

December Edition

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have once again had a very busy term! Children have enjoyed school led festivities in the last few weeks which culminates today we had a special assembly led by the Reverend Neil Coleman of St Barnabus Church in St Pauls' Cray. Teachers have worked hard to maximise learning opportunities in and amongst the celebrations where children have enjoyed increased work in drama, performance, oracy, singing etc. With all of these events and activities, beyond the joy of taking part, there is also very key learning points about communication, team-work, listening and confidence building. These all build and contribute to character education, at Midfield we recognise the importance of these skills and knowledge, for us they are equally as important as our academic curriculum offer.

HELLO

December

As the Spring Term approaches, Teachers are already busy planning a whole range of activities to engage and inspire learning. We will be going on more school trips, welcoming visitors and really unpicking some of our topics that will lead to our own pupils being 'resident experts' in their curriculum learning.

Swimming Pool and Site Updates

I'm pleased to share with you that the emergency Swimming Pool works have nearly concluded and so we are expecting Swimming to resume in January. The emergency works that took place have also allowed us to give some attention to the wider areas of the pool and surrounding areas so we're very pleased that it's now feeling very fresh in this part of our school. It's a wonderful resource and we're very fortunate to be one of the only schools in Bromley with this as part of the school offer.

You may have noticed that the works with the swimming pool coincided with some difficulties with our exterior lighting. This is because when the plant rooms in the pool flooded, it also affected a number of lighting circuits. We are pleased to report that these have now been repaired and therefore the temporary lighting should no longer be required.

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Exciting News!

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As you may be aware, earlier this year, Mrs Woollard shared the exciting news of an expectant bundle of joy. She had hoped that she would be able to stay in school right the way up until Christmas; but the bundle of joy had some other ideas. We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Woollard has had a beautiful baby boy named Grayson. A photo will be shared with you soon! Grayson made a slightly early appearance but both Mrs Woollard and baby are doing very well. From all at Midfield Mrs Woollard, we would like to say congratulations!

During Mrs Woollard's maternity leave, Mrs Murrells has very kindly offered to return to her full-time teaching role to provide some consistency and support for the children of Woodpeckers. Thank you to Mrs Murrells for coming forward to help Dragonflies for this period.

Hello's and Goodbye's in Main School

This term we will sadly be saying farewell to Mr Davys, Dragonflies Class Teacher. Mr Davys joined us only in September of this year but has since been offered a wonderful opportunity teaching at Red Hill Primary School in Chislehurst; this was an opportunity that sadly wouldn't have waited. We are however pleased to share that Mr McNulty has been appointed as the new Class Teacher for Dragonflies and he is very excited to begin his Midfield journey with us. Mr McNulty is joining us from a school in Bexley. The children of Dragonflies have seen Mr McNulty who introduced himself via a weblink and he has also left some clues and gifts for the class as part of a wonderful transition he has prepared. Mr McNulty takes up post in January and we all very much looking forward to working with him.

Hello's and Goodbye's in Tree House

Miss Adams joined Midfield as a newly qualified teacher in 2022; during her time with us she has taught Year 3, and this year commenced her journey on a different pathway as an SEN Teacher. Miss Adams has now fallen in love with this career pathway, so much so, that she's been offered a wonderful opportunity working at Riverside School in St Pauls Cray which she starts in January 2024.

We are very grateful for Miss Adams commitment to Midfield, particularly in relation to her contributions to the wider life of the school through extracurricular and voluntary activities. She (and Riverside) have very kindly agreed to Miss Adams returning in the Spring Term to help with the school choir's concert trip to the $\Omega 21$

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... We are however delighted to inform you that Miss Adams replacement in Tree House is once again a familiar face. Miss Withers (Pupil Support Lead) is returning to her role as Class Teacher in the Tree House provision. Miss Withers has worked at Midfield for many years in a number of roles, but is very excited to be returning to teaching again. Miss Withers will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays in the provision and Mrs Constantinou, an experienced but new teacher to our school, will be teaching on Monday-Wednesday. For the Spring Term, we will also formally be welcoming Mrs Galvin to our Tree House team to provide additional teaching capacity for Ms Quereshi, who will be taking a temporary leave of absence to complete her teacher training studies..

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I'd just like to formally thank the PTA for organizing and arranging such a wonderful Christmas event last Friday evening. The PTA, all of which are parent volunteers, are incredibly generous with their time and the monies they raise for the school go directly back to the children of Midfield; providing them with opportunities, activities, resources and facilities that we otherwise would not be able to take advantage of.

