



# The Times Newsletter

*'where many hearts make a school'*

Autumn Term: Issue 19

Friday 29th January 2021

Tel: 01833 640382

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

middleton@durhamlearning.net

## WHAT'S ON:

Friday 12th February  
School breaks up for  
Half Term

Monday 22nd February  
School re-starts

## INFORMATION:

### SCHOOL START TIMES

Please note that if your child is currently coming in to school due to critical worker/vulnerable status, please ensure that they arrive by 0850. Some pupils are arriving after this time and it is causing problems for on-line pupil teaching. Thank you as always for your continued support.

### HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Following the recent government announcement, it has been confirmed that schools will close as normal during the February half term holidays, to all children. As always, we want to support our parents as much as possible

and we wanted to give parents and carers as much notice as possible.

### RSPB - BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

The RSPB are asking the nation to take part in their Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend, 29-31 January. For further information on how to take part please see page 2.....

### HELPING DAD AT WORK

One of our Year 1 pupils, Sid, was very keen to share his exciting weekend where he was helping his Dad with his work. Sid's Dad is currently working on a peatland restoration project, installing coir rolls. The coir rolls are used to help stop peat sediment washing off the bare peat sites; this also helps to improve the water quality. Sid had been helping all weekend to get ready for the helicopter coming. The helicopter airlifted 360 rolls into place within an hour - this procedure limits the damage that would be caused by track vehicles.



If you have a news story about your child and would like it included in our newsletter, please email us at: [middleton@durhamlearning.net](mailto:middleton@durhamlearning.net)



# RSPB

## BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

*The weekend is here and it's time to take part!*

### Instructions

- **Pick a time.**  
You can choose any hour between 29 and 31 January. So whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you can still take part.
- **Tell us what you see.**  
Count the birds you see in your garden. Ignore any birds that are still in flight. To avoid double-counting, just record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time – not a running total.  
\*This year our advice is to take part in the safety of your own home. This could include a birdwatch from your window if you overlook a green space or courtyard.
- **Submit your results Online:**  
You can submit your results online at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) from 29 January until 19 February. If you'd rather send your results by post, you can download a submission form from our website. Please post your results to us before 15 February.

Every count is important so, if you don't see anything, please still submit your result. Finding out which birds don't visit your area is as important as understanding those which do!

You can also visit our website for resources such as printable bird ID sheets to help you, or posters you can display to show you're taking part.

**Remember to submit your results by 19 Feb.**

