



Welcome to our latest newsletter. We know that the world is a little bit crazy at the moment, so we wanted to bring a little bit of Derrymount normality into your homes. We hope that you and your children are all staying safe and enjoying some extra time at home together.



**So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye...**

Last week we said "goodbye" to three members of staff; Miss Keeley, (Sherbrook site), Miss Argent, (Churchmoor site) and Miss Ebermann, (both sites). All will be sorely missed and we wish them the best of luck in their new ventures.

Miss Keeley wanted to say a few words before leaving...

*Although our time has finished  
Our smiles will never fade  
We won't forget  
The handprints left  
On memories we have made.*

*Keep shining you guys. You're all amazing! It has been such a joy working with you all. I'm sad to leave but a new adventure in life is round the corner for me. Always follow your dreams and never give up! I will be back in the future to say goodbye properly.*

*Take care, stay safe! 😊  
Miss Keeley xx*

When we return to school, we will be joined by two new teachers, Miss Chaggar and Mrs Burford. Both teachers have been working at the school for a while now and we look forward to welcoming them to the team on a permanent basis.

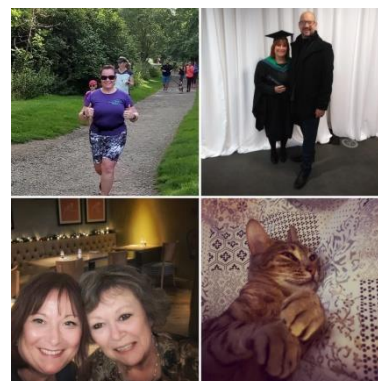
They both have a few words to introduce themselves:

*Hi there,*

*My name is Mrs Marianne Burford. I have been teaching mainly science at the school this year and I am so excited to be joining the staff at Derrymount. I am absolutely passionate about helping our young students prepare for life, whether that is academically or just making sense of our world and finding their place in it.*

*I am married to a cheeky chappy and have a beautiful stepdaughter who lights up our lives. I am also a crazy cat lady with a beautiful Bengal called Tora.*

*Some things you probably won't guess about me; I've run six half marathons! My first dance at my wedding was to Love walked in - Thunder and my Saturdays have been renamed parkrunday and I am often found volunteering or running at Brierley Forest.*



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*My name is Miss Manpreet Chaggar and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, as one of the new class teachers at Derrymount School.*

*I graduated from Birmingham City University in July 2019 as a Newly Qualified Teacher and joined Derrymount School in September as supply and I have now formed a good relationship with the children. I have worked very closely with all the children on the Churchmoor site and I hope to meet the children from Sherbrook very soon.*

*I am very excited to be given the opportunity to be a part of your child's academic learning and personal growth and I am delighted to have been welcomed as a teacher by the amazing staff at Derrymount School.*



### **Working From Home**

We appreciate that working from home can be a stressful time, not only for us as parents and carers, but also for our children. We understand that some of our students may require a strict routine and that some may struggle to do any school work at all. Please don't worry!

### **Home Learning Resources**

For children that are able to and are willing to complete home learning tasks, there are several links available on the school website. These include websites that most children regularly use at school and are familiar with, such as Sumdog and Prodigy. For these classes, staff are setting challenges and alter these according to the progress your child makes. If your child

prefers paper resources, please let us know and we can send some of these home.



From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, BBC Bitesize is also publishing daily lessons for all ages.

We know that a lot of our students enjoy working with animals and there is a great website that helps children to build their knowledge of science, technology and food production, in a fun and engaging way. Lessons are free and available online at - <https://eatfarmnow.com/category/lockdown-learning/>



Students on the Sherbrook site, are also reminded to log into Microsoft Teams through their school email account, using the password they would normally use to access a school computer - <https://links.derrymount.co.uk/>

For any further support with resources, please do not hesitate to contact us.