All that is left to say is that I hope you all have an enjoyable break. For those that celebrate, I wish you a Merry Christmas and happy new year. But to all, I hope the next few weeks will give you an opportunity to spend time together, meet family and build memories.

We will look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 4th January 2024 when school re-opens.

Best Wishes Mr Osborn







<u>Reception</u> Bluebirds & Grasshoppers

We have had a very busy term! Our first ever Midfield Hub was a big success. We had so many wonderful donations, which went to new homes, which really supported our sustainability focus this year. Thank you to everyone who took part.





We had a fun trip to St Barnabus church, where we made Christingles and learned about what each part represented. This week, we enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas Festivities, where we watched our Wriggly Nativity and made Christmas crafts. Happy Christmas, everyone!





Year 1 Owls & Ladybirds



Year 1 have had such a busy term! Our learning highlights have included the Nativity performance, visits from special people who help us, a drama workshop, making maps of the local area, learning what makes a good friend, making dens to hide from the Big Bad Wolf, Christmas jumper day and other festivities.





<u>Year 2</u> Foxes & Rabbits

Year 2 have had a very busy half term. In English, we read the story 'Up' and produced some amazing non-chronological reports about Meteors and even learnt how to use inverted commas!

We of course also joined the remainder of the school getting into the festive spirit. We rehearsed our nativity show and did lots of Christmas crafts too.





Dragonflies & Hedgehogs

This term in Year 3 we have been very busy! We have loved reading 'This Morning I Met A Whale' and from this we have been learning lots of information about plastic pollution and the impact this has on the ocean.

We used what we have been discussing in class to make posters, models, leaflets and we even wrote stories!! We then invited our parents in to look at all of our hard work!

Year 3 would like to encourage everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle!!!!



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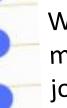






Year 4 have been busy this half term making up their own masterpieces, learning about Greece and writing our own versions of the "Boy who grew Dragons".





We have also enjoyed raising money for Children in Need and joining in all the festive fun!





Robins & Woodpeckers

This term, Year 5 have learnt about the daring Beowulf and how he defeated Grendel, completed experiments to find out how forces help keep aeroplanes in the sky and how boats float in the water, they learnt about natural resources and import and export and not forgetting multiplication and division!





Here are a couple of pictures of our Christmas dinner at school and the Santa Dash. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Year 5!

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Kestrels & Ravens

This month, Year 6 have written their own narratives based on the picturebook 'The Viewer'. The children had to imagine that they had become the main character, Tristan, and had to write about his experience of being transported into another world. In maths, we have completed lots of work around fractions. In science, we have learnt about circuits and electricity; we undertook an exciting investigation where we had to try and get the lightbulb to be as bright as possible.



Wednesday 6th December 2022 VALT: Write a narrative in first person The more I Looked at the mewer, the more it pulled me closer. I slowley lifted it to my eyes. My Shivering, tremble hands reached to the rusty dusty mages changed. Something was new Look at the horrifying scenes. some was pulling me into The viewer. The I reached for something to grab hold Flashing images encircled me. Some w homific; others were filled with hope Scared, afraid, lowley - Will I ever escape







<u>Tree House</u> <u>Tadpoles, Froglets & Tree Frogs - Trip to</u> <u>Coolings to see Santa!</u>









Midfield's Voluntary Hardship Fund

Further to the recent parent surveys, some of the feedback collected highlighted a decline in off-site school trips, visits and experiences at Midfield and we are keen to address this and make it better.

