



# Micklefield C.E. (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have managed to get outside to enjoy the Spring sunshine this weekend.

We have been back into full time school for two weeks now, we have been so impressed how the children are settling in and we have continued to work together in individual class bubbles safely, they are all superstars!

We were delighted to welcome two new children into school and three into our nursery on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, I am pleased to say that all five children are integrating well into the Micklefield CE Primary School family.

All our children have been very busy over the last two weeks.

In the first week we concentrated on settling back into the school routine, revisiting our core subjects, reflecting on their experiences in lockdown and listening to any concerns. The children have been through so many changes over the last year and we are so very proud of how they have all coped.

Mrs Gillatt and Mrs Potts are very pleased at how our children in the Family Unit have adapted so well to being back in school with all their friends and welcoming our new starters. All the children have embraced the chance to jump back into learning with real enthusiasm.

In Class 1, our children painted self-portraits with Mrs Loring to celebrate all being back together, showing expressions to convey how they were feeling and the children discussed how it was ok not to always feel ok.

To iron out any anxieties about returning, Class 2 made some worry dolls with Mrs Sanders to understand any concerns the children had about coming back into to school, they also grew some special grass heads whose hair only grows if the heads hear kind words!

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Class 3 are all very pleased to be back learning with all their friends and Mrs Slater is very proud of how everyone has adapted supporting each other and generally just being very happy to be back with their friends again. Following the whole school PSHE focus in the first week they focused their learning around an English unit of work about a character named 'Wing.' See if your child can tell you the story. They discussed the morale of the story and considered how this could impact upon their own behaviours and relationships with others. They wrote a 'promise' – something they'll do to be a better friend - and will be checking at the end of term to see if they've fulfilled that promise. They also looked after their own winged friends (the garden birds) and worked together to make bird feeders.

During the second week back, to support National Science week, children in all classes have undertaken some scientific study. We have had an eggcellent time learning about the life cycle of a chick, investigating how strong eggs are and doing some eggcellent eggperiments throughout school. In our Family Unit, we took advantage of the sunshine and undertook lots of our learning outside whilst keeping an eye on our incubating eggs. The children were delighted to watch all ten eggs hatch on Thursday last week and school are now the proud carers of ten fluffy yellow chicks. All the children are now looking forward to the run up to Easter and are very enthusiastic about ideas for decorations of the school window, making cards and painting eggs.

Unfortunately, Miss Wood did not return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March as she is unwell, so Sam Golia, Senior Primary Adviser from the Local Authority and myself were in school when we reopened supporting all the teachers and teaching assistants to welcome the children back into school. Sam has continued to support the school over the last two weeks and has been in school for a number of days and I have been into school for a few days too. Sam and I will continue to support with the leadership of the school until Miss Wood returns.

Miss Wood is likely to be off from school until we break up for the Easter holidays, therefore, if you have any questions or concerns could you please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or to Richard Aaron our School Business Manager. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Wood a speedy recovery.

You will also be aware that we are holding our Parents and Carer /Teacher meetings this week via telephone or Zoom, so you can discuss anything with your child's teacher then too. Thank you so much for all your continuing support.

I hope your families stay safe and well  
Kind Regards,

**Erica Swales**

**Chair of Governors**

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