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Child's Name:

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Congratulations to our Junior Leadership for their fantastic organisation and running of our MacMillan Coffee Morning. You will have seen from the JLT's own newsletter (if not they are available from the school office) that we raised over £700 for the charity, which was amazingly, double what we raised the previous year. Thank you to everyone who supported us and enabled us to make a significant contribution to a charity which has always been close to our hearts.

A Curriculum Evening and a Shared Vision

Over recent weeks we have held our Curriculum Evening and also our Visions Evening and whilst we have fed back on those, we wanted to ensure that the continuing theme of involving and engaging parents is an ongoing process. There is of course a Parents' Evening on Wednesday 9th November but it is really important that it is not the only point of contact between home and school. We always provide a questionnaire on these evenings which is one way we can capture your thoughts and views but should never be seen as the only way. Ring us (01773 713427), email us (info@mundy.derbyshire.sch.uk), or involve yourself by commenting on the class blogs, we value and appreciate your feedback.

Internet Safety

An ongoing theme as part of our work in school is promoting an awareness of Internet Safety for our children. We had an excellent presentation from the Saltmine theatre group recently who are funded by Derbyshire County Council. Their theme was Internet Safety but it was done in a way which engaged the children (and staff) whilst identifying the serious issues that lack of awareness or knowledge can present. One of the particular concerns that we recognise is that parents aren't always aware of what children are able to use the various digital devices for. What games are they playing, what age groups they are suitable for and are you aware of the content? With this in mind we have talked to the local Multi Agency Team about the possibility of putting on a session for parents to highlight potential problems that can arise from internet usage. We know that the internet is a fantastic source of a wide range of brilliant information and knowledge, when it is used properly. If you think that a session on Internet Safety for parents would be useful, please let us know. In addition, we have already organised a parents' workshop for 5.30pm until 6.30pm in school, on the 7th December. If you have a smart phone, iPad, desktop computer or laptop this workshop is for you.



Harvest Festival in School – Friday 21st October 2.00pm - 3.00pm (including refreshments!)



We look forward to seeing you all at our Harvest Festival in school on Friday 21st October, we expect that it should last for about an hour, including refreshments. The children have made potato soup and tomato soup from produce grown in the school's grounds, which they look forward to you sampling. The rumours about us having our own show on BBC called the Great Mundy Bake Off, have not yet been confirmed! The idea is that at the end of the Festival the children will go back to class to collect their belongings and return to the hall to sample the soups alongside parents, friends and relatives. When you have had enough soup you are free to take your children home with you. The soup is free but the JLT have made the decision that one of the charities which they would like to support is 'Water Aid', so there will be a bucket collection if you would like to donate.

A Fantastic Start to the Sporting Year

Congratulations to all of our sports teams that have competed since September. Last year 68% of our children took part in a team sport for school compared with 64% the year before and 46% the year before that. Those figures show that our aim as a school is not only about being successful in competitions but equally about taking part and taking pride in representing our school. We are so fortunate as a school that Mrs Knighton and Mr Hutchinson are so committed, skilled and enthusiastic about providing opportunities for the children of Mundy Junior School. This term a large number of our children have already had the chance to be involved. When we can send more than one team, we invariably do and whilst not all our extra teams will win the competitions, they get the thrill of taking part and being fully involved. Sometimes scoring a single goal can mean an enormous amount. Our six-a-side outdoor girls' football team are champions of Amber Valley, our six-a-side outside boys' football team are also the champions of Amber Valley. The Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Team are champions of Amber Valley. We have entered three competitions and won them all, an amazing achievement and not a feat that I believe we have achieved previously.



PTA - Bingo Evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm Thursday 17th November



The PTA have organised a Bingo Evening from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Thursday 17th November details will follow after half-term. On Thursday 3rd November the PTA will be holding a meeting in school at 3.30pm, everyone is welcome and we even offer to look after your children whilst the meeting takes place! The PTA are also in the process of arranging the very popular cinema trip, which we are planning will take place on Friday 16th December.

It is currently still in the planning stage as the availability of buses and the cinema have to link. We are always looking for new ideas and members to add to our brilliant PTA, so please take a note of 3rd November and come along. The PTA have raised literally thousands of pounds for us and help make a real difference.

Gregg Cup Semi-Final

The school football team play in the semi-final of the prestigious Gregg Cup on Friday (21st October, kick off 6.15pm) at the Heanor Town Ground. We are current holders of the trophy and if we are successful we will play in the final at the same venue on Friday 28th October, with a kick-off this time of 7.00pm. Spectators are obviously welcome and we look forward to an exciting match against Langley Mill Juniors tomorrow evening.

After School Clubs

Please see the attached letter for the After School Clubs for when we return.



Dates for your Diary (new dates in bold)

Autumn Term 1	7 weeks
Friday 21 st October 2.00pm – 3.00pm (approximately)	Harvest in School, everyone welcome, soup included!
Friday 21st October	Gregg Cup Semi-Final at the Heanor Town Ground
Friday 21 st October	Last day of term
Autumn Term 2	7 weeks
Monday 31 st October	First day of term
Thursday 3 rd November	PTA meeting at 3.30pm
Tuesday 8 th November	Individual pupil photographs – family photographs from 8.00am
Wednesday 9 th November	Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm (no formal appointments)
Thursday 17th November	PTA Event – Bingo Evening 5.30-7.00pm
Thursday 1 st December	Christmas Fair 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 7th December	Online Safety – Workshop for Parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Disco 5.30 – 7.00pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Concert in school 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Friday 16th December	PTA Cinema Trip (details to follow)
Monday 19 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party 1.15-5.00pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party 1.15-4.00pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Last day of term
Spring Term 1 - 2017	6 weeks
Tuesday 3 rd January	First day of term
Friday 10 th February	Last day of term
Spring Term 2	7 weeks
Monday 20 th February	First day of term
Wednesday 1 st March	Parents Evening (appointments)
Monday 27 th March	Inset Day 2
Thursday 6 th April	School Disco 5.30-7.00pm
Friday 7 th April	Last day of term
Summer Term 1	5 weeks
Monday 24 th April	First day of term
Friday 26 th May	Last day of term
Monday 8 th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 23 rd May	Class Photos
Monday 29 th May	Bank Holiday
Summer Term 2	7 Weeks
Monday 5 th June	First day of term
Wednesday 7 th June	Sports' Day 9.30am
Thursday 8 th June	Reserve Sports' Day 9.30am
Saturday 17 th June	Horticultural Show 12.00-4.00pm
Monday 19 th June	Inset Day 3
Monday 26 th June	Transition Day for Year 6 and Year 2 New Parents' Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 29 th June	Transition Disco (years 2-5) 5.30-7.00pm
Wednesday 5 th July	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.30pm (non-appointment)
Monday 10 th July – Wednesday 12 th July	Year 6 to Lea Green residential
Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th July	Year 6 to Heanor Gate Science College (transition)
Wednesday 19 th July	Graduation 2.00pm Graduation Ball 6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Last day of term for children
Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st July	Inset training for staff





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