



Dear Parents,

Wow where has the time gone? I cannot believe we are nearly at Christmas!

Residential Trips

I am pleased to tell you that we have provisionally booked for Y5 & Y6 to go on a residential this year for 2 nights Monday 7th March – Wednesday 9th March. It is so lovely to finally get back to some normality.

This year we have compared a number of residential providers and have chosen to take Y5 & Y6 to PGL Boreatton Shropshire <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/boreatton-park>.

Residentials provide rewarding educational opportunities offering many National Curriculum-linked activities combined with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities. Children benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and we feel certain that Boreatton Park will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile. As in previous years, we expect that all children will participate in this valuable and rewarding residential experience. One of the great benefits of these trips is the quality of the relationships that develop between the children and their teachers. Many of you know that these trips are certainly one of the highlights of my year - seeing different children shine in different contexts and children seeing their teachers away from the classroom and interacting with them in different ways is so rewarding.

More details, including information about a payment plan will be sent out over the next few weeks.

We are also looking to book a residential for Y4 more details will be shared as soon as we have them.

Goodbye

We are saying a sad farewell to Mrs Christian who will be retiring at Christmas after years of filling our bellies! Mrs Christian has been part of the MTVS team for 22 years and will be sadly missed. She would like to thank you all very much for the time she has spent at MTVS and has many fond memories of the children. I know you join us in wishing her well in her retirement and hoping this next stage is filled with good health, happiness and many joyful moments. Thank you for everything Mrs Christian.

MTVS Behaviour Policy

We believe in constant praise, positive reinforcement and working together collaboratively in order to achieve the calm, happy learning environment that we are so proud of. We closely follow the inspiring behaviour work and ethos of Paul Dix. Our children are treated with respect, are not shouted at or reprimanded in public and are recognised for going above and beyond. In recognition of children's exemplary behaviour, we have introduced Behaviour Ambassadors. Two children

from Y3 – Y6 who have shown positive behaviour choices have been chosen to act as positive role models for other children. Their specific roles include

- To look out for and support children who are sad and lonely.
- To role model exemplary behaviour.
- To suggest games and ideas for children on the playground.
- To recognise good behaviour around school, e.g. they will be invited to support in the lunch hall one day a week to model good behaviour.
- They will be invited to a termly meeting to feedback pupil voice and any concerns to be actioned regarding behaviour within school
- They will be invited to speak to other stakeholders including visitors and governors

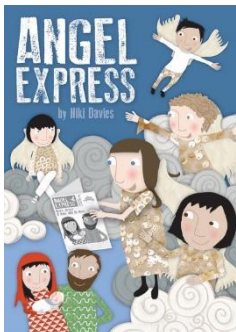
These behaviour ambassadors will change termly.

Christmas Performances

As you are aware we have been extremely lucky and have booked The Storyhouse, Chester, this year for Reception & Y6 children and Year 1 & Year 2 children to perform their Christmas shows. This is a fantastic experience for the children and a magical one for you as parents to watch. **Both shows** will be on **Thursday 16th December 2021**. We have hired **The Garret Theatre** for the day. Please see below for more details.



Reception and Year 6 will perform 'The Big Little Nativity'. Please be in your seats for the show to start promptly at 10.30am. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes. Children will return to school afterwards on the coach we have hired, just in time for lunch.



Year 1 and Year 2 will perform 'The Angel Express'. Please be in your seats and ready for the show to start promptly at 1pm. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes. Children are permitted to go home with you after the show directly from The Storyhouse if you wish.

If you do not wish to collect your child from the Storyhouse, please email the school office on admin@mickle Trafford.cheshire.sch.uk so we can arrange for them to be returned to school. Children in Y1 & Y2 will be eating their lunch at The Storyhouse so please choose a sandwich option when pre ordering on Appetite.

DVDs of the performance can be purchased via scopy by pressing 'products' and selecting the correct title. Please **make your purchase by Monday 13th December**.

We have arranged for the DVD to be produced overnight so they can be sent home with your child on 17th December, which is the last day of term. Because of the short time, only **those which have been purchased in advance** can be produced.

Tickets will cost £1.50 each and we are allocating 2 per child. Tickets should be purchased via scopay by pressing 'products' and selecting the tickets for the correct play. Please make your purchase **by Monday 29th November** so we can work out how many surplus tickets to offer. **If you would like to be considered for more tickets, please email the school office to request a maximum of 2 additional tickets. Names will be drawn out of a hat on 1st December 2021.**

Dates for the diary

Monday 15 th November 2021	PTA raffle draw for Smiggle Calendars
Friday 19 th November 2021	Children in Need – children may wear something spotty or Pudsey merchandise with their own clothes in exchange for £1 (or however much you wish) to be donated to Children In Need.
Thursday 2 nd December 2021	In School Christmas Fayre and lantern parade – details to follow
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Whole school Nasal Flu Vaccine – in school. Please ensure you provide consent online – see email for details.
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas jumper day for Save the Children £1 donation (or however much you wish to donate). Children may wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their school jumper or cardigan. Secret Santa -details to follow Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas show (weather permitting) - details to follow
Monday 13 th December 2021	Party/Toy day details to follow (please note this has changed due to change in performances)
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Children watching Mr & Mrs Theatre performance of 'Ugly Sisters happily ever after Christmas'
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	School Christmas lunch menu is now available https://appetite.hutchisoncatering.co.uk/login.aspx
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Rec & Y6 Christmas performance of 'Big Little Nativity' at The Storyhouse. Y1 & Y2 Christmas performance of 'The Angel Express' at the Storyhouse