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Newsletter

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Outstanding isn't the same as Perfect!

Hopefully you will all have seen and read the letter I sent out last week regarding the visit of Nick Gibb the Education Minister for School Reform, who paid us a visit to discover the secret of our success as a school. If you haven't, it is available on our website under the letters section. I also mentioned the fact that Derbyshire County Council now consider us to be an 'Outstanding' school. Whilst, we obviously celebrate this recognition and appreciate the accolades, we recognise the importance of continuing to improve and develop what we provide for the children.

Governors

Our school is run by a group of hardworking, dedicated individuals who give significant amounts of their own time on a voluntary basis, in the best interests of our children. It is important that their role in supporting the improvements the school has made, particularly over the last few years, is recognised. However, during a conversation at our most recent Governors' Meeting, we discussed the fact that the Governors as a group or individually were not necessarily instantly recognisable by most parents or acknowledged for the work they do. We talked about the ways in which they could raise their profile and Andrew Dakin, our Community Governor, made himself available at Parents' Evening so that parents could meet him. We want of course to develop the profile of governors further and will be considering other approaches.

Parents' Evening - Contacting School

Thank you to all the parents who made positive comments as they left Parents' Evening on Wednesday, they are always much appreciated. The staff would also like to express their thanks for what they found was a positive evening. Always remember that if you have any questions, concerns, or queries, don't ever feel the need to wait until a Parents' Evening comes around to let us know. You can always (as a lot of you already do) email us at info@mundy.derbyshire.sch.uk and we will pass any questions you have on to the teachers and they will get back to you. You can ring us, write in, or arrange to make an appointment, it really doesn't matter which method you use. We appreciate that Parents' Evenings only provide a



quick five minute chat and as we have so often said, if you need longer, it is better to do so on a separate evening, which we will happily provide.

Website Questionnaire

We are always looking to improve our website and make it more useful, user friendly and informative. We are planning to send out a questionnaire to find out, first of all whether you have internet access, secondly, whether you use the website and thirdly how often. What we also want to find out is what you like about it and how we could improve it. For instance, there is a lot of information on the website, but how easy is it to find what you want? There are a number of items that we are required to have but we also hope we provide what most matters to you. Therefore we would really appreciate you taking the time to fill in the questionnaires when we send them out, we will also make it available online.

Walking for Tablets

Our current netbooks (small laptop computers) are beginning to feel their age, in the world of technology nothing stays still for long! We are therefore looking into, with the support of the Governors, upgrading and replacing the old with the new and acquire some tablets. The school has some money that can be used for ICT but it also has to be used for a range of other things as well. We therefore need to try and raise some extra money to enable us to buy the equipment we need. This is the point where the P.T.A. have offered to organise a significant fundraiser which will help us buy what the children need. With this in mind, they are holding a sponsored walk for the summer term which will involve all of the children and the staff and take place during the normal school day. More details will follow but that is the plan.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015 (new dates or changed dates in bold)	
Thursday 26 th March	End of Second Half-Term
Friday 27 th March	INSET Day (4)
Monday 13 th April	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 16 th April	Lea Green Trip meeting 6.00pm in the school hall
Friday 22 nd May	End of First Half-Term
Monday 1 st June	Start of Second Half-Term
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports Day 9.30 – 11.30am
Wednesday 17 th June	Reserve Sports Day 9.30 – 11.30am
Saturday 20 th June	Horticultural and Agricultural Show 12.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Year Sixes to Heanor Gate, Year 2s Transition Day
Wednesday 8 th July	Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 13 th , 14 th and 15 th July	Year Sixes to Lea Green
Thursday 16 th and Friday 17 th July	Year Sixes to Heanor Gate, Transition Days
Wednesday 22 nd July	Graduation 2.00pm and Graduation Ball 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 23 rd July	End of Summer Term
Friday 24 th July	INSET Day (5)

