

Middleton St Mary's Newsletter 1



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Monday 6th October 2025

Welcome Back! 😊

It has been a very busy start to the half term. Our children have settled into the routines well and are getting used to their new routines. Year 4 have started their swimming lessons and the staff have planned some exciting visits and visitors this half term). Y6 have already been to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Y5 have been to Leeds Cathedral and Year 3 have had walks in the local area.

Our after-school clubs were live until 5pm Saturday. In-app messages will be sent out to confirm places.

At the start of term, we welcomed three new teachers – Mr Ndlovu, Miss Lenaghan and Miss Fisher and two new HLTAs – Mrs Stones and Mr Benson. We hope that you got to meet them at our Meet the Teacher events over the last two weeks.

Parents' Evening will run the week after half term. Times will go live on Arbor on Monday 13th October.

This newsletter will be emailed out each month via Arbor. Please download the Arbor app - this is how we will communicate with you. It is checked daily. Messages can be sent via the app too! Paper copies of the newsletter can be collected from the office entrance. You may also want to sign up to our school's Facebook page to find out the latest news and events taking place in school.

Reminders:

The school gates open at 7.30am – this is the first admission to breakfast club, no earlier. Please sign your child into breakfast club via the hall. Breakfast Club is charged at £3 per session. Children MUST not be left in the playground.

Nursery

Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Children are released at 3pm from Nursery.

Main school

Gates are locked at 9am and entrance is then only via the school office.

Please be on time to school.

At the end of the day, gates are opened at 3pm, children Leave at 3.10pm.

Mrs Wood, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 6th October - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – KS2 Classes will be using our new Food Tech Classroom to make some African food to share with other classes.

Wed 8th Oct – Y5/Y6 Dodgeball Tournament (after school until 5.30pm at Cockburn John Charles)

Thursday 9th October – Hand to Mouth Ministries in School

Tues 14th Oct – Rec Beech to Swillington Farm

Wed 15th Oct – Rec Chestnut to Swillington Farm

Thurs 17th Oct – Y1 Sycamore to Ponderosa Farm

Tues 21st Oct – Y1 Hazel to Ponderosa (to see the Meerkats!)

Tues 21st Oct – Y5/6 Boys Leeds United Football Tournament at Middleton Leisure Centre

**Wednesday 22nd October – TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOS
INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN.**

Friday 24th October – SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY 3

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**Monday 3rd November – School reopens.
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**

NURSERY DROP-IN MEETINGS – SIGN UP IN NURSERY

Tues 4th Nov - PARENTS' EVENING 1.30PM-6PM - Y3, Y2, Y1 & REC (SIGN UP ON ARBOR FROM MON 13TH OCT)

Thurs 6th Nov - PARENTS' EVENING 1.30PM-6PM - Y6, Y5, Y4

Wed 5th Nov – Sammy's Collection Fundraiser– drop of bags of clean, unwanted clothes.

Mon 10th Nov – Y6 London Meeting 3.15pm-3.50pm – HALL

Tues 11th Nov – Year Group with the highest attendance trip to the cinema - The Wild Robot.

Wed 12th Nov – Year group with the highest attendance trip to the cinema – Sloth Lane

Thurs 13th Nov – Football Match U11s MSM vs St Phillips PS

Tues 18th Nov – Y5/6 Girls Leeds United Football Tournament at Middleton Leisure Centre

Tues 18th Nov – Y3 Maple to Leeds City Museum - Egyptians

Wed 19th Nov – Y3 Poplar to Leeds City Museum - Egyptians

Thurs 20th Nov – Football Match U11s MSM vs Beeston PS

Tues 25th Nov – Y4 Elder to Ledston Park Christmas Activity

Wed 26th Nov – Y4 Spruce to Ledston Park Christmas Activity Workshop

Wed 3rd Dec – School Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5pm

Homework

Last week we launched our new handwriting homework for Year 1-Year 6. Children will bring home a photocopied sheet based to the letter formation/joins that they have been focusing on that week. Please return this the following week. We want every child to become fluent at writing. Class teachers will look for the Handwriting Hero of the Week in each year group and the best handwriting in each phase will go on display in our golden frames on the corridor.



Each day, your child **MUST** bring home their **reading book (and diary)** to read at home and bring it back to school the following day, this is part of our home-school agreement. **We ask that this happens every day and that children are praised for their efforts in reading.** Please comment in your child's reading diary, stating how fluent they have read and if they struggled with anything – just ask them to read 4-5 pages, that is enough! If they read the whole book, ask them to tell the adults in their class so that they can **quiz on it (Y3-Y6)** or change it. **We want every child to enjoy reading and to become a confident and fluent reader, this is a life skill so very important.**

On our school website, you can find out about what topic your child is learning about. We have a curriculum overview for the year and their knowledge organisers for each subject – please look them up!



Every child in Key Stage 2 has a log-in to TT Rockstars. This is glued in their reading diary along with their Accelerated Reader log-in. Remember to keep visiting TT Rockstars to improve your child's times tables skills! The KS2 children with the fastest time in their class will be chosen to represent their class in the head-to-head

challenge each Friday worship in Worship! We know that this is not for everyone and it does take a lot of confidence to stand up in the hall. Children not wanting to stand up do not have to compete. This week, your child's homework is to learn their 2s, 5s and 10 x tables by logging on to TT Rockstars or by practising orally at home.

Safeguarding

As a school, we aim to safeguard and protect all of our pupils. All staff have had safeguarding and child protection training.

In school we have five members of staff who have specialist training and are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads. If you have any Child Protection concerns about any of our families, or your own, we ask that you report your concerns directly to one of the DSLs (phone the school **0113 2717206** in confidence) or phone the Children's Social Work Services during office hours (9am – 5pm) on 0113 2224403 or the police on 999 if the child is in immediate danger or harm.

If you have any concerns about a member of staff, please come to the office and ask to speak to **me** as the Headteacher, no other staff member. Our safeguarding policy can be found on the school website home page.



Mrs N Wood
Headteacher



Mrs S Aston
Deputy Head



Mrs D Southern
Attendance Officer



Ms N Gott
Family Liaison
Officer



Mrs J Weston
Wellbeing Mentor

VACANCY – PARENT GOVERNOR

We have two parent governor vacancies on our Governing Board. Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Parent governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. Being a governor is a "hands off" role – decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school.

If you are interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, please email your interest to Mrs Wood at enquiries@msmleeds.co.uk. Dates for meetings have been set for the year, they are usually 4pm-6pm in person. The next meeting dates are: Monday 17th Nov, 5.30pm-7.30pm online, Tuesday 25th Nov, 5.30-7.30 online and Monday 8th Dec 4pm-6pm in school.

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**PLEASE TRY TO READ WITH YOUR
CHILD EVERY DAY - THIS WILL HELP
YOUR CHILD PROGRESS SO MUCH!**