



"A small school, with big ambitions!"

Newsletter – 3rd April 2020

As we approach the end of the second week of closure, we hope that you are all adapting to your new routines. Staff are missing the children and the wider school community, we will be looking for new ways to stay in touch after the Easter break. We are now operating from Ovingham First School which has enabled us to keep school open over Easter for the children of key workers. We aim to open daily for the full duration of the school closure.

Website

Thank you for sending in pictures of what you have been up to at home. There is now a section on the school website called 'School Closure' and there is a gallery of photos for each class. Keep sending in any photos / work / letters to admin@mickley.northumberland.sch.uk as new content will be uploaded regularly. It has been lovely to see how you have been keeping busy and a great way of sharing ideas.

Easter Activities

We are not sending out any additional work for the next 2 weeks as it would have been the Easter break. If you are looking for ideas, there is a selection of Easter activities under school closure on the website. We are aware that not everybody will have access to a printer so we have included some printer-free activities too.

Happy Easter

On behalf of all the staff at Mickley First School we would like to wish you all a happy Easter.

Stay safe and we will be in touch after the break.

Wellbeing

During these difficult times it's important that we look after our mental health and children's mental health. I've added a list of activities and websites that might help you during these times. These are included under wellbeing in school closures. Miss Turnbull is our mental health coordinator and will be providing regular information. The theme this week is **Emotions**. It's important to talk to children about different emotions and model times in their life when they might feel: happy, sad, worried, excited, scared, frustrated and angry. Model your feelings with children and give positive praise when they identify their feelings.

This website might help you discuss emotions with children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/talkin-g-to-your-child-about-emotions>