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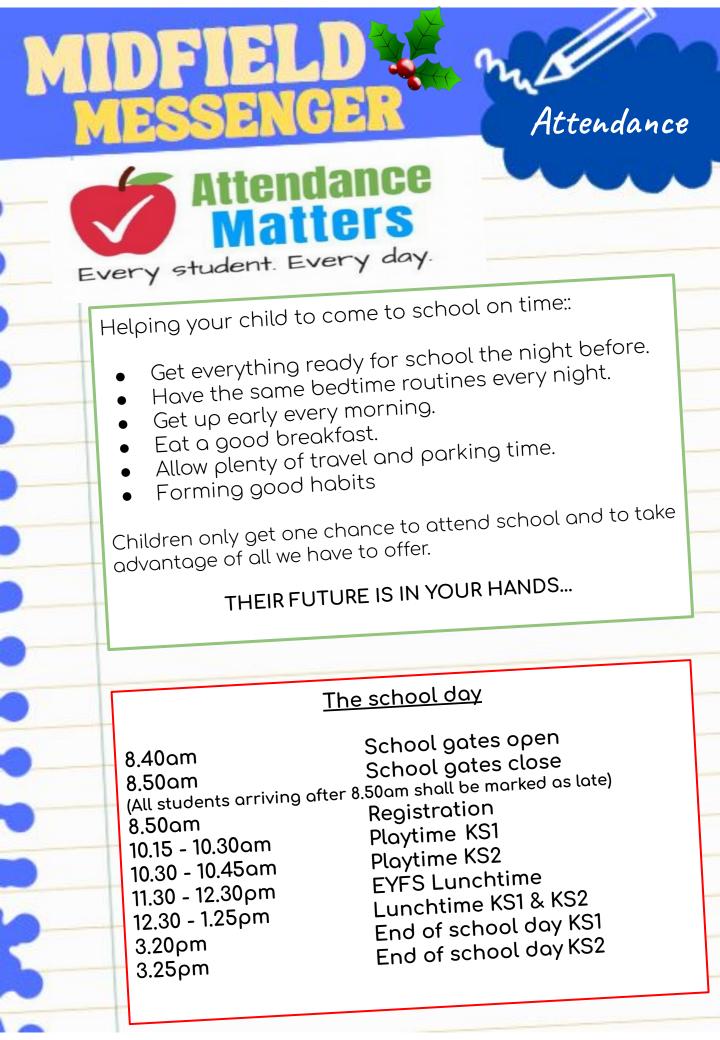
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We are working collectively with different stakeholders to improve this, but one of the key factors of why trips teachers plan aren't able to go ahead, is because of projected cost implications and a short-fall in parent contributions. We do appreciate that everybody is feeling the affects of the cost-of-living crisis, but equally, we recognise there are some children and families who this affects more. Sadly, the funding we receive as a school to support with things like this is now being stretched across other areas (e.g. resources in school, supporting children with additional needs, pastoral support, PIT Stop etc). Largely this is in response to the pandemic which has resulted in many children needing a greater response in terms of their emotional mental health and wellbeing. We don't regret this decision because this is incredibly important and our services provide such a positive impact. It's just unfortunate there's not always enough within our money pots to go around!

To help us overcome this barrier though, we have commenced a voluntary hardship fund. This is a fund where parents/families can make a donation, effectively sponsoring a child at Midfield who's family may be unable to help with paying the full cost of school trips and events. If everyone contributes just a little, it could make a huge difference to some of our most vulnerable children and families and will hopefully mean far more opportunities for all of our children to enjoy.

In order to make a donation, please visit Parent Pay - the Voluntary Hardship Fund has been setup for parents and staff to make contributions, as little or as much as you like and can afford.

Any donation received, would be gratefully appreciated.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

4th Sept 2023 - 19th Dec 2023

Bluebirds	93.36%	Grasshoppers	95.43%
Owls	94.96%	Ladybirds	92.72%
Foxes	94.7%	Rabbits	94.73%
Hedgehogs	94.23%	Dragonflies	92.55%
Squirrels	93.91%	Beetles	94.17%
Woodpeckers	93.09%	Robins	96.63%
Kestrels	95.92%	Ravens	97%

Total	94% (Midfield)
	94.5% (National Average)

Our whole-school target is 96% and so we are disappointed with this outcome. Every day in school counts, let's work on a far improved figure next term!

Attendance Ladder





Here, at Midfield, we aim to enable all of our children to become sustainable citizens. We promote the **3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** and teach children to respect themselves and their environment. As part of focus on sustainability and supporting our children and families we are excited to announce the launch of Midfield Hub.

Midfield Hub is open to the families of children in Early Years (Reception and Nursery) and, if successful, will be opened up to KS1 & KS2.

ADFIELD MUB

What is Midfield Hub?

Think of a 'Bring and Buy Sale' without buying! We are asking for donations of pre-loved toys, games, clothing, household items etc. Please ask your friends and family if they are able to support us by donating too. Items must be in good, clean, working condition. We can accept battery powered items but not mains powered electrical items. When you hand in your donation we will exchange your items for raffle tickets. The number of raffle tickets will depend on the donation - 1 ticket items will include small toys and single items of clothing. 2 ticket items will include larger items of clothing (e.g. coats, boots) and bigger toys. Three ticket items will reserved for larger items. Our event will run each term. You and your child are invited to come along to the event with your raffle tickets and exchange them for other items from the Hub.

We appreciate that some families may not want to donate items but would still like to come along to the event. If this is the case please do come along as items will have a sticker showing a small monetary donation too should you wish.

We hope that we can run the Hub each term to promote reusing and recycling and in turn support the children and families at Midfield.

