

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 acknowledge the huge achievements of Mickle Trafford Village School and its pupils over the course of this school year.

On behalf of the school's governing body I also want to send a very big thank you to our teachers, teaching assistants, midday assistants, office and facilities support team and the catering team, for their hard work and commitment throughout the course of the year.

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another very busy school year and it is time again say goodbye and the very best of luck to Y6. I'm sure all the children will all be looking forward to the summer vacation and a well-deserved rest. It's hard to believe what we have managed to squeeze in over the year, so let's have a quick recap

Our Y4, Y5 & Y6 children have all been to visit the Conway Centre on Anglesey. It is a real adventure where they have the opportunity to develop their outdoor skills, challenge and support one another by participating in new activities as well as having fun with their friends. I was lucky enough to join the Yr5 trip and again to witness what a wonderful experience this is for our children. Other school trips include those to the Storyhouse (Reception/Yr4/5/6), Boat Museum (Yr3/4/5/6), Techniquet (Yr1/2), Walton Gardens (Yr1/2) and Bickley Hall Farm (Reception).

Our school continues to offer a wide variety of activities and clubs both in school and outside of school hours, several of which are free of charge and we are one of the few schools in Cheshire to offer this. The children have had the chance to take part in, rounders, tennis, netball, judo, French, Mandarin and basketball and we have focused time and resources on engaging more of our children in sporting events and competitions. As a result we've had teams representing the school in Football including a Girls Team, Cricket, Hockey, Golf, Tag Rugby, Orienteering, Netball, Swimming, Water Polo, Multiskills, Cross Country, Rounders, Tennis and the District Sports and Athletics event. A notable success in Orienteering is that we won the Cheshire schools Championship so congratulations to the team. We wouldn't be able offer as much without the excellent support from our school staff and parents who volunteer and take our children to these activities, so a big than you to everyone who has given up their time to help.

I'm sure you will agree that the children have had the opportunity to try many new activities, although if there is something you feel that is missing, we are keen to hear from you and will listen. An example of this, and following comments made through our parent questionnaire the school is embarking on a very exciting partnership with the Storyhouse. From September we will be working in collaboration to provide the children with an arts based curriculum programme and every child will have the opportunity to work with the Storyhouse for at least one term. In addition we will also be running a drama club led by a practitioner from the Storyhouse and pleased to announce that we will be participating in the AmaSing Fusion Project with a focus on celebrating differences, diversity and multiculturalism in our world.

In addition to all of the extra-curricular activities, we also support our children through the provision of a wide and varied curriculum. We have supported our children through the Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATS examinations, which can be a stressful time for both staff and pupils. I am delighted to say that our children continue to achieve exceptionally well and above the national average which is down to the excellent teaching, supportive environment and the positive contribution made by parents 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. This year activities such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs, Colour Run and the many movies nights have raised in excess of £15,000 which is a fantastic and welcome achievement from which all of our children benefit.

In summing-up, I am particularly proud of all our children and what they have all achieved this year. It is rewarding see how they have developed and to see the excellent academic results. 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 commitment, achievement and success. We certainly have a team to be proud of that are all fully engaged in providing the best for our children.

I hope you all have fabulous and relaxing summer holiday and that the children return raring to go in September

Yours sincerely,

Johnny Williamson

Chair of Governors – Mickle Trafford Village School