

Head-teacher: Mr. K .Gibbs

Office email: info@mundy.derbyshire.sch.uk

Website: www.mundyjunior.org

Lockton Avenue, HEANOR, Derbyshire, DE75 7EQ
Tel/Fax: 01773 713427



Newsletter – September 2018

Child's Name:

Settling in!



I am delighted to be able to report how well the children have settled, whether returning or beginning their time with us. September is an important period at school for getting used to routines and understanding expectations and from walking around school, I can see how well that is going. The atmosphere in school is positive and there is a buzz of interest and enthusiasm which is so lovely to see. With Parents' Evening not until Wednesday 14th November, I'll mention my regular suggestion, which is, if you do have concerns, please talk to us. Our staff are excellent at picking up on changes in the children's behavior and we usually spot concerns ourselves before they become major worries. Obviously some children can be highly skilled at masking their emotions in school, so if you have any worries, please discuss them with us. Don't wait until 14th November for Parents' Evening, more often than not early intervention sorts a potential issue out before it becomes a problem. There are also many cases of there simply being a misunderstanding. A quick chat is often all it takes.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 5th October 9.00am – 11.30am.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for our MacMillan Coffee Morning which is taking place on Friday 5th October from 9.00am – 11.30am. This is an event which raises money for a cause which is very close to our hearts and has been a really successful morning over the years. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible joining us. We have a timetable for when the children join us in the hall, so you can time your arrival to fit in, if you wish. So please bring with you as much money as you can and don't leave until it is all spent! It is a really enjoyable, relaxed atmosphere and often an opportunity to catch up and chat, aided by plenty of drinks (please note I am referring to tea and coffee!) and cakes.

Class	Time
Mr Wainwright	9.00 – 9.20am
Miss Lavery/Mrs Taylor	9.20 – 9.40am
Mrs. Johnson/Mrs. Chojnowski	9.40 – 10.00am
Miss Brown	10.20 – 10.40am
Mr Betts	10.40 – 11.00am
Mrs Devonport	11.00 – 11.20am



Safeguarding



The health and safety of our children is always our top priority as a school. In the mornings for instance we allow children and parents inside the school grounds. The reason for this is that parents used to wait for the children beyond



the school fence and there would be no room on the pavement, resulting in children and parents sometimes having to go on the road to get past each other. The new arrangement is much safer for everyone but please note that the children are unsupervised in the mornings by staff until 8.50am when we open the side gate. The children therefore remain your responsibility until that time. At the end of the day the children know (they are regularly reminded by us) that if there is no-one there to pick them up they are to come back into school. We appreciate that sometimes people are delayed but obviously not on a regular basis.

This is probably also a good time to remind parents about parking both considerately and safely. Obviously, it is an offence to park on the zig-zags but more importantly it can endanger the children by restricting visibility and making it very difficult for our Crossing Patrol, Mrs. Stones. We are grateful to the vast majority of our parents who collect by car and recognise that parking a little further away from school might increase the walk but reduces the risk to our children. Also, out of courtesy, please note whether your car is blocking someone's driveway. Finally, we have been asked by the police to mention that no-one should be parking on Cemetery Lane.



Looking Ahead to Harvest – Thursday 25th October at 2.00pm (in school)

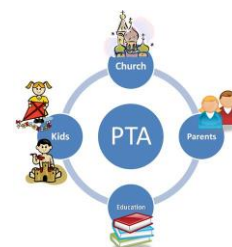


Our Harvest Festival takes place in **school** on **Thursday 25th October at 2.00pm** and we would like to invite you to share it with us. Don't forget that it will be the last school day before half-term. When the Harvest is over, to save you having to wait, we will be allowing the children to leave at the end of the service with their parent/carer. Otherwise, end of school will be

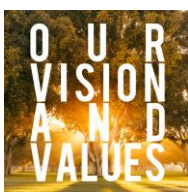
as normal at 3.30pm with afterschool clubs as usual.

P.T.A.

