



.... And another week flies by! Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Phonics evening this week. We hope you found it informative and you are now equipped to support your child. If you were unable to attend don't worry the powerpoint presentation can be found on the Reception class page of the school website [www.mickletraffordvillageschool.co.uk](http://www.mickletraffordvillageschool.co.uk)

### **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerate Concrete**

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result, areas in affected spaces will be vacated. I can confidently say Mickle Trafford Village School is not affected, following an independent inspection that was carried out on 20.9.2023.

### **Holidays in term time**

Pupils are discouraged from taking holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Where a holiday is unauthorised the LA is informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. The charge is per parent/carer per child. If the Fixed Penalty Notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court. For the DfE statutory guidance on school attendance

please click on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

## Penalty Notice Warnings (Irregular Attendance)

The Education (Penalty Notices) Regulations 2007 (as amended) provide that Fixed penalty notice's (FPN) can be issued to each parent/carer of each child taken out of school without the authorisation of the school. Parent/carers should also be aware that if more than one child is taken out of school a FPN can be issued to each parent/carer of each child.

Parents and pupils are expected to work with school staff to improve and maintain regular school attendance, the school will offer advice and support around issues such as bullying etc. The school will do their best to help you and your child to improve their attendance prior to taking any formal action. If there is continued unauthorised absence, the school can request a formal warning of a possible penalty notice from the local authority.

Before penalty notices for irregular attendance are issued, you will receive a written warning which will explain the extent of your child's non-attendance and the possibility of you receiving a penalty notice if their attendance does not improve in 15 days. During this period, your child must not have any further unauthorised absences from school.

Please use the following link for more information:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/early-years-and-childcare/education-welfare-service/fixed-penalty-notices/penalty-notice-warnings>

## Harvest Appeal 2023

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October we are holding a harvest celebration in school. Ian Oulton from West Cheshire Food Bank is joining us for the assembly. If you could bring in any donations for the foodbank on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October they will be gratefully received. Below is the list of items that are most needed.



OUR SHOPPING LIST	
TINNED MEAT / FISH	<input type="checkbox"/>
TINNED POTATOES/VEG	<input type="checkbox"/>
TINNED TOMATOES	<input type="checkbox"/>
INSTANT COFFEE	<input type="checkbox"/>
CUPPA SOUPS	<input type="checkbox"/>
INSTANT NOODLES	<input type="checkbox"/>
INSTANT PASTA (PASTA AND SAUCE)	<input type="checkbox"/>
PASTA SAUCES	<input type="checkbox"/>
TINNED / INSTANT CUSTARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
TINNED FRUIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
BISCUITS AND SMALL TREATS	<input type="checkbox"/>
UHT FRUIT JUICE/MILK	<input type="checkbox"/>
JAMS AND SPREADS	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Children's Hospital Pyjamas Appeal 2023



The poster is for the Children's Hospital Pyjamas Appeal 2023. It features a blue background with white clouds and stars. At the top left is a circular logo with a rainbow and three children's faces, with the text 'CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMAS' and 'SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT'. To the right, the words 'PYJAMA' and 'APPEAL!' are written in large, colorful, block letters. Below this, the charity number '1185739' is listed. The main text asks for donations of brand new pyjamas for a poorly child in a local hospital or hospice. It explains that the pyjamas are collected and gifted to children in hospital on Christmas morning, and also used in other situations where children may have had their clothes cut off in A&E or in an emergency situation where there hasn't been time to pack essentials. A yellow box asks 'HOW CAN YOU HELP?' and provides instructions on how to donate. A yellow circle states the appeal is from 1st September to 31st October 2023. A Polaroid photo shows a child and a woman. At the bottom, it says to follow the Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages 'Children's Hospital Pyjamas' and provides contact information for Lisa, Area Coordinator.

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMAS**  
SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT

CHARITY NUMBER: 1185739

Please donate a brand new pair of pyjamas for a poorly child in your **LOCAL HOSPITAL OR CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

Each year, we collect donations of brand new pyjamas from new-born to age 18, which are then gifted to children in hospital on Christmas morning.

In reality, they are also used in other situations where children may have had their clothes cut off in A&E or in an emergency situation where there hasn't been time to pack essentials.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Please donate a brand new pair of non-fleece pyjamas (as hospitals are cosy enough). Have a collection at work, through family & friends or even your local school could have a PJ Day or simply donate a pair yourself.

**LOOK ONLINE AT**  
[www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk](http://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk)  
**FOR YOUR NEAREST PYJAMA DROP OFF POINT**

Or order via Amazon with free delivery to Co-ordinator  
<https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t>

**WHY?** Because no child wants to be in hospital at Christmas and if they have to be they want to be wearing brand new cosy PJ's to make their stay as comfortable as possible at such a fearful time.

OUR APPEAL IS FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 31ST OCTOBER 2023

Follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages 'Children's Hospital Pyjamas' to see me delivering your PJ'S x

Lisa, Area Coordinator | 07835 660083

For those wishing to donate online, the Amazon wish list is: <https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t>

Have a lovely weekend.

*Wendy Lyon*