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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy year I wanted to write to you all to thank you for your continued support of our school and to recognise the huge achievements of Mickle Trafford Village School over the course of this school year.

I also want to send a very sincere thank you to all our teachers, teaching assistants, midday assistants, office and facilities support team and the catering team, on behalf of the school's governing body, for everything that they have achieved this year.

Looking back it's hard to believe, as we say farewell to our year 6 students, that so much has happened and that we have managed to squeeze so much in to just 11 months. So let's recap on the year;

Our Y4, Y5 & Y6 children have all been to visit the Conway Centre on Anglesey which is an important part of our curriculum and our young students' growth and journey to independence. It is a true adventure where they have the opportunity to develop their outdoor skills, challenge themselves by participating in new activities, whilst having fun with their friends. I was lucky enough to join the Yr4 trip earlier in the year and observed first-hand what a wonderful experience it is for our children. Of course, none of this can happen without the commitment of class teachers, teaching assistants and others who support the trips.

Amongst other extra-curricular experiences our children have enjoyed school trips to Delamere Forest (Rec/ Y1/Y2) Techniquet (Yr3/4), 'Imagine that' (Reception), Chester (Year 5), the whole school visited Chester Zoo during this academic year and we joined the regions schools to sing at the Young Voices concert in Manchester.

Our school offers a variety of activities and clubs both in school and outside of school hours, several are run free of charge and we are one of the few schools in Cheshire to offer this. Our children have had the chance to take part in orienteering, rounders, netball, French lessons, breakdance, athletics, football, archery, cricket, board games and activities surrounding the Change for life programme to highlight the importance of exercise and healthy eating. I'm sure you will agree that the children have been presented with lots of opportunities, although as always, if there is something you feel that is missing, we are keen to hear from you.

We have also focused time and resources on engaging more of our children in sporting events and competition throughout the year with teams representing the school in Football, Cricket, Hockey, Golf, Tag Rugby, Orienteering and the District Sports and Athletics event. We have averaged 2 sporting events per week, which is extraordinary, and we wouldn't be able to do so much without the excellent support from our school staff and you as parents who volunteer and take our children to these activities.

In addition to all of the extra-curricular activities, we also support our children through the provision of a wide and varied curriculum. The teaching staff have been working extremely hard throughout the year in developing new cross curricular activities and projects such as 'Sustainable Palm Oil' to challenge and engage our children. We have also supported our children through the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATS examinations, which can be a stressful time both in the preparation and the execution. I am delighted to say that our children continue to achieve well above the national average which is all down to the excellent teaching and supportive environment at Mickle Trafford Village School.

I can't write this letter without also thanking our excellent Parent Teachers Association who have worked tirelessly to deliver fundraising activities throughout the year and without whom many of the additions which make our school such a great place couldn't be funded. This year activities such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs, the Royal Wedding Celebration, Colour Run and the many movies nights have raised £7,300 which is a fantastic and welcome achievement.

In summing-up, as Chair of Governors I am particularly proud of all our children. It's rewarding for us all to see how they have developed through this year and to see the excellent academic results. As a governing body we were delighted to see our School Council Representatives and Sports Leaders presenting their views at our recent Full Governing Body meeting with confidence. So on behalf of us all in the governing body I want to congratulate and thank the staff at Mickle Trafford Village School for their ambition, achievement and success. We certainly have a team that are all fully committed to providing the best for our children.

I hope you all have fabulous and relaxing summer holiday and that the children return in September rested and full of enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely,

Johnny Williamson
Chair of Governors – Mickle Trafford Village School