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## Newsletter

### July 2017

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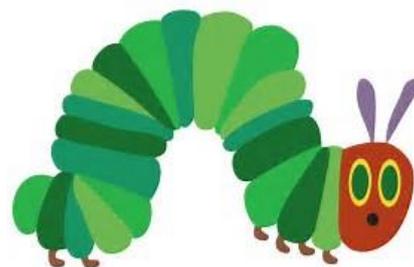
#### Farewell to the Year Sixes

I would like to take the opportunity in the final newsletter of the academic year to wish our year sixes every success for the future. I had a chat with them a week or so ago when they were practising for their Graduation Ceremony, we talked about their memories of Mundy Junior School and what they will take with them but also what they will leave behind. Our Graduation Ceremony, which takes place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm (all parents, Carers, invited) is an important occasion for us as it is a celebration of their time with us. It is an event which began ten years ago and even from the first year it had the feel of a Mundy tradition, which it certainly is now. Our year sixes have done ever so well in their SATs and we congratulate them for that but that is only a part of the picture because all of them have been involved in successes which have come in many guises. The opportunities provided extend beyond a narrow academic curriculum, embracing a huge variety of sports, design challenges, enterprise, fashion, music, gardening, community events, to name a few. Of all our 'Be Statements' the children know that the one we value the most is 'Be Happy' because if you try your best to follow the other nine, being 'Happy' is the result. So, congratulations to all of our year sixes for everything that you have contributed to Mundy Junior School over the four years you have been with us and good luck.



#### Sponsorship Money – The Hungry Caterpillar Walk

Somehow we managed to successfully find our way through deepest, darkest Shipleigh Park and back again on our sponsored walk. Thank you to everyone who has already sent their money in. There is still some outstanding so if you could send it in with your children by the last day (Wednesday), it would be really appreciated by the PTA and thank you again to them for organising the event.



#### Pencil Cases



Over the years pencil cases seem to have increased in size and have almost become fashion accessories! We mentioned at the meeting for 'new parents' that we will be supplying the children with pencil cases in September, ones which will contain everything the children will need. There is therefore no need for the children to bring in their own pencil cases or any equipment as we will happily supply everything. It will make keeping track of individual



equipment far less of a problem and save you all money as well.

## Holidays



I appreciate that we make it pretty clear regarding requests for holidays in term time, which is of course, we don't authorize them. It is of course worth repeating because it is important that we remind ourselves from time to time, why we as a school have adopted this approach.

We acknowledge that everyone has a right to hold particular views on the matter but the Governors' stance is that by sending your children to Mundy Junior School there is an acceptance of our viewpoint on holidays. Any request for holidays to be taken in term time is automatically, unauthorized. Of course parents have the right to appeal to the Governors if they believe they have 'exceptional' reasons but it is worth remembering that our school policy originates from our Governing Body.

## Year 5/6 Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who was so complimentary about our Year 5/6 Sports Day recently. One particular gentleman stopped me to say thank you but specifically to comment about how all the children were focused on what they were doing. All of us who were there will agree that the children lived up to the expectation of doing their best. Thanks also to the PTA for organising the drinks and Mr. Urry for running such an efficient and enjoyable event.



## Amazon Drone Competition – Spending the Money!



You will remember from last month's newsletter that two of our children had finished first and second in the East Midlands regional section of the Amazon Drone Competition. We also mentioned that as winners the school was presented with £1,000 to spend on what the children wanted. The School

Parliament with Niall (the winner) and Neave the runner up discussed and then decided with Miss Brown, what we would buy. They have chosen to spend their money on a variety of items such as programmable Lego, construction kits powered by motors, as well as Maths and Science equipment. They had £200 left at the end of their list and decided to put that money towards our outdoor play equipment project.

## Enterprise

Over the last couple of weeks the classes have been holding celebration events, using the money that they have earned over the year through their Enterprise activities. The children have therefore been able to experience how, by following a 'business' model of ensuring that your income exceeds your expenditure, you can earn yourself a treat. The children have indulged in a wide variety of activities and different venues, which of course they have been able to choose for themselves.



## Confirming Christmas Holiday (2017/18) Arrangements – Another reminder



Just a reminder that the Christmas break arrangements are as follows: school will be closing at the end of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and re-opening to the children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



## INSET DAYS



**Summer Term:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

**Academic year 2017/2018:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Summer Term 2</b>                                       | <b>7 Weeks</b>  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                            | Graduation 2.00pm<br>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  |
| <b>Autumn Term 1</b>                                       | <b>7 Weeks</b>  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                           | <b>INSET 1</b>  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                          | First day for the children  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                            | Last day of half term   |
| <b>Autumn Term 2</b>                                       | <b>8 Weeks</b>  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October                            | Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half-term  |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>                     | <b>Individual and family photographs</b>                                    |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>      | <b>Christmas Tree Festival – St Lawrence Church</b>                         |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December                           | Last day of term  |
| <b>Spring Term 1</b>                                       | <b>6 Weeks</b>  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                             | INSET 2   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January                             | First day back for the children   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February                           | Last day of half-term   |
| <b>Spring Term 2</b>                                       | <b>4 Weeks</b>  |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                           | INSET 3   |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February                          | First Day for the children  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                              | Last day of term  |
| <b>Summer Term 1</b>                                       | <b>7 Weeks</b>  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April                               | First day back for the children   |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | Bank Holiday  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May                                | Last day of half-term   |
| <b>Summer Term 2</b>                                       | <b>7 Weeks</b>  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June                                | First day back for the children   |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                             | 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Horticultural and Agricultural Show 12.00pm – 4.00pm |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June                               | <b>INSET 4</b>  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                             | Last day of term for the children   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                               | <b>INSET 5</b>  |

## Have a wonderful summer break!

