



The Times Newsletter

'where many hearts make a school'

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WHAT'S ON:

Friday 18th December
School breaks up for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 5th January
School re-starts

Friday 12th February
School breaks up for Half Term

Monday 22nd February
School re-starts

**** THIS WEEKS AWARDS ****

MATHS	ENGLISH	LITTLE NURSERY
RECEPTION - <i>Mason</i>	RECEPTION - <i>Charlotte</i>	Stars of the Week awarded to:
CLASS 1 - <i>Victoria</i>	CLASS 1 - <i>Harry</i>	★ Hunter ★
CLASS 2 - <i>Charlie C</i>	CLASS 2 - <i>Jessica D</i>	for always being so happy and confident.
CLASS 3 - <i>Hannah</i>	CLASS 3 - <i>Edward</i>	Well done!



~ STAR OF THE WEEK ~



- NURSERY** - *George*, for settling so well into Nursery.
- RECEPTION** - *Caleb*, for trying hard in all subjects and for having lovely, neat work. Well done!
- CLASS 1** - *William*, for trying really hard in English when writing a letter to Toby Mouse. Well done!
- CLASS 2** - *Zach T*, for working really hard with his writing. Well done!
- CLASS 3** - *Harry G*, for quietly getting on with everything, with determination. Well done!

~ ATTENDANCE - THIS WEEK ~

Cherry Blossom	97.5%	WELL DONE CLASS 2 (LARCH)
Willow	97.2%	
Larch	98.4%	
Oak	94.5%	

Our school target this year for attendance is 96.6% and we ask for parents to support us by ensuring your child is in school, because if they're in school they're learning.

This week's attendance is: 96.9%

INFORMATION:

HOLIDAY CLUB SURVEY

Dear Parents and Carers

We are keen to gather the views and thoughts of our valued parents regarding the school providing a Holiday Club. We have compiled a short questionnaire that we feel would gather the most useful information and urge you to spend a few moments to complete. If you wish to provide more details about this survey, please provide more detail within the comments section at the end of the survey. To access the questionnaire, please click on the following link or copy and paste the link into your web browser.

<https://forms.gle/YizdsNZuokgpFveS9>

Please note we only require one reply per parent.
Please be assured that all replies will be treated with the upmost confidentiality.
All surveys must be completed by 12 noon on Monday 30th November 2020.
By completing the questionnaire, you'll be helping your child's school to improve.

Many thanks

Mrs Jill Hodgson
Head Teacher

P.E. DAYS

Monday	Class 1 (Willow)
Tuesday	EYFS
Thursday	Class 2 (Larch)
Thursday	Class 3 (Oak)

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CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK

Our School, together with UTASS, would like to help our local Foodbank. We would like to collect slightly different items to help people at this important time of year. We would like to collect the following items:

Toiletries - soaps, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc

Biscuits

Breakfast cereals

Jam and other preserves

Chocolate or sweets

Any Christmas foodstuffs with a January expiration date

We appreciate that this is a really difficult time for everyone, but any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for any contribution you are able to make.



Middleton-in-Teesdale Lights Switch-On

Middleton in Teesdale Christmas Lights

*Door-Step
Switch-On
Saturday 5th December*

At 5pm

The Church Bells will ring and we invite you all to switch on your Christmas lights and then come to your doorstep.

At 5.05pm

The Church Bells will ring again as we begin the doorstep carols. (Song Sheet on back)

Door-Step Switch-On

We can't all gather around the Village Christmas tree and enjoy carols as usual.

During the first lockdown we saw people take to their doorsteps to clap their hands, bang on pans, and ring bells in celebration of our wonderful NHS & Keyworkers...

On Saturday 5th December we want people to take to their doorsteps for a reason much closer to home YOU! The residents of Middleton-in-Teesdale!

The School are getting involved and will be making lanterns for the children to hold, as we sing carols from our doorsteps. Just imagine an echo of singing around the village, beginning with the ringing of the Churchbells after everyone has switched on their own Christmas lights

Door-Step Visit from Santa

Santa will still make an appearance in the village for the lights switch-on, though he can't see everyone as usual in the Masonic Hall.

If you'd like a door-step visit from Santa during the door-step switch on please book your place here... <http://www.utass.org/book-your-door-step-visit-from-santa/>

Christmas Lanterns

You may have seen the lanterns which appeared around the Cenotaph in the village for Remembrance Day... We have some more which are being decorated and given to elderly, vulnerable or lonely people in Middleton in Teesdale.

We'd like people to nominate those they would like to receive one, who may be on their own, or have no family. A gift from the Village to them to let them know they are being thought about.

If you'd like to nominate someone to receive one then please call UTASS on 01833 641010, or email info@utass.org.

Christmas Thoughts

We would like to hang 'Christmas Thoughts' on the village Christmas Tree.

We have clear baubles available for you to fill with your 'Christmas Thoughts' these could be messages for loved ones, memories of years gone by, photographs of those no longer with us... It would be yours to fill with whatever you'd like. These are available from the UTASS office. Return them back to UTASS and they'll be sealed and hung on the Christmas tree.

Christmas Window Trail

Local shops will be decorating their windows as part of a Christmas Trail. Entry forms are available from UTASS & J.Raine & Son. Winners will be drawn from all completed entries.

Best Decorated House

We would love everyone to really make an effort with decorating their houses this year. If you would like to be judged. Entry forms are available from the Newsagents.

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Middleton Christmas Lights Door-Step Switch-On