



Micklefield C.E. (VC) Primary... 'a GOOD school', SIAMS 2016

Newsletter



Summer themes: Changes; Thankfulness

'Give thanks to the LORD for He is good, His love endures forever' Psalm 136:26

24th July 2018

Summer holidays

The holidays are almost here and we would like to wish all our families and friends a safe and happy summer break from school. We hope that you are all able to enjoy some family time together and that your mornings are less hectic, even if you are still working.

Hello and goodbye

We welcomed Miss Higham back to school on 16th July, just in time for her to say goodbye to the Year 7 children and be involved in their performances and Sports Day. She has returned to work from maternity leave for 3.5 days per week and will job-share with a new teacher in September. Mrs. Sanders, who is also returning from maternity leave, joins us from East Garforth Primary Academy.

As you know, I will be leaving Micklefield in December to spend more time with my growing family. This is not a decision I had planned to make yet and it has not been taken lightly. There is much that I will miss, particularly the children and families that I have come to know so well. Our parents and staff have worked together to transform the school and those of you who have been associated with school for a few years know that we provide a caring, family-centred environment where our children are happy and make good progress.

The governors are responsible for recruiting a new headteacher, with advice from the local authority and the Diocese, and I know that they are working hard to recruit the right person for the role. The post will be advertised in September so that the new person can start in January 2019 and the transition will be as smooth as possible.

Leavers' Service and assembly

Father David and the Year 7 children planned a lovely Leavers' Service which was held up at St. Mary's Church on 19th July. Rebecca, Matthew and Lennon received the school trophies and we awarded Child of Achievement certificates to one child from each year group. Their names are now up on the Achievement board in the hall. In the afternoon of the 19th, the Year 7s gave powerpoint presentations to their parents and the younger children with pictures of themselves in the Family Unit and through school.

New website

I hope that parents are finding the new website useful. We will be working on the classes' pages over the summer – there have been a few glitches with uploading to these.

Attendance

Attendance percentages from September to July 23rd:

Class	January	March	April	May	July
Family Unit	90%	89%	89.47	90.2%	89.64%
Class 2	94%	92%	92%	92.3%	91.96%
Class 3	94%	93%	93%	92.9%	92.13%
Class 4	93%	92%	92%	92.5%	91.8%

We have had an increase in holidays taken in term time this year, including families who have children with attendance of less than 90% already.

Please note that I am not allowed to authorise any holidays at all in term time unless the circumstances are exceptional (this does not include surprise holidays or cheap deals). **If you take an unauthorised holiday you are highly likely to incur a penalty fine.**