As our students are likely to be accessing the internet and social media more frequently, it is important to be aware of the dangers our children face. A list of places where help and guidance can be accessed is on our website - <https://derrymount.notts.sch.uk/>

## Virtually Derrymount

Mr Meek and Gryff have spent the last couple of weeks holed away in the film studio, busy editing the work of the next Hollywood stars...or not! In an attempt to help us all to feel connected during this difficult time, we are trying to bring a taste of DMS into your homes, by filming little clips of things you and your child might like to do at home, or just letting you know what we have been doing. There are also some challenges, so feel free to get involved. If you or your child have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know by sending an email to us at - [TKmaxxTV@derrymount.notts.sch.uk](mailto:TKmaxxTV@derrymount.notts.sch.uk) All episodes can be found at <https://derrymount.notts.sch.uk/virtual-dms/>



### Riddle Time

1. What has a bottom at the top?
2. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
3. What word is pronounced the same if you take away four of its five letters?

1. Your legs 2. Seven 3. Queue

## Class news!

All the staff at Derrymount are missing the students and the normality of a school day, as much as we imagine the students are too, so some class teams have sent the following messages to their students:

### Beech

*Hi all*

*Milkshake is enjoying some Spring sunshine at Mrs Birkin's house. He's costing her a fortune in broccoli and carrots. He's also made two new friends - Snowy & Flopsy, the rabbits, but he is really missing all of the boys in Beech. He's grown lots too and is due a bath, so wish Mrs Birkin and her girls good luck as he's a wriggler.*

*Milkshake was wondering if you could draw a picture of him and send it to Mrs Birkin.*

*Miss you all very, very much. Hope you're all staying safe and well.*

*Mrs Birkin*



## M2

*Good Morning DERRYMOUNT !!!!*

*I hope you are all well and staying safe. This is Mrs Weatherbed from M2 signing in. I thought it may be good for you at home to understand that "us" teachers are missing you. We miss the routine like you do. We miss hearing your chatter, laughter and even your swearing! So, when we get back together, what are we going to do to celebrate? We would like you to tell us. You can email your suggestions to [office@derrymount.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@derrymount.notts.sch.uk)*

*Come on guys, we can do this!!!!*

## M3

*Hi guys!*

*We hope that you're all safe and making the best of this time with your families.*

*We want you all to know that we miss you guys a lot! We miss the constant time checks, the faces you pull, the laughter, the classroom banter and even the moaning when we ask you to do another piece of work!*

*Whilst you are chilling, gaming, sunbathing or arguing with your siblings, just remember to try and stay positive. If like us, you enjoy or need routine, then here are some things you can still be doing each day; read, watch Newsround and discuss it, or log onto Sumdog - like some of you already have, and have a go at some maths. Miss Hopewell does still set an assessment every Friday as usual. Or maybe get researching our Summer topic for History, Britain at War (WWII), get some popcorn and watch the classic film 'The Great Escape'.*

*Stay safe guys!*

*Love Miss Needham, Miss Hopewell and Mrs Findlay xxx*

## M4

*Hello!!*

*We hope that you are all enjoying your extra 'free time'! It's certainly strange not seeing you, (and hearing you! 😊), and we are looking forward to being back at school together as soon as we can.*

*Well done for all your work on Prodigy and Sumdog. We have seen the hard work you've put in and hope that you are also taking the time to relax and do things you enjoy.*

*Make the most of this time at home and stay positive - we are making history that you can tell your children and grandchildren all about in years to come. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!*

*Stay at home and stay safe!  
Miss Williams, Mr Bastow & Miss Lewis*

## U2

*Hi U2*

*Hope you are staying in and keeping safe whilst enjoying your hols.*

*Now a bit of peace is nice, but we miss your dulcet tones and inane chatter - we really do. Anyway some fun work packs will be on their way soon and get logged into 'teams' where we have a virtual zone just for you guys.*

*Take care,  
Mrs B, Ms Slack, Ms Holder and Mr M Xx*

