

# MICKLEOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 2016

### NEWSLETTER

#### Dates for your Diary

21st Nov	6H Cycling Proficiency	14th Dec	KS2 Christmas activity day
23rd Nov	Y1 Christmas event at Mickleover Methodist church	14th Dec	6pm KS1 Christmas performance
25th Nov	Y5 Level 1 cycling	15th Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance
28th Nov	6MH Cycling Proficiency	15th Dec	Christmas dinner
2nd Dec	Y5 Level 1 cycling	16th Dec	10am School carol service at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. (Parents welcome)
3rd Dec	10.30am Christmas Fair	17th Dec	12 noon; choir & orchestra at Findern Garden Centre
6th Dec	7.30pm Choir singing at Cathedral	19th Dec	pm Infant Christmas party
7th Dec	Y3 Egyptian Day	20th Dec	Break up for Christmas
13th Dec	pm Choir singing at 'Live At Home' scheme	4th Jan	Return to school
13th Dec	2.30pm Reception Christmas performance		



#### Invitation to Lunch

We would like to invite you to come in to school at 11.30am (infants) or 11.45am (juniors) to share some work with your child and then have lunch with them in the hall. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with more details, but in the meantime, here are the dates to put in your diary:

Tues 10th Jan	3RF	Thurs 23rd March	Cats
Thurs 26th Jan	Bees	Thurs 30th March	3F
Thurs 2nd Feb	Ladybirds	Thurs 4th May	5K
Thurs 9th Feb	5G	Thurs 11th May	Tigers
Thurs 2nd March	6H	Thurs 18th May	Owls
Thurs 9th March	6MH	Thurs 25th May	4H
Thurs 16th March	Dolphins	Thurs 8th June	4C



#### Derby Lions

We are supporting Derby Lions again this year. A letter has already been sent home asking for donations of tinned and non-perishable goods towards their appeal for the needy and lonely this Christmas.



#### Carol Service



Our whole school carol service will be taking place, as usual, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Friday 16th December. It will start at 10am and will last no longer than 1 hour. We look forward to seeing you there.



A BIG 'Thank You' to you all for supporting our book fair during the recent parents' evenings. Overall, we raised £820 which means that school will have £491 to spend on books.

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Neo McCartney in Year 3; he was nominated by Barnado's for a Pride of Britain Award for all his charity work that he does. In recent years, Neo has done numerous things which include donating Easter Eggs and Christmas gifts to children who are ill in hospital over Easter / Christmas. Although he wasn't chosen as a finalist, we are extremely proud of him and the work he does.

#### Private Access Road

I have recently received complaints from residents about parents being rude and refusing to move when residents need to get their car in or out of the private access road. For those of you who aren't aware, the private access road leading along the back of the houses, is not a public footpath; it belongs to the houses and is not a right of way. The residents understand why many of you walk along the path, in that you feel it is safer than walking along Vicarage Road, but please be considerate in your use as this is their access road and not a public footpath. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

#### Interim Reports

Later on this term, we will be sending out a brief interim report, as many of you have told us that you would like feedback in between the parents' evenings in October and February, and then in between parents' evening and end of year reports. We are hoping to move towards an on-line system, but in the meantime, are trialling a paper version which will give you some information about your child's learning behaviour, behaviour in general and whether they've been meeting the homework expectations. We hope you will find it useful and look forward to your feedback. (Please note this is not a detailed report, it is more to reassure you that your child is continuing to learn.)



### Parent Questionnaire 2016

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1) My child feels safe at MPS	68%	30%	1%		
2) My child is happy at Mickleover Primary School	65%	33%	0.5%	0.5%	
3) The school deals effectively with any cases of bullying as they arise (please leave blank or tick 'don't know' if you've not had experience of this)	19%	13%	49%	1%	1%
4) My child makes good progress at school	44%	50%	3%	2%	
5) The children behave well at MPS	47%	52%	1%		
6) My child is taught well at MPS	59%	39%	1%	0.5%	
7) My child receives appropriate homework for their age	42%	49%	3%	6%	
8) MPS ensures my child is well looked after	60%	38%	2%		
9) I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress	39%	54%	1%	4%	
10) Mickleover Primary School responds well to any concerns I raise	43%	37%	18%	2%	
11) Mickleover Primary School is well led and managed	55%	39%	7%		
12) I would recommend Mickleover Primary School to another parent	69%	29%	1%	0.5%	
13) I understand the role of the Governing Body	27%	47%	18%	5%	2%
14) I know who is on the Governing Body and how to contact them.	16%	31%	35%	15%	4%

A big 'thank you' to all of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire we sent out in October, we had 142 replies which is 45% of families. Your replies and comments are extremely helpful to us in identifying what we do well and how we can improve. One particular area which received several comments was question 9; receiving more information regarding your child's progress. As you will have noticed over-leaf, we are initially introducing a paper version with the hope that later in the year we will be able to offer an on-line version.

Homework: although some parents feel we don't give enough homework, or their child receives too much homework, the vast majority of you felt that the amount of homework was right for your child/children.

Please remember, that if your child isn't happy at school, or is having friendship issues, do come and see the class teacher so that we can put strategies in place to help. If you still feel the issue is not resolved, please do come back into school so we can try a different strategy; Mrs Jones (infants) and Mrs Halliday (juniors) are also available and would be happy to meet with you if you wanted to talk to them. We want all children to see Mickleover Primary School as a happy and safe place to be and we can achieve this by working together.

The governors are going to be looking at ways in which they can raise their profile so that you, as parents, know who they are and what their role is. In the meantime, there is plenty of information available on our website about the governors and their roles

Many thanks once again for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire and write comments.

