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Newsletter – December 2018

Child's Name:

P.T.A. Christmas Fair – You Raised £1,500!



The P.T.A.'s Christmas Fair raised £1,500, which we are pretty certain is a record amount. Thank you to everyone who supported us by attending or was involved in the organisation and running of the event. Even more importantly, the atmosphere amidst the smiling faces provided us all, I think, with a wonderful sense of the true spirit of Christmas. To raise that amount of money was the icing on a particularly splendid Christmas cake.

Standing Room Only and the School Extension

Our success as a school is reflected in the fact that we now have 190 children, more than the school was actually designed for. Being popular is of course something we are proud of but it does have implications for school concerts. 190 children means that well over 190 parents, carers, grandparents and uncles etc. want to attend Harvest and Christmas productions. I mentioned in last month's newsletter that we really want to retain performances with all the children, reflecting that we are one school. However, we also appreciate that whilst we have more children, the hall is not getting any bigger. We have deliberately reduced the length of concerts as so many people are standing and the hall gets very warm. We have thought about increasing the number of performances but there are so many things happening, especially at Christmas, it would be difficult to fit them in. The other option of course is to go for a year 3/4, 5/6 split but that would make it more difficult for parents with children across both age ranges. Happy to take your views, simply email info@mundy.derbyshire.sch.uk or ring 01773 713427 and ask for Mr. Gibbs.



You may well remember that last year the Local Authority talked to the governors about building two extra classrooms, which would have meant a potential increase to 240 children. There would have been no increase in the size of the school hall in the plans. Having given it careful consideration, the governors decided that the planned extension, in its current form, is not right for Mundy Junior School.

I can't leave the matter of concerts without referring to the evening performance at the church. Those who were there will know that due to technical problems, there was no music and the words to the songs didn't always appear at the right time, speed or sometimes at all! A genuine challenge to all concerned. What we really appreciated was how supportive our audience was but



we were all wowed by the children, who took it in their stride and performed brilliantly.

Sports Update



Our last two sporting events of the year have taken place in recent weeks. As mentioned in last month's newsletter the Basketball team had won through to the Amber Valley Finals where we managed to win all of our games to top our group to reach the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we went out to a last minute basket. We then played in the 3rd / 4th Play Off match with again the match being lost to a basket right at the end of the game! So close, yet so far but all part of learning to deal with disappointment as well as success. Our Dance Team took part in the Dance Platform, which rather than a competition is an opportunity for the children to perform in front of their peers as well as parents and carers from schools across the borough. What I am always so impressed with is the fact that our children arrange their own routines. So a well done to our children who took part in these events and thank you for doing your best and showing pride in representing Mundy Junior School.

Hair bows and Head bands

I have to admit that the whole general area of fashion is a mystery to me, so I couldn't even begin to describe this particular issue. However, observations from across the school show that hair bands are getting wider, taller and more ornate. Hair bows are similarly developing their own personalities. It appears that it is almost becoming competitive over who has the most ornate hair accessories! Whilst they may look really attractive they aren't in keeping with the school's uniform policy and we are reminding the children that, as lovely as they are, it is not suitable for school. We would appreciate everyone's support with this.



Matthew Walker Visit



Back in October we were asked by the Matthew Walker pudding factory if our children would like to design a Health and Safety poster. They wanted to remind staff about always wearing hairnets, washing hands and being aware of trucks moving around the site. As a result of entering the competition, four of our children got to get a tour of the factory, which as you imagine involved tasting the different Christmas Puddings. A tough job but someone has to do it! They even got to taste a very special milk toffee sauce that won't be going into production until next year. The winning posters are going up around the factory. A competition that was certainly worth entering!

After School Clubs

Don't forget that there are no After School Clubs this week and will restart the **1st week back** in the week beginning **Monday 7th January**.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

As always, it has been a busy and enjoyable term at Mundy Junior School. A special thank you from me to the children for their efforts in continuing to follow the 'Be Statements', it makes such a difference to Mundy Junior School. Also, thank you to all of our parents and carers, thank you for your continuing support, it is much appreciated. So finally, to everyone, have a fantastic Christmas and a wonderful New Year and we will see you all again **Monday 7th January 2019!**



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Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM 2	
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
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

