



School reopens on
Wednesday 2 September
after the summer break.

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At the end of the summer term, we say a fond farewell to two very popular members of our school. Mrs McKay is moving to another local authority having successfully secured a new position as class teacher and curriculum lead. During her time at Percy Main, Mrs McKay has transformed our English curriculum and has worked tirelessly to inspire our children to pick up a book and gain pleasure from reading. Mr Mole is also moving to a school in another local authority, and will take up post as a class teacher in a special school. Children in his care have thrived with the personalised learning and therapeutic support offered. Both members of staff will be a huge miss, and we wish them every success in their new roles. They would like to pass on a personal message to you all.



Working at Percy Main had been a truly joyous experience. Initially, I was only supposed to be working at Percy Main for two days as a Supply Teacher. I was covering a history session with a year 4 class (current year 6), the kids were great as I 'mummified' a child and I fell in love with the school. Since then I have taught across the school: working on the outdoor curriculum, taught year 5 and this year my focus has been on the Hub.

There is a lot that I will miss and have been grateful for while working at Percy Main. The families are incredibly supportive of what we do and for that I will be eternally thankful. From the kind words that parents pass on to the donations and gifts. I will always have the story to tell about a little girl who brought me - as a present - a jar of rabbit droppings so that I could add it to my compost bin at home. Still the best and most thoughtful present I have ever received. There is a wealth of talent in Percy Main and I expect big things from all the children that come through the school doors. I have been lucky enough to see our children perform at the Theatre Royal and have a signed programme that I will cherish forever (until I sell it when you become rich and famous).

This year my focus has been the Hub. Together we have built a fantastic mini community within the school and I have been blessed with very hardworking children and families. I have genuinely missed each and every child that has not attended during the Covid-19 lockdown and have enjoyed the home visits that I made during this time. Again, I would like to thank the support we have received from families across the year and wish you and your children all the best for the future. I know Archer will miss you all too, even though we put a Percy Main uniform on him – he did not look best pleased!

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues, though Mr. Iveson will probably be pleased to see the back of me as I beat him in both sports day and in Eurovision drag. I will miss Mr. Bates' air guitar at singing assembly and I do not know how I will get anything done without Mrs. Mohun keeping me right. Mrs. Leslie has been my workplace mother – and an exceptionally good one at that – she is a pillar of the school community and the place would fall apart without her. Of course I need to thank Mrs Thompson, whose vision and leadership has kept the school on track through a very difficult time and I know in September she will ensure that every single pupil in the school is safe and has the opportunity to succeed in life.

Goodbye all,

Mr Mole.



Working at Percy Main has been a privilege and a pleasure. In the short time that I have been here, I have seen the school and its community go from strength to strength supporting the changes that have been made and never failing to pull together to make sure that the children within the school have the very best school experience.

I started my time at Percy Main in Year 1 but as nothing stays the same for very long, I soon was teaching Year 3 and Reception before moving to Year 5 this year and it is here that I feel the most sadness about leaving. The year 5 children and I have been on a journey together, they have allowed me into their minds and hearts and they will be my favourite class forever. There are some huge personalities within the class but their love for learning, their determination to improve and their respect for what is right and wrong is the best I have ever seen. All of this and the fact that they never fail to make me laugh out loud with their humour, and at times strange antics.

My other great sadness about leaving is the team I will be leaving behind. When I first came to Percy Main I was told that to work at Percy Main you have to love our kids. And every member of staff does! They truly love the children and they do everything within their power to make sure that the children have everything they need. They are a team with a shared goal, a shared understanding and a will to succeed.

Goodbye Percy Main, you will always have a special place in my heart.

Mrs McKay



Next week, staff will introduce themselves to their new classes. This will be shared through a teacher profile on each class page on the website. They have also recorded a short video so children can get to know them better. Each class teacher will also ring you at home to talk about your child's return to school and answer any questions you may have. If your child feels comfortable then they can have a chat too. A school communication will be sent early next week to inform you of your child's new class teacher.



Year 6 school reports will be sent home with children or posted in the last week of term.

School reports for all other year groups will be shared early in the autumn term. This gives staff an opportunity to consult with you personally about what your child achieved during the year, discuss any gaps in learning assessed on return to school with clear plans on how these gaps will be addressed.



Our Year 6 children mean the world to us, and we are devastated that we can't offer the full range of celebrations we normally plan. However, we are determined to make the absolute best of their last days at Percy Main. Please make sure you have seen the Y6 letter with full arrangements.



The Senior Leadership Team are currently working through new Government guidance issued 2nd July with regard to the full opening of school in September. As soon as risk assessments are completed, plans will be shared. This will be in the summer holiday as we need sufficient time to consider the guidance and plan effectively for a safe return for **all** of our pupils.



Can I pass on our huge thanks to the parents and carers of children currently in school for supporting the systems we have had to put in place. We really appreciate it. Our children in school have coped incredibly well with the changes too. We're so proud of how they have settled back in quickly. Please check out the video they have made about their experiences and share it with your children.

School will reopen on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Full details about your child's return will be posted during the summer holidays.

Have a restful and safe summer. We have missed all of our children dearly and can't wait to see them all in September.

Mrs K. Thompson

Head of School