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Newsletter – November 2018

Child's Name:

E-Safety

At our recent Parents' Evening we had a representative from the local police who was giving out leaflets on e-safety and chatting to parents. James Land was the officer who attended and he is a Police Community Support Officer from Cyber Investigation Unit. Which translates as, someone who is an expert and knows all the latest information on e-safety. It is a really important area in terms of keeping our children safe. The internet is an amazing tool and when used in the right way is a positive influence. Unfortunately, it is also provides a world which we don't always know who we are communicating with and for children that can present problems. In school we tackle subjects such as Cyber Bullying and keeping yourself safe online. We would simply ask these questions of parents, 'Do you know who your child is communicating with and what conversations they are having online'? Also, 'What is the content of the games they play and is it age appropriate?' If you are struggling to answer those questions it would probably be helpful to have a look at the Safeguarding section on the school's website. The Parents' Safeguarding Information has lots of helpful websites and is continually updated.



P.T.A.



We mentioned in October's Newsletter that the P.T.A. provided us with £150 to spend on extra lunch-time equipment. Our School Parliamentarians, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Finance and Sports Minister accompanied Mr. Gibbs and a cheque book to Decathlon. Our ministers put a lot of thought into what to buy and thankfully it wasn't as complicated as Brexit. The equipment has been available at lunch-times for a number of weeks now and have been greeted really positively. We have spoken to the children and they are delighted about the variety and quantity of equipment available and very grateful to the P.T.A.

New Parents' Meeting

We recently held our meeting for parents whose children are currently year 2s and are considering which school to send their children to. It is obviously a significant decision for parents and therefore particularly important that they hear from the people who matter most at Mundy Junior School. Members of our School Parliament led groups of parents around the school explaining everything from their viewpoint. Whilst a school governor went around with them it was the children who led the groups and did the talking. The feedback I received was that our pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school, their depth of knowledge and ability to articulate it was really impressive. There were large groups of parents and I know that there are lots of adults who would find talking in front of that many people really daunting. Thank you children and well done, what an amazing life skill to acquire.



Remembrance



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the two-minute silence we held at the front of the school on the 9th November. Those who were there were part of an immaculately observed silence which represented an important acknowledgment of and respect for the occasion. We appreciate that our children have listened in Collective Worship and lessons and understood the thoughts, feelings and ideas behind Remembrance Day. We had a visitor in school during the morning and they told me how privileged they felt to be part of the occasion. As a lasting symbol and in recognition of the 100 years since the end of the First World War we have our own poppy symbol on the playground gate. Thank you to everyone who sent in bottle tops and lids which the children have used to create it.

News from the Community

We are delighted to be able to mention the Christmas Market which takes place in Heanor on Saturday 1st December 11.00am – 6.00pm. Apart from a wide variety of stalls, with what looks like, an amazing array of ideas for 'you know who'! BUT, there is also a first for Heanor, its very own ICE-RINK between 12.00pm and 6.00pm. It looks like it's going to be a really festive event.



On Monday (3rd December) there is the Annual Switching on of the Lights with loads of activities on the market place and the Community Fair in St Lawrence Church. Then the amazing fireworks at 7.30pm.

This all looks like an amazing weekend – please enjoy a fun-filled and festive time in your local community ☺

Sports Update

Since our last newsletter our sports teams have been very busy. Our girls' football team who were Amber Valley Champions competed in the County Finals and did brilliantly to finish seventh overall in the County of Derbyshire. Our basketball team were the winners at the Alfreton competition and now move on to the Amber Valley Finals. The Girls' TAG rugby team are joint champions for Amber Valley. We are also the Champions of the Heanor in Handball. Harry, before the Gregg Cup Final, took part in the penalty king competition against nominated penalty takers from all the other schools that had taken part. Congratulations to Harry for keeping his nerve and emerging as the winner in front of the crowd at the Heanor Town Ground. The TAG Rugby team finished 4th in Amber Valley, which is our best ever performance.

The most important thing is that so many of our children have enjoyed taking part in various competitions. There are so many teams I haven't been able to list everything (see the Sports' Blog on our website for more details and photos) but I know that all of our children have performed with great pride and determination but also equally importantly in the right spirit. Whilst Mundy Junior School has a fantastic record for doing well in sporting events our real delight is in the children having fun and learning how to lose or win in the right way. Congratulations to all of our children who have represented Mundy Junior School, we are proud of each and every one of you.



Christmas Fair – Thursday 6th December 6.00pm – 7.30pm



Don't forget that the Christmas Fair, organized by the P.T.A. takes place next Thursday between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. We are sending some Prize Draw tickets home, and the PTA would be so grateful if you could sell as many as you can. All the funds go towards supporting the children and you will see by the PTAs letter the contribution that they make. The children are busy making games and items to sell so looks like it's going to be an enjoyable evening.



Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM 1	
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