Please hand donations to staff in Reception or Nursery. If you have any questions or queries please speak to Miss Smith or Mrs Spicer

Bring & B

Next Event:

TBC





<u>School Uniform</u>

At Midfield pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform every day and to wear their uniform with pride.

Blue Jumper/Cardigan, Grey Trouser/Skirt, White polo top and Black shoes - **Not Trainers**

<u>Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.</u>

https://www.midfield.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=81



Graduates Schoolwear is located on Orpington High Street and has Midfield Primary School uniform:

<u> https://graduates-schoolwear.co.uk/product-category</u> /main/shop-by-school/midfield-primary-school/

Uniform

We have a school uniform at Midfield Primary School.

The school colour is Royal Blue and pupils should wear either a school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. Winter Uniform, PE Kit & School Bags

White polo shirt/shirt

Grey Trousers, grey skirt or grey tunic dress

Year 6 burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan

Black flat sensible school shoes - Not Trainers

Book Bag or Small Rucksack (no handbags)

PE Uniform

Blue logo t-shirt			
PE shorts (black/blue)			
Tracksuit (Winter black)			
Plimsolls			
Black trainers			
PE Bag			

Shoes & Accessories

Suitable black shoes_- Avoid `boot' style shoes and trainers

School colour hair accessories

Hair tied back

No jewellery permitted except for small plain, stud earrings

Uniform can be purchased at:

Graduates Schoolwear 201 High Street Orpington, BR6 OPF

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform every day and to wear their uniform with pride.



SUPPORT CALLS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS & YOUNG PEOPLE

We will continue to make support calls available to parents and carers who are looking for some support and advice. This month we will also expanding them to young people too. If anyone you are working with has a concern that would benefit from being talked through with one of our practitioners they can email us swswellbeingsupport@bromley.org and a practitioner will be in touch within 5 days to arrange a telephone call at a suitable time. It would be helpful for anyone who contacts us to let us know their name, their school and the best times for a phone call so that we can allocate call accordingly!

Kind Regards, SWS TEAM



Midfield Primary School

YOU

THANK

for raising a fantastic

£60.50

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBG CHILDREN IN NEED

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Did you know that school funding is linked to eligible free school meal families?



The Mayor of London has announced all primary school children will receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS for the full academic year, Whilst being able to provide free school meals this school year is fantastic, it's really important that those who are eligible for means-tested free school meals still apply.

As your child may also be eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. This is extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development, and targeted support for the children that need it most. This may also entitle you to other benefits like food vouchers during the holidays

Not only does this affect our school budgets and staffing, but it also means that after the Mayoral offer concludes next summer, your child will continue to receive free school meals for the remainder of their time with us.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AT PRIMARY SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW? Every child is now able to receive a Free school meal in **both** ks1 and ks2



Apply for free school meals online today or you can download and print a copy of the application form or speak to a member of the school office or pupil support lead team who will help you complete the application form.

[WEEKLY	MENU]	Olivel Week 1
Week Commencing: Mon 1st Ja	n - Mon 22nd Jan - Mon 19th Fel	o - Mon 11th Mar

<u>`</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Macaroni Cheese (G, MK)	Beef Burger & Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*, SO)	Roast Turkey & Gravy	Chicken and Tomato Basil Pasta (G, MK)	Fish Fingers & Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (E*, G, MK)	Vegetable Bean Burger & Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*)	Root Vegetable Wellington (CE, E, G)	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G)	Vegan Nuggets ↓ Chips (G)
Vegetable Choice	Chef's Salad ↓ Coleslaw (E, MU)	Baked Beans or Coleslaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Medley of Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread and Green Salad (G, MK)	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Banana Sponge with Vanilla Sauce (E, G, MK)	Fruit Jelly	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, G)	Shortbread Biscuit (G)	Ice Cream (MK)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit



[WEEKLY MENU] Week 2

Spring Menu 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish Of the Day	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese (G)	Pepperoni Pizza (G, MK)	Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls (CE)	Mild Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice (CE, G*, MK)	Battered Fish Chips (F. G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti (CE, G)	Veggie Supreme Pizza (G. MK)	Sweet & Sour Vegetables (CE)	Vegetable & Lentil Dhal Rice (CE, G*)	Homemade Vega Sausage Roll 4 Chips •• (G)
Vegetable Choice	Garlic Bread and Green Salad (G. MK)	Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Egg Fried Rice + Stir Fried Greens (E, G, SO)	Seasonal Vegetables	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, G, SU)	Fruit Jelly	Classic Jam Sponge & Custard (E, G, MK, SO*)	Selection of Fruit Mousse (MK)	Chocolate Orang Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details				
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Brea (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit			

