



# Middle Barton School

## Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

### Head's News -

We have only been back two days, but the children all seem very settled and getting used to their new routines. With the lifting of restrictions and 'bubbles' being removed, the children are now able to play together at breaks and lunchtimes which has been so lovely to see.

All staff and a number of parents have worked hard to get the school ready for the start of term and I would just like to say a huge thank you to them all. I plan to add in some more TLC days throughout the year so if you are able to help or donate resources that would be fantastic.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Lewis Clarke who has spent hours of his own time putting together 144 tiles that were designed by the children and adults in the school to create our beautiful rainbow which is now displayed in the hall.

As you know we have worked hard over the last few years to promote the love and importance of reading. So many children have now become avid readers that they have read the majority of the books in school and so we need to keep replenishing our shelves. We are quite particular about the books we have in school and try to encourage the children to read a range of genres. I know a number of parents have asked how they can support this so I have attached a list of books for each year group. If you would like to buy a book for the school or have any copies at home that you no longer require then they would be greatly received.

Have a lovely weekend.

### From the Office –

School Crossing Patrol – We are very grateful to Karen for continuing to man the crossing in the mornings. It is important that everyone crosses at this point for safety, especially those children who are now walking to school on their own. Remember – Use it or Lose it!

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September** Karen is unable to be at the crossing, so please cross the road with care.

It's Good to Grow from Morrisons – We are now registered with this scheme to collect Grow Tokens from Morrisons to get FREE gardening equipment for the school. Between 6<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> October download the MyMorrisons app, head to the **It's Good to Grow** section and select Middle Barton School to donate the tokens to. We will then be able to redeem the tokens to get a wide range of gardening equipment for the school.

School lettings – If you are interested to hire the school hall or grounds for a local group or one-off activity, please contact Mrs Walker for further information: [vwalker@middlebartonschool.org](mailto:vwalker@middlebartonschool.org)

Breakfast and Teatime Clubs – There are still spaces in both of these clubs. Mrs Walker is dealing with the bookings, so please contact her for further information.

## Morning Run

Our thanks to Wendy Denby for volunteering her time in the mornings to start off the day with the morning run. Here is her first update:



Well done to all participants who were eager to start off the academic year with a bang by having a go at the Morning Run!

Thirty-six people completed a lap - or more! - on the first day!

It is especially pleasing to see the older pupils, who remember Morning Run from before lock-down, setting such a positive example to the younger ones.

Remember - every lap counts towards your Half Marathon: even if you only did one lap each day from next week, you would still achieve your half Marathon early in January! Anyone can join in at any time. Start gently and build up to more laps as you get stronger. Certificates to be won!!

## Before the term starts.....

### A tour of the classrooms -



Acorn

Sycamore





**Maple**



**Beech**



**Willow**



**Oak**