



# Micklem Primary School

## School News

### Friday 22nd September 2023

#### Reflection on our learning

We are really cracking on with our learning now and I can't quite believe that we have already been back for three weeks! Micklem is a fantastic place to be at the moment and it is wonderful to walk around and see such fantastic learning taking place in every classroom. It has been brilliant to talk to so many children that have been so enthused by their learning over the last weeks. Year 5 were desperate to tell me what they had learnt about the Rainforest - I still can't believe there are over 3000 types of fruit in the rainforests alone!

The children all look really smart in their new PE kits this term. We are looking forward to wearing them to upcoming sporting events and showing that we are all 'Team Micklem' all the way! Please ensure that your child has the new Micklem PE top and that they bring it in for PE lessons and sporting trips.

You may have noticed that over the last week, the weather has rapidly become more autumnal. With this in mind, please ensure that your child has a coat in school **every day**, even if it looks sunny in the morning. We will be aiming to have outside play times as long as it is safe to do so, but will not be able to allow children without coats outside if it is raining.

Fantastic effort from Year 3 over the last two weeks, as they came so close to having 100% attendance! Keep this up Year 3, I wonder if anyone can get to 100% before you...

Have a great weekend, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

**Be Kind. Show Respect. Aim High.**

Mr. Swift

#### Reading

Well done to all children who are reading at home and earning those stickers! Just a reminder that the expectation is for children to read to an adult and have their reading record signed every night. We thank you for your continued support in this and we are looking forward to the first certificates and golden tickets being awarded.

Next week, don't forget to visit our book fair that starts on Friday at 3:15pm. There will be a number of brand new books to purchase at great prices, so why not come along and have a look. All sales mean free books for the school and cash and card payment options are available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Ready, Steady, Read sponsored readathon is creeping ever closer- Watch out for a letter with more information on this exciting event next week.

#### Attendance

**11th September - 22nd September 2023**

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>92.5%</b>	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>94.21%</b>	<b>94.4%</b>	<b>99.58%</b>	<b>95.44%</b>	<b>91.35%</b>	<b>93.68%</b>

**Class above our 95% target**

This year, we are celebrating 'Learning of the Week'. This means that the award does not go to the child that has consistently shown good learning for the week, but to the children that have produced a fantastic piece of learning during the week. This means that we get to celebrate those really special moments, where a child has thrived and shown what they can do.

Learning of the Week							
N	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Liam	Edward	Emily	Archie	Bella	Antonia	Oliver	Olivia
Riley	Frankie	Earl	Harleigh	Char	Isaak	Daria	Emily

Well done for the fantastic learning this week - keep it up!

### Friday 29th September

On Friday 29th September, we have two school events taking place. One is our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, where we invite all parents and carers in to buy cakes and biscuits, have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Gates will open for this event at 2:30pm. All of the money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support to support the incredible work that they do. Please donate any cakes and/or biscuits that you can (homemade or shop bought) on the Friday morning, so that we can raise as much money as possible. Please ensure that if you bring in home-baked goods, that you supply a list of ingredients (possible allergens) with it.

Please do not donate anything that contains nuts.

In addition to this, we will be opening our Book Fair at the end of the day (3:15) for parents and children to peruse and purchase brand new books. This is a great way to engage your child in reading - everyone loves a new book!

### Better Homes Better Health

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a not-for-profit service run by the National Energy Foundation, working to help residents living in or at risk of living in fuel poverty to access advice and support. **We're a service that's free of charge and open to all residents experiencing issues with their home energy.** As part of our service, we have a helpline that's free to call where our team can give valuable tips on how to stay warm at home, provide free home energy visits, sign up those in need of additional support to the Priority Services Register and access grants for energy efficiency measures. We understand the physical and mental effects of living in a cold home, and we feel it's more important than ever to ensure everyone is living in a warm and happy household. Call **our free helpline number on 0800 107 0044.**

### X (Formerly Twitter)

We are aiming to share more regular updates with you about your child's learning throughout the year. With this in mind, we shall be sharing learning once per week per class via X (formerly twitter). This will be a great opportunity for you to see what your children are up to in school. Please follow us @MicklemSchool for more updates.

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>27/09</b>	<b>Flu Vaccinations</b>
<b>28/09</b>	<b>Year 3 Glow Dance at JFK</b>
<b>29/09</b>	<b>Macmillan Coffee Afternoon</b>
<b>29/09</b>	<b>Book Fair Opens</b>
<b>Wc 2/10</b>	<b>Ready, Steady, Read! - Sponsored Readathon</b>
<b>04/10</b>	<b>Reception Tour</b>
<b>04/10</b>	<b>Year 6 Orienteering at Longdean</b>
<b>06/10</b>	<b>Harvest Assembly</b>
<b>16/10</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons Start</b>
<b>18/10</b>	<b>Reception Tour</b>
<b>20/10</b>	<b>Celebrating Cultures Day</b>
<b>23/10 - 27/10</b>	<b>Half Term - School Closed</b>
<b>Wc 30/10</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons Continue</b>
<b>01/11</b>	<b>Reception Tour</b>
<b>01/11</b>	<b>Parent's Evening</b>
<b>02/11</b>	<b>Parent's Evening</b>
<b>03/11</b>	<b>Kittle Individual and Sibling Photographs</b>
<b>Wc 06/11</b>	<b>Swimming Lessons Continue</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b>
<b>14/11</b>	<b>Year 2 Multi-Sports</b>
<b>17/11</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying and Children in Need Day</b>
<b>24/11</b>	<b>Occasional Day - School Closed</b>

