



Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
May 2021



Sponsored Walk

We will be doing our Annual Sponsored walk on Friday 28th May. We were sorry to have missed out doing it last year, so want to make this year even bigger and better!

Due to the COVID restrictions we sadly cannot have parents/visitors attending this year but that won't stop us having a lot of fun!

We will be heading in our 'bubbles' to the Tommy Patton Memorial Park (weather permitting). Some of our pupils will make use of a trike/bike/walker during the walk.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home in the next few days, money should be sent into school (clearly marked as 'Sponsored Walk) by **Friday 4 June**.

This is a Friends of Mitchell House fundraising event and they are raising money to buy us VR Headsets and some IT equipment. They have already purchased us two VR headsets and we love them! Some of the classes have been trying them out over the last few weeks, I'm not sure who has been having more fun, the pupils or the staff!

Online donations can be made using our PayPal account (details will be posted on Facebook) or via this link
www.PayPal.me/mitchellhouseschool

Important Dates

- Friday 28 May – Sponsored Walk
- Monday 31 May and Tuesday 1 June – **School closed.**
- **Wednesday 30 June** – School finishes at 12.30pm for the summer break. Dinners will be served as normal.

Reading Challenge

The final total for our Usborne Reading challenge was £3811.45 – massive thank you to everyone who supported us!

We are delighted to have placed an order for nearly 500 books.

We are very grateful to Anna our Usborne representative from Another Little Story for supporting our challenge. You can find Anna on Instagram @anotherlittlestory_

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Sunshine

We are eagerly awaiting the bright sunny days! In anticipation, please remember to send a hat into school each day and apply sunscreen in the morning (with a top up, if required in the school bag).

Online Payments

We are launching our online payment system on **Monday 10 May**. The system will be live over the weekend for payments to be made for dinner/healthy break.

During this term we will gradually be moving to online payments for all transactions with the view to being cashless from September 21.

The system is through your current ParentMail account – the best way to access it is via the ParentMail (IRIS) app. We strongly recommend you download the free app over the next few days in preparation for receiving the launch email on Friday 7 May. Follow this link for instructions on how to guides <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/> The Online Payments section will allow you to make a payment for school dinners or healthy break using any of the usual methods for online payment.

It is our intention to have an online shop for uniform orders via this system – watch this space for more information in the coming weeks! We hope this will make managing your payments to school much easier.

COVID 19 Testing

We are delighted at the uptake of COVID testing with pupils and staff. We know some pupils are struggling with giving a sample, one suggestion is to use a disposable cup and the pipette to put the sample into the test tube.

Sickness

Please remember that if your son/daughter is ill do not to send them into school, particularly in the current climate.

If your son/daughter requires a COVID test at a testing centre, please inform us immediately. If the test comes back negative they should remain at home until they are well enough to return. In the event that they display non-COVID symptoms it is recommended that they remain at home for 3 days after their last symptom.

Please phone school on the first day of absence.

Old Glasses

Do you have old prescription glasses that you don't know what to do with? Send them into school marked Malawi project.

One of our staff is involved in a project that is sending the glasses to Malawi for use there.

We can take children and adult prescription glasses (we don't need ordinary off the shelf sun glasses).

Thank you!

