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"Believe and Achieve." "Věř a Dosáhnout" "Uwierz i osiągnij" "Crede și atinge" "انجازوايمان" "相信与实现"



Every School Day Counts

Our attendance target is 96%.
School attendance for last week
(wb 7.12.20) was below target
at 95.5%. ☹

Attendance for the Autumn
Term to date has decreased
to 94.8% ☹

Roary's Attendance Challenge

100% Attendance

Class Winners wb 7.12.20

EYFS – Class 1 with 87%
@ 100% attendance.

KS1 – Class 3 with 93%
of the class with 100%
attendance

KS2 – Classes 7,16 & 18
each with 100% of the
class with 100%
attendance. **WELL DONE!**

Please see the final page of the
newsletter for important
information regarding **COVID**
Winter Grant Fund payments
which replace food vouchers
during the school holiday
periods.

STARS of the WEEK

Congratulations to the following
pupils who were awarded
Communication Awards last week
for demonstrating abilities to
communicate with each other
effectively in different ways.

Nursery – Emilia Bailey
Class 1 – Aweza Ibrahim
Class 2 – Zainab Abbas
Class 3 – Grace Hugill
Class 4 – Tegan Partland
Class 5 – Gracie Hatton
Class 6 – Harry Woods
Class 7 – Daria Iacubenco
Class 8 – Lilly Galbraith
Class 9 - Zahed Ahmadi
Class 10 – Jayden Wood
Class 11 – Daria Turcan
Class 12 – Aydenn Everall
Class 13 - Joshua Pinkney
Class 14 – Katie Jackson
Class 15 – Abdullatif Al-Falahi
Class 16 – Lexi Bunn
Class 18 – Jack Perry
Class 19 – Sarah Middleton

Congratulations to all the stars!



End of Term 2020

Following Government
guidance issued last week,
school will now close for
the Christmas holidays on
Thursday 17th December.
Friday 18th December will be
an INSET day. This will be a
non-teaching day so children
will not be required to attend
school.

The Spring Term will start on
Monday 4th January 2021.
The usual staggered start
times and entrance gates will
still be in operation when the
new term starts.

Christmas Party Day 2020

Thursday 17th December

Please join in with our
Christmas Party Day
2020.

This year our Christmas
Party day will take a different
format. We are unfortunately
unable to host our annual
pantomime for the children to
watch.

In order to help keep our
children safe all our parties
will be based in each class
bubble.

Children will be allowed to
wear their party clothes for
the day and teachers and
support staff will be planning
a range of fun activities to
celebrate the end of the term.

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen , Mrs S Walker, Mrs A Jefferies



Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Thursday 17th December **UPDATED**

Christingle Class Assembly – to include a special Christmas presentation by Fr Glyn.
Christmas Party Day
3pm End of Autumn Term – School closes for Christmas Holiday

NEXT WEEK

School is closed for the Christmas Holiday (2 weeks)

COMING SOON – Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January 2021

School reopens for Spring Term 1 2021

Friday 8th January

ECO Shop open from 2:30pm

Monday 25th January

Y6 Practice SATS Week 1 **NEW**

Monday 1st February

Annual Handwriting Competition **NEW**

Tuesday 9th February

Safer Internet Day – Details to follow **NEW**

Friday 12th February

School closes for half term holiday

Monday 22nd February is a PD Day and school will be closed to pupils.

Tuesday 23rd February

School reopens to pupils for Spring Term 2.

Thursday 4th March

World Book Day – Details to follow **NEW**

Please be aware that as we are currently still in times of a worldwide pandemic it is very difficult to give confirmed dates of events too far in the future. Therefore, please be aware that these dates and times are provisional and are subject to change.



THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the children and staff that joined in with our Christmas Jumper Day last Friday and in doing so helped support 'The White Feather Project' - a local Middlesbrough charity that supports people in crisis and vulnerable people at any time of year by donating toiletry items.

COVID19 UPDATE



School closes for the Christmas Holiday at 3pm on Thursday 17th December.

If your child presents with COVID19 symptoms it is important that they get a test as soon as possible, and if the test is positive that you let the school know by emailing the school email account:

archibald@mcschools.org.uk

Please supply the following information:

Child's name:

Child's class:

Date of last day in school:

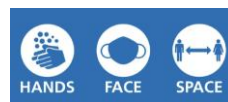
Date of symptoms:

Date of test:

Date of result:

We will use this information to identify any close contacts within school and notify them of their need to self-isolate for **10 days*** from the last day of contact. This information will be sent out by Marvellous Me and text message.

If you receive a notification that your child needs to self isolate you must follow this instruction in order to help halt the spread of COVID19. Please be aware - Fines have been introduced for those breaching self-isolation rules, starting at £1,000. This could increase to up to £10,000 for repeat offences and the most serious breaches, including for those preventing others from self-isolating.



