



# The Times Newsletter

'where many hearts make a school'

Autumn Term: Issue 13

Friday 4th December 2020

Tel: 01833 640382

www.middleton-in-teesdale.durham.sch.uk

middleton@durhamlearning.net

## WHAT'S ON:

**Friday 11th December**  
Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 11th December**  
Items for the FOTS raffle being collected ready to be made into hampers.

**Monday 14th Dec**  
Last day to post Christmas Cards at school.

**Thursday 17th December**  
'Wear Your Woolies' day fundraiser for UTASS.

**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

NURSERY - *Archie Ro*  
RECEPTION - *Lexie*  
CLASS 1 - *Harriet*  
CLASS 2 - *Violet*  
CLASS 3 - *Stevie M*

### ENGLISH

NURSERY - *Betty*  
RECEPTION - *Andrew*  
CLASS 1 - *William*  
CLASS 2 - *Oscar*  
CLASS 3 - *Edward*

### LITTLE NURSERY

#### Stars of the Week

awarded to:

**Sonny**

for making fantastic progress with his talking and listening skills.



## ~ STAR OF THE WEEK ~



**NURSERY** - *Maya*, for making great progress with her number recognition. Well done!

**RECEPTION** - *Josh*, for trying really hard to work independently. Well done!

**CLASS 1** - *Annie*, for really trying her best in all subjects. Well done!

**CLASS 2** - *Abigail*, for putting in lots of hard work in every lesson. Well done!

**CLASS 3** - *Connie*, for consistently producing great work in all subjects. Well done!

## ~ ATTENDANCE - THIS WEEK ~

**Cherry Blossom** 100%

**WELL DONE RECEPTION (CHERRY BLOSSOM)**

**Willow**

98.3%

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.

**Larch**

97.0%

**Oak**

96.2%

**This week's attendance is: 97.9%**

## INFORMATION:

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

This Christmas, children are able to bring in cards for their friends and teachers; however, to be COVID safe, the cards must be placed in the Christmas mailbox which will be situated by the main office. NOTE: **Children must not hand out cards in the yard or classroom.** All of the cards will be quarantined and we will distribute them to all children on Wednesday 16th December. Please ensure names and classes are clearly named on the envelopes.

**The last date for posting cards is Monday 14th December.**

### UTASS FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our school is supporting UTASS in a 'Wear your Woolies for School' day. This event will be held on Thursday 17th December and all we ask is for a suggested donation of £1.00. There will be a prize given for best woolly hat.

### FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Friends of the School are busy preparing their annual Christmas Raffle and this year are looking to create some fabulous hampers as prizes. If you could help with donations of items to include in these hampers it would be very much appreciated.

If you wanted examples of general donations:

*Tinned goods / Dried goods / Festive treats / Toiletries / Unwanted gifts (still in original packaging)*

*Bottles ... feel free to add!*

Raffle donations will be collected by the Friends of the School on the morning of Friday 11th December. Donations will be collected and quarantined before made into hampers and raffled.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - SAVE THE CHILDREN

We are supporting 'Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day' this year on Friday 11th December. If you want your child to join in, please send them into school wearing a Christmas Jumper, if your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear their favourite jumper. This is a Save The Children fundraising activity, so a suggested donation of £1.00 would be greatly appreciated.



## CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK

Thank you all so very much for all of the donations given for our local food bank.

Your kindness in these difficult times is quite overwhelming. All of your donations have been passed onto UTASS who have delivered them to our local food bank.



### P.E. DAYS

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

## 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](mailto: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.

FIND THE EVENT

ON facebook

Middleton Christmas Lights Door-Step Switch-On