The PTA met recently and had a very productive meeting, they have some wonderful events coming up, to update your diaries have a look at the diary sheet attached. The PTA make a real difference to the school and perform a valuable role, not just financial; their support is very much appreciated not just by us but by your children, it forms important links between the children, home and school and reflects how much we value our children. If you would like to join, even if you may not be able to attend all the meetings but could lend your help and support at events that would be an enormous help to the group. Remember dads are welcome too! Please contact school or one of our PTA members if you would like to know more.



Visions and Values



We recently held our latest Visions and Values evening, an event which helps us to look at what we are doing as a school and what we would like to do. We were delighted to be able to welcome parents, representatives from St Lawrence Church, the P.T.A., the local council, Amber Valley School Sports Partnership and Heanor Vision. In fact, our school and wider community linking to provide as wide a 'vision' as possible for our school. Of course the central figures in the evening were the

children themselves who led the feedback from the various groups. There simply isn't the space in the newsletter to capture the event but the display that resulted from the night is going to be displayed in the entrance corridor. Photos from the evening are already on the website.

Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached page with our year's dates on. Please be vigilant and check each time these come out on a newsletter as we will add new dates in and occasionally we have some changes.



Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM 1	
Friday 5 th October	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00-11.30am
Thursday 11 th October	PTA Social Event in school (information to follow)
Wednesday 17 th October	Harvest Festival – St Lawrence Church – Mundy and Corfield children only (Mundy children WILL return back to school)
Thursday 25 th October	Harvest Celebration 2pm in school – parents invited
Thursday 25 th October	Last day of term- half term break 1
Friday 26 th October	INSET 2
AUTUMN TERM 2	
Monday 5 th November	First day of term
Tuesday 13 th November	Individual photos (siblings welcome information to follow)
Wednesday 14 th November	Informal Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm (no appointment necessary)
Tuesday 20 th November	Open Evening for prospective Parents - 6.00pm
Thursday 29 th November	Disco 5.30-7.00pm
Monday 3 rd December	Heanor Switch on of Lights
Thursday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Fair 6.00-7.30pm
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas Concerts 2.00pm – in School 6.00pm – in Church
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19 th December	Year 5 and 6 Party Finishing at 5.00pm
Thursday 20 th December	Year 3 and 4 Party Finishing at 4.00pm
Friday 21 st December	Scala Cinema Trip – Whole School - information to follow
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term – Christmas break
SPRING TERM 1 - 2019	
Monday 7 th January	First day of term
Wednesday 9 th – Friday 11 th January	Lea Green for Year 6 children
Friday 15 th February	Last day of term – half term break 2
Monday 25 th February	INSET 3
SPRING TERM 2	
Tuesday 26 th February	First day of term
Wednesday 6 th March	Formal Parents Evening (appointments) 4.00-7.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	PTA Easter Disco 5.30-7.00pm
Wednesday 10 th April	Easter Service at St Lawrence Church – children only
Friday 12 th April	Last day of term – Easter Break
SUMMER TERM 1	
Monday 29 th April	First day of term
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May	SATs Week for year 6 children
Thursday 23 rd May	Group Photos
Friday 24 th May	Last day of term – half term break 3
SUMMER TERM 2	
Monday 3 rd June	First day of term
Tuesday 4 th June	Sports Day years 3 and 4 - 9.30am
Wednesday 5 th June	Sports Day years 5 and 6 – 9.30am
Saturday 15 th June	Horticultural Show 12.00-4.00pm
Monday 17 th June	INSET 4
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5 Taster Day at Heanor Gate Science College
Wednesday 26 th June	Informal Parents Evening 4.00-7.30pm (no appointment necessary)
Thursday 4 th July	Transition Day for year 6 and Year 2 Children
Thursday 4 th July	New Parents Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 5 th July	Sponsored Walk
Thursday 11 th July	Transition Disco for Years 2 -5 (5.30-7.00pm)
Thursday 11 th July – Friday 12 th July	Year 6 Children to Heanor Gate Science College (transition)
Friday 19 th July	Graduation Ceremony (parents invited) 2.00pm
Friday 19 th July	Graduation Ball – 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term for children
Monday 22 nd July	INSET 5



Supported by
The National Lottery[®]
through the Big Lottery Fund