* change in Government Guidance from 14.12.20

HEALTH & SAFETY

Unfortunately a discarded needle was found on the grassy area near the end of Ayresome Green Lane, near the Reception, Y2, Y4 and Y6 entrance gate.

Please take time to warn your children of the potential dangers of playing in this area, especially as the bushes and undergrowth has now been cut back in an effort to tidy up the area.

Contact Details

It is very important that school can get in touch with parents and carers in case of an emergency. Please make sure we have your most up to date contact details including telephone number. If you get a new phone over the holiday period and change your number, please make sure that you let us know as soon as possible. Thank you

COVID19 Updates



Christmas Cards

In order to help to keep everyone safe we are asking children not to bring in lots of Christmas Cards for their friends this year. This is to help prevent possible COVID19 spreading.

Children will be welcome to bring in one Christmas Card to all their friends in their class. These will be displayed in the classrooms for all the children to see.

Thank you for your understanding.

The Department for Education

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Helpline

The DfE COVID-19 helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours (until 23rd December):

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm,
Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

Christmas and New Year Opening

Times:

24 December – 8am to 4pm

25 to 28 December – Closed

29 to 30 December – 8am to 6pm

31 December – 9am to 4pm

1 January – Closed

2 to 3 January – 10am to 6pm

FREE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Don't be bored this holiday- Join in with the feast of fun at Christmas!

TOGETHER MIDDLESBROUGH &
CLEVELAND AND ST BARNABAS CHURCH
PRESENT

FEAST OF FUN AT CHRISTMAS

SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES WITH FOOD
HAMPERS AND CHRISTMAS STORY THEMED
CRAFTS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR.

**FEAST OF FUN IS FREE BUT YOU DO NEED TO
BOOK.**

FEAST OF FUN IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF
RELIGION OR BACKGROUND.

Feast of Fun at Christmas is **FREE** but you need to **BOOK** by application form which can be found on the church website (details below) or by contacting Lindsey or Barbara.

If you would like to speak to someone about Feast of Fun then please contact Lindsey Goodhew (Associate Vicar St Barnabas) on 01642 817306 or Barbara Edwards (Church Administrator) on 01642 651818.

You can also email us on office@st-barnabas.net.

Feast of Fun is for ALL families regardless of religion or background.

More information about Feast of Fun and Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland can be found here:

<https://togetharmac.org.uk/initiatives/example-initiative-2>

St Barnabas Church has been serving the local community for over 125 years. More information about us can be found here:

<http://www.st-barnabas.net/>

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL



The COVID Winter Grant Fund

Middlesbrough Council will be inviting households with children who are in receipt of **Council Tax Reduction** and are most likely to be closest to being at risk of poverty to make an application for a Winter Grant Fund.

This arrangement replaces previous free school meal schemes. The combined payment is intended to allow families greater flexibility to manage their own budgets and can be used for food, energy, water, warm clothing etc, leaving budgeting to the parent/carer/adult and is aimed at offering a flexible approach allowing families to use the fund.

The amount of funding provided is dependent on the number of children within the household:

Number of children	Total amount payable
1	£25
2	£46
3	£60
4	£72
5	£80
6	£90
7	£93
8	£96
9	£99

A further payment (the amount is still to be confirmed) will be made to help with the February half term and Easter holiday periods. The payment will be made automatically, based on the number of children in the household at that time, as long as you're still entitled to Council Tax Reduction.

You will not need to make another application to get the additional grant.

However, if you change your mobile phone number between now and then, you will need to inform Middlesbrough Council, so that the payment can be issued correctly

The Winter Grants Funding will be allocated between the following suggested groups:-

- **Children in Need** – Those children known to the Local Authority. Food hampers will be delivered to the Families (Christmas/February & March). This group will also be eligible for a payment through the Winter Fund Grant.
- **Households with dependent children – in receipt of Council Tax Reduction** will be provided with a voucher to spend at a predetermined value as described above.
- **Borderline Crisis** – Aimed at those residents that just fall outside of the crisis support criteria, however providing them with financial assistance is deemed appropriate giving weight to their circumstances.
- **Fire Brigade weekend support** – The scheme has been extended until the end of March 2021. The solution provides weekend food support to those families who does not have access to food. In addition, should the need arise, there will also be access to the foodbanks so that no person should go hungry.

Please be aware that unlike the previous voucher schemes you must apply for this funding – you will not receive it automatically.

The Winter Grant Fund application is now live. Please apply using the following website link:

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/wintergrant>

Link to online application form:

<https://my.middlesbrough.gov.uk/service/Winter Grant Application Form CTR>

Entitlement will be confirmed by a text message which can be redeemed at local Paypoint locations.

Please be aware that this scheme is being administered by Middlesbrough Council and not Archibald Primary School or Endeavour Academies. As such any queries regarding entitlement or payments will need to be made directly to Middlesbrough Council - 01642 245432 (Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 5pm, and Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)