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## Newsletter

### January 2017

Child's Name: .....

#### Important Message for Everyone - E- Learning Safety (Internet Safety)

Following on from our successful e-learning safety evening last term we are planning to hold two further sessions this term Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2.00pm and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm. **These meetings are really important for any parent whose children have access to the internet, which these days would seem to include everyone.** We would therefore encourage all of you to try and attend if at all possible. To enable even more people to hear the important messages they will be run during an afternoon and an evening and will do our best to occupy the children for you if you attend. E-Learning Safety covers all aspects of safeguarding the children, ensuring that they make sensible decisions whilst using the internet. It is an integral part of what your children learn in school on an ongoing basis. On 7<sup>th</sup> February we are taking part in E- Learning Safety Day and as a school will be looking at particular aspects of staying safe on the internet. Please visit our Safeguarding Page on our website which contains important information for parents and links to websites that will assist you as parents to keep your children safe On-line.



#### Parent and Carers Computing and Social Media Workshops

Just a reminder as part of a new offer we are holding afternoon drop-in/workshops for parents/grandparents and carers (this is a chance to come and pick Mrs Moncrieff's brain on any areas of ICT you feel unsure about!) sessions are from 2.30-3.30pm. The sessions are designed for you to attend as many as you need to (this may only be one if you have a simple query, it may be that you would like to attend every week – the choice is yours). During these sessions we will be inviting the health team back to specifically look at ESafety (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2.00pm) in order to help parents, grandparents and carers, understand more fully, the significance and implications of social media and electronic gaming.

#### Home Learning



Since September Home Learning (historically called Homework) has focused on reading, spellings and time tables which are obviously essential parts of the children's learning. We are, sending out shortly, a relaunch of our Home Learning following extensive discussions with the Junior Leadership Team (JLT), parents,



governors and staff. Quite rightly parents have strong views on Home Learning and we have even picked up on differences of opinion even within the same households! We believe, through listening extensively to everyone, we have got the balance right but as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

## Sporting Updates



We are now the Amber Valley Champions for Basketball and will be representing the Borough at the County Finals at Anthony Gell School (Matlock) in March. Congratulations to all of the children who took part, what a fantastic achievement. Mr. Hutchinson was particularly grateful to Kevin Hubbard (Vice Chair of Governors) for taking the time out from work commitments to run a coaching session (he is a qualified basketball coach) and for his support at the tournament itself.

## Junior Leadership Team (JLT)

The Junior Leadership Team recently attended a meeting of the school's governors. This was building on from our Values and Visions' Evening last term to look at how the school have moved on since that meeting. The Values and Visions' display is situated within the corridor leading towards the school hall.



We have already achieved a number of the actions which came out from the initial meeting and one in particular caught my attention because it was something which we did last week. Our JLT with myself and Miss Adair, in tow, visited Heanor Gate Science College to meet with their Head Boy and Head Girl. We had a guided tour and the children were then able to discuss how hearing the 'Pupil Voice' works at Heanor Gate and we were able to share how it worked at Mundy Junior School. We have invited their representatives to attend one of our meetings and we also plan to visit another local primary school to look at how they organise their version of our JLT.

What the JLT also did at the Governors' Meeting was to look at what the children felt, were the qualities and attributes needed to be an effective school governor. Our thanks to Andrew Dakin (a.k.a. Farmer Andrew) for allowing himself to be drawn around,



wellies, cap and all, so that we had an outline of a governor within which we wrote all the suggestions. One of the things which the Governors agreed upon, suggested by the children, was that they visited school even more than they already do. One of our governors, Chantelle Meakin, is now our official liaison officer between the governors and the JLT, which should help us to develop those links.



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

<b>Spring Term 1</b>	6 weeks
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>E-Learning Safety Day</b>
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
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>E-learning meeting 2.00pm</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening (appointments)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>E-learning meeting 6.30pm</b>
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	First 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

