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St. Michael's C of E Primary School

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Dinner Menu

After half-term holidays we will be serving week 2 of the dinner menu.

In previous terms upon return to school we always started back on week 1. However, to bring us in line with other schools in the area, and to assist with ordering, we will return back to school on the next week in the sequence. Therefore, as we are serving week 1 of the dinner menu next week we will return on week 2 after half term.

Head Teacher's News

Broth and Bread Afternoon

Thank you to all grandparents who attended our broth and bread afternoon, it was lovely to see so many people there. We raised £43 on the raffle and congratulations to our winners of the hampers, the grandparents of James Weir and Charlie Burrows. The remaining fruit and vegetables were donated to Stonhom in West Cornforth.

School Uniform

Can we please remind parents of our school uniform policy. The vast majority of children totally observe the policy. Can we ask parents to ensure that blue school jumpers are worn, not hoodies or other coloured jumpers. Can we also ask that children wear black footwear only.

Art Coverall

Could we remind parents to send in an old shirt or long sleeved t-shirt for their child(ren) to wear when doing art etc to prevent clothes being caught with paint etc.

School News

Diwali

Children will be looking at the Diwali festival in all classes after half term.

Cauliflower Cards – Tuesday 1st November

Pupils will today bring home their Cauliflower Christmas Card design. Please could all orders with payment be in school by 9am on Tuesday 1st November, sorry no late orders can be accepted. Payment can be in cash or cheque made payable to St Michael's Primary School.

NSPCC Assembly – Tuesday 1st November

A member of the NSPCC will be in attendance on this day to talk to all the children about staying safe.

Message from Carrot Club

Please see leaflet sent home with pupils today from Carrot Club.

Basketball Taster Session Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday 1st November

Children in Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a basketball taster session on this day.

Message from St Michael's Church – Autumn Fayre Friday 2nd December

Please could St Michael's Church as for donations for their raffle/tombola for the above event. There is a box at the back of Church for your donations or you may leave them at 5, The Park, Bishop Middleham if you with. Many thanks in advance for this.

Bulb Planting

Children throughout the school had a lovely afternoon learning how to plant crocus and daffodil bulbs with Parish Councillors Nicola Dexter and Rachel Weir. The bulbs have been planted adjacent to the school steps for us all to enjoy from February onwards. The bulbs were supplied by Bishop Middleham Parish Council as part of the Brighten Up Bishop Middleham Project.

There will be further bulb planting activities on Tuesday 25th October with daffodil planting at 10am and crocus bulb planting at 1pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult for this family activity. Please register your interest on the Bishop Middleham Village Hall facebook page in events or text Nicola on 07341 261 342.

Message from Friends of the School (FOS)

On the evening of Friday 18th November there will be a murder in the village when Friends of the School enact "Who killed the Caretaker?" featuring supporting cast of parents and starring Steve the caretaker as The Caretaker. Just like last time you will not be required to act, simply to observe as the dreadful events unfurl. Can you consider the clues, scrutinize the suspects and crack the case before Inspector Swann does?

Prizes for winning teams. Tickets £7.50 from the school or Post Office, pie and peas included. Bar available.

FOS will be holding a raffle on the night, all donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Pupil and Pre School Individual Photographs – Monday 7th November

Tempest will be in school from 8.00am on this day to take pre-school children's photographs. Throughout the morning they will then take each pupils photograph individually and also with their brothers and sisters who are in school. If you wish your pre-school child to have their photograph taken with their siblings, please come to the school hall for 8.00am.

Flu Nasal Spray – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 – Monday 7th November

Pupils who have had signed consent forms sent into school will today be given the flu (nasal Spray) by the school nurse.

NSPCC – Working with Year 5 and Year 6 Pupils – Tuesday 8th November

Please see letter brought home today, by all pupils, for further information.

Sports Hall Athletics – Tuesday 8th November

We will be taking Year 5 and 6 pupils to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre to take part in a Sports-hall Athletics Festival on Tuesday 8th November. Pupils will require their PE Kits and will take their school water-bottle with them and will return in time for lunch.

Adam Bushnell in School – Thursday 10th November

Adam will be in school working with all the children on this day.

Netball Match – School Netball Team – Thursday 10th, 17th and 24th November

Pupils will be told who will be taking part in the after school netball team games on the above date. Parents are responsible for taking their child to and from the games.

Football coaching - Thursday 10th November

Pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have a qualified football coach in school on Thursday afternoons to teach football skills.

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day Service

Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 31st October for the children to purchase. A minimum donation of 30p is required. The community are invited to join our service led by Father Michael.

Friends of the School AGM – 7.30pm on Monday 28th November

The FOS will hold their annual AGM in The Fleece. New Committee members will be elected. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone please contact FOS at fos@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Shoe Box Appeal

Please see letters sent home with pupils today regarding our shoe box appeal. All boxes need to be in school by Thursday 17th November.

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 21st October and re-opens on Monday 31st October at 8.55am.

Happy Birthday to....

Thalia, Charlie O, Nancy, Harry P, Charlotte H, Mr Tiger

Holiday birthdays:

Harley, Lucia, Honor

Attendance 17th – 21st October

R	97%
Y1	97%
Y2	99%
Y3	99%
Y4	94%
Y5	99%
Y6	97%

Stars of the Week

Class 1 (Reception)
Lexi, Leyla, Honor

Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2)
Lucia, McKenzie, Daisy, Harry

Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4)
Ruby, Lee, Ellis, Violette, Harris

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6)
Thomas, Clara, Cate, Sophie, Josh