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### School Concert and Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Concerts this week. One thing occurred to me, we need a bigger hall! I suppose it adds to the sense of occasion that we really are having to pack everyone in. We really appreciated the kind words expressed by so many of you afterwards. The children did very well, especially considering the size of the audiences and you were all obviously as proud of them as we were. It was also a really good opportunity to thank the PTA for their fundraising, £3,400 is a brilliant show of support for the school, all that and mince pies! I am sure that you would also want to join me in thanking our fantastic staff who work so hard to make the Mundy Junior experience a wonderful one for all of our children. Thank you also to all of our parents for your ongoing support, it is much appreciated. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a successful New Year.



### Good Luck to Mrs Hand in her Retirement



Mrs Hand, one of our Teaching Assistants is retiring at the end of this term, having joined us in September 1999. I will let you do the maths but we are talking about a significant amount of dedicated loyalty over a long time. Mrs Hand has never been one to seek the limelight, in fact any photos we have of her at school events, will show her in the background. That was how Mrs Hand always wanted it, she is someone who has always been dedicated to doing her

best for the children and took enormous pleasure from the progress they made and the successes they achieved. There will be a lot of children over the years who will remember her very fondly as someone who was always prepared to go the extra mile for them. Whilst Mrs Hand leaves us officially, I know that there will be 'guest' appearances from time to time as she won't want to lose touch with us altogether. I am sure that you would all wish to join me in thanking her for the contribution she has made to Mundy Junior School over the years and hope that she thoroughly enjoys a well-earned retirement.

### Derbyshire Schools' Seven-A-Side Girls' Football

Having become Amber Valley Champions earlier in the term, as mentioned in a previous newsletter, we took part against the winning schools from all ten of the boroughs in Derbyshire. It was a long, windswept and believe it or not, rainy afternoon down at John Port School in Etwell. The competition, as you can imagine, was very intense and we eventually finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall. When you consider that there were 350 schools eligible to compete from the beginning of



the whole competition, it puts our performance into a very clear perspective. What I particularly enjoyed about the event was that in spite of the conditions and not all the results going our way the girls had a lot of fun and the togetherness, team spirit and mutual support shown was outstanding.

## Dance Competition



Recently we took part in a dance competition for all of the Heanor Schools. This was a new venture for Mundy Junior School, we have never entered a dance competition before. To be fair, this was the first one ever held in the area. Mr Hutchinson, (our highly renowned dance guru), with some support from Mrs Cookson, Mrs Knighton and Mrs Hand, organised the practices for the children. However, it should be noted that in reality Mr Hutchinson only enters the dance floor by accident and that in fact it was the children who choreographed the whole of their routine. We were absolutely delighted that the children finished in second place and when we all watched their routine in school we could see why they had been so successful. Congratulations children, well done.

## Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a great success and before I mention how much we raised, can I thank the PTA for the wonderful work they put in to ensure that the event went so well. The atmosphere was brilliant and I saw lots and lots of smiley faces and not only the children's. It was lovely to see Mr Duncan again with his amazing wooden models. I am delighted that he continues to support this event and whilst he travels from deepest Staffordshire he won't even accept any travelling expenses. The children's enterprise activities were very well supported and introducing them to the concept of a 'business model' has been quite illuminating. As a result of the evening the PTA raised over a £1,000 and they also get 10% of the profit made by the classes.



## Spreading Good Cheer

Miss Adair's class have decided that on Friday morning, to say thank you to the community for the support they received from them during their enterprise event, they are going to sing carols on Heanor Market Place. Also, due to a fault within the business plan, they over ordered on sweets. Instead of 'swallowing up' this mistake themselves they will be handing out the sweets between carols. So if you have a sweet tooth, enjoy carols or both, please pop along to Heanor



Market Place on Friday at around about 11.30am. Don't worry the children have also considered themselves as well, following the singing, we will be picking up our pre-ordered lunch from Crest of a Wave and then going to St Lawrence's Church to eat our fish and chips. The children chose Crest of a Wave as a thank you for their very generous donation of a £1,000.

## Assessment Evening – A Reminder

**Don't forget we are holding our Assessment without Levels Meeting for Parents on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January in school starting at 6.00pm.**





# Dates for your Diary



<b>Autumn term</b>	
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> half</b>	<b>6 weeks</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Assessment without Levels information evening. Starting at 6.00pm</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA event
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half</b>	<b>5 weeks</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	INSET day 3
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	First day for children
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm (Appointments)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Disco – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Service – 2.00pm at the Church
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> half</b>	<b>7 weeks</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Assessment Week
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half</b>	<b>8 weeks</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – 9.30am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports' Day
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Horticultural Show – 12.00noon to 4.00pm
Monday 27 June to Wednesday 29 June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Lea Green
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day for Year 2 and Year 6's New Parents Information Evening – 6.30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Open Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Production – 2.00pm & 6.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	School Production – 6.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Graduation Ceremony – 2.00pm Graduation Ball – 6.00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term for children
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day 4
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day 5

