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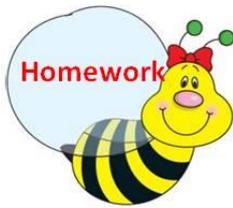
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Child's name _____

Learning at Home (formerly known as Homework!)



We are only a couple of weeks in to the launch of our 'Learning at Home' initiative and already we have been receiving positive feedback from parents and children alike. We are very grateful for any thoughts that you have on the new approach that we have adopted. We are equally aware that although the change appears to have been greeted with genuine enthusiasm, we don't consider that this is the end of the process. We are always open to suggestions and views about how we can improve it even further. Our Parents' Evening is coming up on Wednesday 4th November so any comments can be made directly to myself or the staff. There will also be our questionnaire available on the evening for you to fill in with a specific question on our 'Learning at Home' approach.

Parents' Evening Wednesday 4th November (Mrs White's is on Thursday 5th November) 4.00pm – 7.30pm.

We are holding our first Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4th November (Thursday 5th for Mrs White's children, also at 4.00pm - 7.30pm). This is an opportunity for you to look at your children's work and to talk, if you wish to, with the class teacher. This is not an appropriate time for an in-depth, lengthy or confidential conversation but more of an informal chat. If you need more time or want a more private discussion, we are happy to arrange a meeting for another time. As always, if there is something that you have an immediate or urgent concern about, don't wait until Parents' Evening, usually talking about something is half way to solving it.



Junior Leadership Team – JLT (formerly known as the School Council)

When Mr Ashton was interviewed for the position of Assistant Head he told me afterwards that the toughest part of the whole process was being grilled by the School Council. In fact, such was the intensity of the experience, he said they were more like a Junior Leadership Team, a name that has stuck. The JLT are now voted in and we have new positions, such as Head Boy, Head Girl, Communications Manager and Business Manager. They have their own display in the Meeting Room (you'll walk through it on the way to your child's classroom) and they will be making sure on Parents' Evening that you don't leave without filling in a questionnaire and commenting positively on their photographs.



Gregg Cup



You will remember from the last Newsletter that we got through to the final of the Gregg Cup. It was a wonderful experience for our children under floodlights at the Heanor Town Ground, with a fantastic atmosphere created by our own parents as well as Loscoe's. We are delighted to report that we won an exciting game 3 – 2 and are now the holders of the Gregg Cup, which was recently presented to us in assembly by the Mayoress of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council. Due to the fact that the trophy is over eighty years old and is very precious it will remain at the town hall! We do however have the Gregg Cup Shield which is now on display with all our other trophies.

PTA

During Parents' Evening the PTA will be in school to promote and celebrate the work that they do. Only last summer their Sponsored Walk raised £1,800 towards purchasing new ICT equipment. They are always on the lookout for new recruits and are a friendly bunch on the whole 😊 and happy to chat about what the PTA do.



Amber Valley Athletics



We should never take things for granted but for the third year running (no pun intended) we are the Amber Valley Athletics Champions for years five and six and will be going through to the County Finals. Congratulations to everyone who took part, it is an amazing achievement and one that we are all incredibly proud of.

Amber Valley Football

Not quite a 'cast of thousands' but over forty of our children represented Mundy Junior School in the Amber Valley Football Tournament held a couple of weeks ago. Altogether, we entered three boys' and two girls' teams. I am very grateful to the staff who gave their time to enable us to involve so many of our children in one event. No other school had anywhere near as many teams entered. All of our teams, win, lose or draw, were a great credit Mundy Junior School and even if we don't always win we need to be able to lose with good grace. Our two 'A' teams both reached their respective finals with the boys only losing out on sudden death penalties. The girls' team however, won their match 3 – 1 and are Amber Valley Football Champions and will play in the county finals in November.



Harvest



Thank you for your fantastic support at the Harvest, we have never seen such numbers for this event before. It is a shame that it also took place during a 'heat wave' so I think that the children's efforts were particularly impressive. You generously donated £136 towards sponsoring Florica Rostas our Romanian child that we support through her education and a big thank you for the lovely cakes provided by the children

Autumn term	
1st half	7 weeks
Wednesday 21 st October	PTA Fashion Show 7-9pm
Friday 23 rd October	INSET day 2
2nd half	7 weeks
Monday 2 nd November	First day back for children
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents Open Evening - 4.00pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 10 th November	8.00am – Individual photographs – starting with families
Friday 27 th November	Book Fair arrives
Thursday 3 rd December	Christmas (& Enterprise) Fair – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Friday 4 th December	Book Fair leaves
Thursday 10 th December	School Christmas Disco – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Concert – 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Tuesday 15 th December	Lower School Christmas Party – 1.10pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Upper School Christmas Party – 1.10pm to 5.00pm
Thursday 17 th December	Cinema Visit
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term
Spring Term	
1st half	6 weeks
Monday 4 th January	First day of term
Thursday 4 th February	PTA event
Friday 12 th February	Last day of term
2nd half	5 weeks
Monday 22 nd February	INSET day 3
Tuesday 23 rd February	First day for children
Wednesday 2 nd March	Parents Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm (Appointments)
Thursday 17 th March	Easter Disco – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd March	Easter Service – 2.00pm at the Church
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of term
Summer Term	
1st half	7 weeks
Monday 11 th April	First day of term
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 Assessment Week
Friday 27 th May	Last day of term
2nd half	8 weeks
Monday 6 th June	First day of term
Tuesday 14 th June	Sports Day – 9.30am
Wednesday 15 th June	Reserve Sports' Day
Saturday 18 th June	Horticultural Show – 12.00noon to 4.00pm
Monday 27 June to Wednesday 29 June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Lea Green
Thursday 30 th June	Transition Day for Year 2 and Year 6's New Parents Information Evening – 6.30pm
Friday 1 st July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 6 th July	Parents Open Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 th July	School Production – 2.00pm & 6.30pm
Wednesday 13 th July	School Production – 6.30pm
Thursday 21 st July	Graduation Ceremony – 2.00pm Graduation Ball – 6.00pm
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term for children
Monday 25 th July	INSET day 4
Tuesday 26 th July	INSET day 5