



Micklem Newsletter

16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have had a great week. It has been a productive week at Micklem with some brilliant learning taking place across the school.

We are delighted to announce that Mr Swift and his wife have had a baby! Mr Swift has been on paternity leave and will return to school the week beginning 26th September. We congratulate Mr Swift and his family as well as wishing them all the best!

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or wish to speak to a senior leader, please contact the office (01442 408 964 or via email admin@micklem.herts.sch.uk) to be put in touch with Miss Palmer or Miss Mortlock.

As you will know, we will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday.

We wish you all a great weekend.

Miss Palmer and Miss Mortlock

DSPL8 SEND family support

Delivering Special Provision Locally is a Hertfordshire-wide initiative, working to improve the range of provision and support services available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, aged 0-25.

They are running a free fayre for families that will be centred around activities for children and young people with SEND and whole family support on Wednesday 9th November 2022, 4-6pm Grovehill and Woodhall Farm Adventure Playground, Redbourn Road, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7BA.

The SEND Information Fayre is open to Dacorum SEND Families and will include local provider information stands, DSPL8 Parent Representatives, activities for children, refreshments & food.

Although the fayre is free, you will need to register your attendance via the link below. You are welcome to drop-in at any time (address above) between 4-6pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dacorum-families-send-information-fayre-tickets-418830923567?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Reminders and updates

Break time snacks / water bottles

Children in Key Stage 2 need to bring in a **nut-free** healthy snack for their break time; this could include fruit, vegetables, cheese, healthy cereal bars or crackers - please no crisps, biscuits or chocolate. Early Years and Key stage 1 children have a snack provided for them in school.

Children should only be bringing water into school to drink - no squash or juice, please. Please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Palmer (SEND/CO) if your child needs alternative arrangements.



PE kits

A letter has been sent out this week to remind parents that children need to be wearing correct PE kits, including a top that represents the colour of their house. They can be purchased here: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/MicklemschoolHP12QH/classic-t-shirt> Children are to bring their PE kit in school on Monday and take them home on Friday to be washed.



Lunchboxes

Trolleys - new

You will notice our new class lunch box trolleys on the playground next week. Please make sure your child has put their packed lunch in their trolley before they go into their classroom. If your child brings a snack for break time, it will now need to be in their classroom bag, and not their lunchbox.

Healthy lunches

A reminder that packed lunches should be healthy. Please have a look at this link from the NHS for some ideas for healthy lunches:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Please do not send any food in containing nuts.



Safeguarding

Phones

For safeguarding purposes, we ask that parents and carers do not use their phone when collecting/dropping off on the playground.

Visitors

If you are coming in to school, please ensure you have signed in at the office (even if it is after the end of the school day). For safeguarding and health and safety reasons, all visitors, including parents, must be signed into the building.



Birthday treats

Due to various allergies and dietary requirements, we ask that if your child wishes to give birthday sweets or treats to their classmates, that parents give them out on the playground, rather than the class teacher giving them out. An alternative to sweets or cakes could be pencils, rubbers, etc.