# SEND and Family Support Information

## DSPL8 Parent/ Carer Newsletter and Dacorum SEND Courses, Support & Information for Families



The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletters' & 'Dacorum Parent/ Carers courses and support: Autumn' are available to download from DSPL8's website via the following link: <https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

The newsletters for this fortnight and the first fortnight of term include:

- **Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre: Autumn 2023 & Summer 2024**
- **ADD-vance mini consultations: October 2023**
- **Raise Resilience: Six-session course for Parents - Starting 02.10.2023**
- **Autumn Term DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support**

Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support available from various local providers:

- **Services for Young People Consultation**
- **Hertfordshire Family Centre Consultation**
- **'Introduction to the SEND Local Offer website' – webinar**
- **New Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID) animations (for all ages)**
- **Hertfordshire Family Centre Service SEND Chat and Play**
- **Health Hub Dacorum Newsletter**
- **DS Achieve Autumn Term training & Events**
- **Community Action Dacorum Training & Development**
- **SPACE Hertfordshire September & October Activities**
- **Families in Focus Autumn Term Courses**
- **Family Lives Autumn Term Groups**
- **Supporting links: Autumn Term courses & Workshops**
- **SEND Drop-in sessions**
- **Angels Autumn Programme of Workshops and Support Groups**
- **Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn Term 2023**

Follow DSPL8's social media pages for their most recent updates:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dspldacorum](https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/dspl\\_dacorum](https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum)

# SEND and Family Support Information

## Family Lives Autumn Term Groups

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/ 8701 or email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk)

### Autumn Term Groups



All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk)

#### **Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children - 6 week group**

**Tuesday 12 September to 17 October 7.00pm – 9.00pm Online via MS Teams**

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

#### **Less Shouting, More Cooperation - 6 week group**

**Thursday 5 October to 16 November 7.00pm - 9.00pm Online via MS Teams**

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

#### **Dads Together (face to face 6 week group)**

**Tuesday 7 November to 12 December 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

**Canary Club, Fishponds Road, Hitchin SG5 1NU**

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

#### **Sorting out Arguments in the Family - 6 week group**

**Wednesday 8 November to 13 December 9.30am - 11.30am Online via MS Teams**

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family

#### **Anxiety around ADHD workshop**

**Tuesday 7th November 9.30am - 11.30am Online via MS Teams**

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

#### **Reducing Conflict workshop**

**Thursday 7th December 9.30am - 11.30am Online via MS Teams**

This workshop explores different types of conflict between couples and families. Provides support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children and gives practical steps and strategies.

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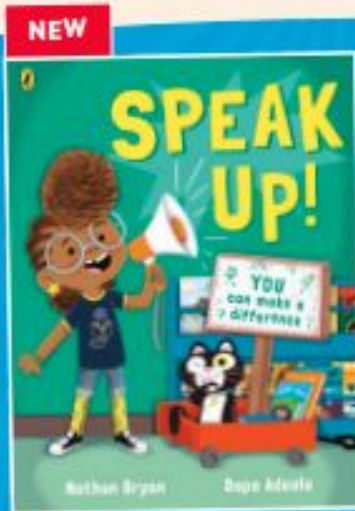
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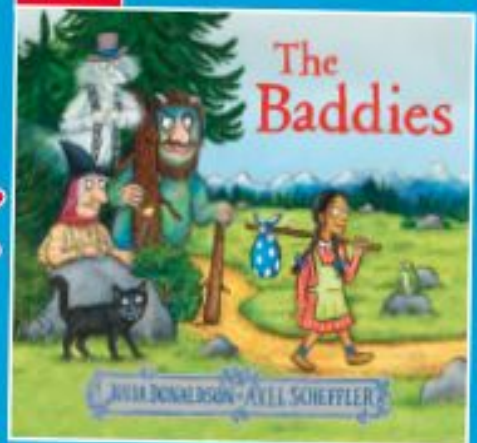
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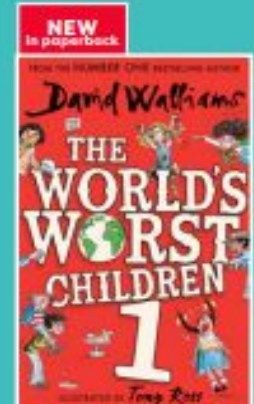


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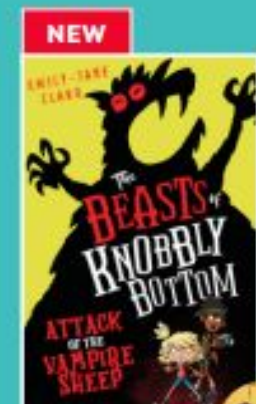
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