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## Newsletter

### December 2016

Child's Name: .....

#### E-Safety



Thank you to everyone who attended our E-Safety Evening. From the conversations I had as well as the rest of the staff it was a session which was well received and much appreciated. One of the themes that came across was knowing about what your children are doing online. I am sure that we would all want to be able to trust our children but we can't trust everyone who is out there on the Internet. One particular issue that the Health Team who led the presentation, made clear was the inappropriateness of games that some of our children play. We had actually picked up that one particular game called 'Grand Theft Auto', which was being played by our children, some of whom are in year 3/4. What we were all horrified to learn was the type of content it had which went way beyond violence and bad language to significant sexual content. Unsurprisingly it is rated as an '18' and we have contacted all the parents of the children who have mentioned they do play this game to alert them to the actual nature of what could on a cursory glance, simply look like a car chase game. It goes to show that we all need to be vigilant and we are committed to informing you if we hear about the children playing any games that are not age appropriate. More details and feedback from the meeting are on the website's front-page under the specific heading of Safeguarding.

#### Sporting Updates



Mundy Junior School are Heanor Schools' Endball Champions. This is a new sport that we have entered and it is similar to Netball in many ways but instead of shooting through a hoop you have to successfully pass into an area where a member of your team needs to catch it to score. Having Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Knighton and Mr Urry in attendance enabled us to take three teams which ensures as many children as possible gain the experience of representing Mundy Junior School. We have also taken part in a 'Dance Platform' which provided a number of local schools with the opportunity to showcase a variety of dance styles in groups as well as individually. There is amazing talent within our children and they choreographed their own routines. Whilst the multi-talented Mr Hutchinson has many attributes, he doesn't profess to be a dancer, so it really was down to the children. More information and photographs for both events are available on the Sports Blog section of the website.



## Farewell



Whilst it seems a long while since Mrs Birkin left for her maternity leave she was officially due to return in the new year. After eight years at Mundy Junior School as a teacher and four more even earlier on as pupil, Mrs Birkin has moved on to a different school. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her the best of luck for the future and thank her for everything she did for Mundy Junior School in her time with us.

## Christmas Concert

Thank you to everyone who attended the afternoon and evening concerts, you created a wonderful atmosphere for the children. I was particular grateful to everyone who took the time and trouble to pass on their congratulations for the children's performance. We hope that we strike the right balance for the children which doesn't involve endless rehearsals and West End musical expectations. The most important thing is that the children enjoy it and enable you to share in that joy. I would like to pay tribute to our wonderful, committed staff who recognise this. It was also, after a couple of years gap, lovely to be able to have the new Vicar of St Lawrence's, Rev Lisa Shemilt to be part of proceedings.



## PTA Round Up



I am sure that you will be as delighted as we all are that the PTA Christmas Fair raised over £1,100 which in the build up to Christmas and with numerous demands on money is a fantastic amount. We also recently enjoyed the cinema trip to Ilkeston where we watched the new Disney release 'Moana'. Congratulations to the PTA for coming up with the innovative idea of arranging for their bus to break down on the way back and add a little extra sense of adventure for the children. They were soon all rescued by another bus but there is a tale for the grandchildren! The PTA Disco was well attended as always. The Christmas Concert was also made all the more Christmassy by the PTA plying us with mince pies and mulled wine. So all in all, a massive thank you to the PTA for everything they do and the time and effort they put into supporting the school, it is much appreciated.

## Popular Poppy Appeal

We recently welcomed into school representatives from the local branch of the Royal British Legion who came in to thank us for our contribution to the Poppy Appeal. We raised £267 and when you think of Children in Need, Macmillan and the Christmas Fair we have found lots of ways to help part you from your money this term so we are grateful and appreciative of your generosity.



## From Stellas to Street Safe

As you will know from the Junior Leadership Team's letter we joined in the fun of National Jumper Day. Instead of asking for money the request was for tinned and packaged food donations which were gratefully received. The JLT felt that we have run a number of events this term (see above) which involved you giving money and wanted this to be different. We were delighted with the response and through our links with Stella's Café in Heanor they will be taken to Stella's and then passed on to a group called Street Safe. Street Safe are an organization based in Derby who



distribute and produce meals for the homeless. Given our status as a Church School it is particularly important that we recognise and support those in need and I am grateful to the JLT for organising this.

## Choir Out and About

The school choir have been busy in recent weeks. They have taken part in 'Sing2gether' at Loscoe Primary School which wasn't a competition but an opportunity for the schools to sing together and also to perform in front of parents. They have also performed for the Over 50's Forum and at the Heanor Christmas Market. Most recently they visited Florence Shipley to sing carols to the residents. I don't think our choir have ever been as active. Thank you Miss Brown for organising the children but having heard them I find it difficult to believe that you can't sing!



### Dates for your Diary (new dates or changes in bold)

<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	7 weeks
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party 1.15-5.00pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party 1.15-4.00pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>Spring Term 1 - 2017</b>	6 weeks
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of term
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
<b>Spring Term 2</b>	7 weeks
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening (appointments)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day 2
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	School Disco 5.30-7.00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
<b>Summer Term 1</b>	5 weeks
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Photos
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
<b>Summer Term 2</b>	7 Weeks
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Frist day of term
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports' Day 9.30am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports' Day 9.30am
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Horticultural Show 12.00-4.00pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day 3
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day for Year 6 and Year 2 New Parents' Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Disco (years 2-5) 5.30-7.00pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.30pm (non-appointment)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Lea Green residential
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Heanor Gate Science College (transition)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Graduation 2.00pm Graduation Ball 6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for children
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset training for staff

