

#### School Council

Our Easter School Council competition saw many entries from across the school. Each year group had an opportunity to peruse the entries before our School Council had the very difficult job of deciding the winners. Well done to all of those who submitted an entry and congratulations to all of our winners. Go to our Class Dojo page for the list of winners and to take a look at their entries.

#### Church

After an absence of two years, Key Stage Two were able to resume normal service and make the familiar walk to St Leonard's church where they were lucky enough to watch Year 4's Easter service. A huge well done to all of our Year 4 children and staff for their hard work and a massive thank you to all of the parents who attended.



### Sporting Events



What a half term it has been in terms of sport! In total, Parish have competed in 15 sporting events this half term, ranging from football for both the girls and boys football teams, rugby for a range of year groups and we have even tried a hand at volleyball. As a result, eighty-three pupils have represented Parish in a sporting competition and we couldn't be prouder. They have all worked extremely hard, as part of a team and with great resilience. There have been many end to end games and some last-minute wins. Some teams even brought home medals! The Year 3 girls football team brought home silver medals, the year 4 mixed rugby team brought home silver medals, the Year 5/6 7-a-side mixed rugby team brought home bronze medals and the Year 5/6 girls football team are waiting to play their bronze medal match next half term. A big thank you to all of the parents, who by taking their children to and from competitions, make all of this happen.

### Christian Value

Our focus Christian value this half term has been Forgiveness.

We have been thinking about how everyone can make mistakes; sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry and be able to forgive that person. Our Junior Faith Leaders led a collective worship, they talked about how forgiving others is always hard to do when you are still feeling hurt. It takes courage - not just a warm, fuzzy feeling - to decide to forgive someone. In fact, forgiving someone shows strength of character, not weakness. By forgiving someone, you are not saying that what the other person did is okay; but rather, that you have decided not to hold it against them and 'let it go'. Next half term, our focus value will be Hope & Trust, ideas for you to explore this as a family will be available on our school website and class dojo.



### Young Writers

This term, as part of Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, some children in school entered a poetry competition entitled 'This is Me.' We are proud to announce that some poems written by children in school have been selected to be published in a book. We will certainly be purchasing some copies in school!





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Summer 1 What's to come....

On April 1st, the government withdrew the guidance 'Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak'. Guidance on 'Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings' and 'Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19' is now available and as a school are working through this. We understand that COVID-19 has not gone away and therefore we are still maintaining enhanced cleaning, regular handwashing and good respiratory hygiene, whilst ensuring school stays ventilated and indoor large group gatherings return slowly. We now feel that the time is right to reduce the staggered start and end times that have been in place to reduce numbers gathering on the playground. The staggered start time will now be from 8:40am—8:50am and end time will be 3:20pm—3:30pm. Interventions will continue to take place in school at the start and end of each day, without the need for varying drop off and collection times.

### Church Events

We are very excited that this half-term sees the whole school return to St Leonard's!

#### Experience Pentecost

Years 3—6 will take part in 'Experience Pentecost.' Each year group will visit church to take part in a carousel of activities all about the meaning and events which Christians recognise as Pentecost. The children have always enjoyed the experience and learn a great deal.



We thank the volunteers from the Church community who will work together to deliver this for our children.

#### Archbishop of York Sessions

School will be linking with St Anne's Church of England Academy as Mr McQuaid, Chaplain and Faith Leader, will be coming into school to deliver Archbishop of York sessions to Years 4 and Year 5. The project aims to empower young people to transform society. The session will be opportunities for our young people to grow in leadership, faith and character. Watch out for snippets of their work on Class Dojo.

#### Jubilee Service

On Thursday 26th May we are planning a return to church for all children as our Junior Faith Leaders and choir will lead a service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The service for S classes will be at 9:30am, followed by a service for L classes at 10:30am. Families are warmly welcomed to join us.

We hope to see many of our families at St Leonard's Church for public worship on Sundays at 10.30am.



### Summer Fair

We are so very excited to announce that in order to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to celebrate with our school community, we will be holding a summer fair on the afternoon of Friday 27th May for pupils, parents and our school community to enjoy. Preparations have already begun with staff rallying round to organise a variety of special events and stalls to keep everyone entertained. Year 6 will also be getting involved in the project, once SATs are out of the way: it is sure to be a fun-filled success. To support this event, children will be able to be collected from school at 2pm ready for the fair to begin at 2:15pm. Further information regarding times and details of what's on offer will follow,! You won't want to miss out.

### Sporting Events

There are lots more sporting events taking place this half term.

#### Netball

April will see Netball get underway for KS2 with both girls and boys teams in action.

#### Handball

Key Stages 1 and 2 will be involved in Handball tournaments through May.

#### Football

Lots of football taking place this half-term for teams in KS2.

#### Hockey

Teams from key stages 1 and 2 will be taking part in several hockey tournaments at the end of this term.

### Pupil Voice

This term, School Council, Healthy Bodies and Mind Council, Junior Faith Leaders and Eco Councillors will begin to meet formally. These meetings will take place after school on a Thursday, please look out for an email.

Meetings will involve making decisions on new initiatives, discussing ideas for improvements for our school and planning events.



### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



This term will see lots of work happening across school linked with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and British Values. Children will focus on a different value each week to produce a bank of work which will mark the incredible achievement of 70 years on the throne! Our school community and Year 6 will also be working together to organise a celebration fit for a queen at the end of the half-term for all to enjoy! Watch this space for further information!

### Trainer Friday!



To support the summer fair at the end of this half-term, we are inviting children to wear their trainers to school each Friday in return for a donation of different items.

Friday the 29th April: Bottles

Friday 6th May: Chocolates

Friday 13th May: Teddy Bear

Friday 20th May: Small items for a luck dip (pencil/keyring/fidget toy/bubbles etc)

Confirmation of items to donated will be announced on Class Dojo.

### Festival Manchester

Mrs Mitchell's pop choir will be busy each Friday this term preparing to perform at Festival Manchester in July. Year 5 and 6 have three songs to learn and perfect ready to showcase their amazing talent alongside 99 other schools from across Manchester.



The festival will be a fun filled family affair for pupils and parents involved and anyone else who would like to show their support. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

### Key Dates:

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for any additional key dates.

Monday 25th April: Back to School

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday—School is closed.

Monday 9th May: KS2 SATs week

Thursday 26th May: Jubilee Service s classes 9:30am L classes 10:30am

Friday 27th May: Jubilee Summer Fair, children collected from school at 2pm for the fair to begin at 2:15pm