[WEEKLY MENU] WEEK 3

Week Commencing: Mon 15th Jan - Mon 5th Feb - Mon 4th Mar - Mon 25th Ma

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake (G, MK)	Beef Burger + Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*, SO)	Roast Chicken 4 Gravy	Butchers Sausage & Crushed Potato with Gravy (CE, G, MK, SO, SU)	Fish Fingers & Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (E*, G, MK)	Vegetable Bean Burger & Homemade Potato Wedges (G, SE*)	Roasted Vegetable Filo Parcel & Tomato Sauce (CE, G)	Veggie Sausage Crushed Potato with Gravy (G, MK)	Margherita ↓ Chips (G, MK)
Vegetable Choice	Green Salad ↔ Colesiaw (E, MU)	Baked Beans or Colesiaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Greens	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Forest Fruit Traybake (E, G, MK*)	Fruit Jelly	Apple Crumble & Custard (G, MK)	Fruity FlapjaCk (G)	Double Chocolate Chip Cookie (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK-SO- Fresh Fruit

CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds



Parking Statement and Road Safety

It is imperative that children are kept safe and **the road outside school is no exception.**

Midfield Primary School is entirely committed to improving the local environment by encouraging staff and pupils to use sustainable modes of transport whenever possible to limit the amount of traffic in the local area. As the roads gets congested during school times, please keep an eye on your children when walking into school making sure they walk sensibly on the pavement. Remember to model exemplary road safety behaviour in front of your child.

The School has limited parking onsite and we are not able to expand our parking facilities. We recognise that this can lead to members of the school community parking in local roads and we wish to alleviate the impact of this in any way we can. If you can walk, please do so. If you have to drive, please park with the utmost consideration for our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways or roads.

Advice to Local Residents:

As you can see above, we try to make every effort to avoid problems created by parking and congestion in the local area. Should an issue arise that you suspect may be as a result of actions by a member of the school community, please feel free to contact the School to see if we have their vehicle registered with us in which case we will contact the owner.

Thanking you for your support.









e-scooters and the law

What is the law on e-scooters?

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land. The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I am stopped by the police? The police will advise you on the law and may ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may, however, still penalise you depending on the seriousness of the offence. If caught riding an e-scooter, fines you may receive can include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three-six penalty points

Other offences which may result in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

To find out more, visit www.met.police.uk/e-scooters

E-Scooters are <u>not</u> permitted on the school

premises





Thankyou to all who attended the Christmas event!









PTA School Disco

Friendship, Peace & Love

Friday 9th February









Donate your old Christmas decorations

WE'RE THINKING AHEAD A LITTLE INTO THE NEW YEAR, BUT AS YOU PACK AWAY AFTER A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY UNWANTED (BUT STILL USEABLE!) CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

> WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM 4TH - 12TH JANUARY 2024

PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



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	JANUARY3rd4th4th8th9.30am9th16th & 18th29th29th30th30th	Staff Inset Day FIRST DAY OF TERM Prospective Parent Open Event Year 6 Workshop Year 2 Class Trip Young Voices Reception Class Trip Nursery Open Event Reception Class Trip
5	FEBRUARY 9th	PTA Disco - Friendship, Peace & Love
22	MARCH 7th - 14th 8th 19th & 21st	Scholastic Book Fair Year 6 Group Photos PTA Craft Event Parents evening
5	<u>MAY</u> 13th 14th	Reception Class Trip Reception Class Trip
3	JUNE 11th 26th 30th June -3rd July	Nursery Open Event Treehouse Class Trip Year 6 PGL Trip
B	JULY 10th 19th	Reception Class Trip Year 6 Leavers Disco





Our vision is for Midfield Primary School to Inspire, challenge and nurture the individuality of the next generation. We aim to prepare pupils for all stages of their education as well as equip them with high aspirations for their future and lifetong learning

Be a part of... MIDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS SAY:

Midfield has always exceeded our expectations. It is an amazing school with amazing staff My child has made excellent progress since attending this school. She is very proud of her school and talks enthusiastically about her experiences



OPEN DAYS

Thursday 21 September '23 @ 9.30am Thursday 12 October '23 @ 9.30am Thursday 12 October '23 @ 5.00pm Wednesday 29 November '23 @ 9.30am Wednesday 29 November '23 @ 5.00pm Monday 8 January '24 @ 9.30am

> Call or email the office to book your place TODAY!

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