



Middle Barton School

Be Curious, Believe, Challenge, Achieve

Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

Head's News

Welcome back and a Happy New Year.

We have had a great start to the new year and the children seem to have settled in well over the last couple of days. It's always a tricky holiday to return from as it has been so exciting and busy, so please don't worry if it takes your child a little while to settle back into the routine.

As it is the start of a new year, we talked about motivation in assembly on Thursday. I attended some training on Wednesday this week, which talked all about motivation and I thought it was a great way to start the new year. In assembly we talked about 'What motivates you!'. We unpicked the things that can motivate us- self-motivation, money, physical rewards, verbal recognition and many others. It was really interesting to understand what motivates each child; some were just interested in getting more laps around the track than others, while others were self-motivated and just wanted to achieve something for themselves. Motivation will be something that as a school we will be looking at in more detail as it is so important to secure success.

As many of you are already aware, Miss Reynolds has been on maternity leave since February 2022. She decided to take a full year off with her baby boy but we are happy to inform you that she will be returning on Monday 6th February 2023. She has decided to return part-time, which means we are also fortunate to be keeping Miss Epsom. This will be great continuity for the class. They will be working on a two-week rota so the role is split equally.

On a sad note, Andy Hinton, our site manager, has decided to not continue with the role. We are very grateful for all that he has done for the school over the years. We are now looking for someone to carry out maintenance so please contact the school if you are interested.

Have a lovely weekend.

Morning Run

Welcome back to Morning Run! Many congratulations to everyone who participated in the Santa Run on the last day of term! We managed to raise £159.00 from your donations, which will be forwarded to Katharine House Hospice. When I counted the laps at the end of term, several people had reached their goal and achieved their certificate – these will be presented in Monday's assembly.

Half Marathon: James, Jessica, Xander, Nell

Marathon: Archie M

One-and-a-Half Marathons: Alfie V, Reggie

Two Marathons: Harris

Many people are now significantly nearer the end of their personal challenge than before the Santa Run so keep up the good work everybody!

The total number of miles run by each class is as follows:

Acorn 79 miles Sycamore 280 miles Maple 267 miles Willow 473 miles Oak 430 miles

The grand total of laps stands at 9169, which is a distance of 1529 miles!

Acorn Class have been cooking – today's recipe is rock cakes!



And they even did the cleaning up!



Safeguarding Children - what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

Immediate danger - if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

Immediate concern - if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

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