

MICKLEOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAY 2020

NEWSLETTER

'Sing'



Thank you for all the lovely emails and messages that have come in over the past couple of days. Wednesday was the first time that staff had actually been in school together since schools were shut 9 weeks ago. As music and singing are such a big part of our lives at school, we felt it was our way of connecting with the children and would also give you the opportunity to be able to join in and sing with us. We are hoping to record another couple of our songs over the coming weeks, so children—if you have any favourites, let us know!



NB I'm sorry we were all so serious—we were following the words on the overhead projector!



At the end of term, we will sadly be saying goodbye and farewell to Mrs Taylor, one of our HLTAs and Mrs Hammersley, one of our teaching assistants. Mrs Taylor has been with us for 22 years in many roles. For the last 12 years, she has been an HLTA, teaching classes, mostly in the juniors, when teachers had their planning and preparation time. Mrs Hammersley has been a teaching assistant at Mickleover Primary School for 32 years and has worked across the whole school, in both infants and juniors. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them both a happy retirement.

Organisation for September

It's usually at this time of year that I let parents know where teachers will be teaching. We are pleased to be welcoming Mr Welsh as our KS1 Assistant Headteacher and Miss Moran who will be a KS2 class teacher. Mr Sahota is reducing his teaching commitment to 2 days; Mrs Whittingham is reducing her teaching commitment to 2.5 days and Mrs Branch will be returning to school, following her maternity leave; she will be teaching for 3 days a week. Later on in the term, we will be letting you know which class your child will be going into next year.

Reception

Bees Mrs Clennell/Mrs Tanner
Ladybirds Mrs Whittingham/Mrs Wildsmith

Year 1

Cats Mrs Branch/Mr Sahota
Dolphins Mrs Cochrane

Year 2

Owls Mr Welsh
Tigers Mrs Sharpe

Year 3

3RF Mrs Fox/Mrs Tanner
3W Mrs Watson

Year 4

4F Mrs Fasey
4M Miss Moran

Year 5

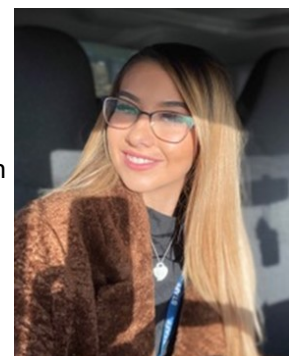
5HW Mrs Hilton/Mrs Wright
5H Mrs Halliday

Year 6

6G Mrs Goozee
6MH Mrs Harrison



Mr Welsh



Miss Moran



Hector

Hector has become a firm favourite with the key worker children who have been attending school during lockdown. As more children begin to return to school, we will be asking you to give permission for your child to be in the classroom with Hector, so please look out for the email in the coming weeks! In the meantime, here is a picture of Hector in school, and enjoying a bit of relaxation in his own paddling pool!



Online Learning

As next week is half term, the teachers will be taking the time to relax and recharge their batteries so won't be setting learning activities for the children on the learning platform. The week beginning 1st June, staff are meeting to review current online provision and plan a way forwards for the coming weeks; none of us expected to still be providing online learning for our children 9 weeks on, so we feel now is the right time to review and formulate a whole school plan. Online learning will therefore start again, on the learning platform, from Monday 8th June. If you would like to keep the routine for your child/children, then there are plenty of good online providers of activities such as BBC Bitesize. If you refer back to one of the letters sent out just prior to schools being closed, there were links to a number of educational sites. Hopefully the weather will be good and you will be able to find the time to relax in the sunshine,



Competition

This competition came through to school from the 'School Development Support Network'. You may wish to enter during half term:

"It's set to be a glorious bank holiday weekend! Why not head outside and find a rock or a big stone. This could be found in your garden or you might want to go out for a walk to find one... Once you have got it, give it a good clean and then decorate it! You could use chalk, paints or any other materials you have at home." More details are available on their website:

<https://offschool.org.uk/competition-zone/>

Deadline for entries is Thursday 28th May at 12 noon.

WE NOW HAVE SEPARATION!



As you can see, there is now a clear gap between the cloakroom and the infant corridor in preparation for the demolition. We have asked the workmen to take some photographs of the demolition in progress and we will hopefully be able to share those with you after half term.

Calling all musicians!

As we haven't been able to hold our usual Summer Music Concert this year, we thought that if our musicians wanted to, they could practise a piece that they might have played in the concert; then film and upload it onto the learning platform for the teachers and their classmates to see.

