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Newsletter – June 2019

Child's Name:

Horticultural and Agricultural Show



Thank you to so many of you who took the time and trouble to tell us how much they enjoyed and appreciated our sixth Annual Horticultural and Agricultural Show. Whilst it is difficult to be precise, we are confident that the numbers exceeded 2018, which itself was a record at over 2,000 visitors. Of course, it isn't simply about

numbers, it is far more about the quality of the event itself and the reaction it generates. At the end of the event I bumped into an ex-teaching colleague, now retired, whose first Mundy event this was. His view was that he had never known any school to provide an event on such a scale which also had the feel of the community really coming together. I also spoke to Ann Musson (St. Lawrence's Church Warden, who is going to be our new Foundation Governor in September) who I had previously spoken to about the show. Whilst I had given her advance warning of what to expect, she told me that she couldn't quite believe the variety, quality and number of attractions, activities and events. To be perfectly honest, I struggle with it myself! The best analogy I can offer is that of the bumble bee whose little wings really shouldn't be able to lift its body into the air and enable it to fly. The reason our particular bumble bee is able to soar is because of our staff and their dedication to going way beyond what would normally be expected. When you factor in the children, parents, carers, extended family and the wider community we end up with something which is genuinely special and an event which our whole community can be proud of.

P.T.A.'s Sponsored Walk and School Disco



Our P.T.A. organised annual Sponsored Walk takes place on Friday 5th July. A letter explaining everything and a sponsorship form should already be with you, if not the school office has spares. We will be exploring Shipley Park and all the children will be hoping that Mr. Gibbs doesn't get lost, as he has done on every other occasion he has led this expedition. Parents of year 3s please don't worry, we have always found our way back before home time! If you would like to know about what we are raising money for, the School Parliament item below explains.



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The School Disco (which is for year 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s) takes place on Thursday 11th July between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. Again, the letters have already gone out and are available from the school office if you haven't already received one.

School Parliament to Decide

Our School Parliament have been meeting recently to discuss and decide what outdoor Play Equipment they want to purchase. The Governors have already set aside an amount of money and the P.T.A. are already committed to supporting the School Parliament with a significant contribution. The Sponsored Walk, mentioned above will obviously add to the fund available.



Sports' Update

Since our last newsletter we have been involved in a number of competitions.

- Sports' Festival; We took 12 children to a Sports' Festival where the children got to try sports such as Boccia, New Age Kurling, Seated Volleyball and Goalball.
- Golf; We took 3 teams of 6 children to the Amber Valley Golf Competition at Ormonde Fields Golf Club and became Amber Valley Golf Champions for the first time!
- Cycling; We finished 5th in the Amber Valley Cycling Competition. The Cycling Competition consisted of a Team Relay race and an Italian Pursuit; All 6 riders rode round a circular track in single file, the leader leaves the track after the first lap, the second rider after the second lap and so on..... the children thoroughly enjoyed this exciting event.
- Swimming Gala; We took part in one of the three Amber Valley Swimming Galas on our INSET Day! We took a team of 12 children (3 year 5 girls, 3 year 5 boys, 3 year 6 girls and 3 year 6 boys) and finished 2nd, 2 points behind 1st place!
- Quad Kids Athletics; We took a team of 10 to the Amber Valley Quad Kids Athletics' Competition. Each child took part in 4 events; 75m sprint, 600m run, Standing Long Jump and the Howler Javelin throw. We finished 3rd in Amber Valley, less than 100 points (not a lot in Quad Kids) behind 1st place.
- Our Five-a-side team took part in their last competition of the year, which fittingly was the County Five-a-Side Finals in Derby. The standard, as you would expect, was very high as every team competing were either the winners or runners-up from their local area competition. Unfortunately, we didn't progress from the group stages but every game we played was very evenly contested.

Well done to everyone who has taken part and represented our school, we thank you for showing so much determination and pride in all the various competitions. If parents or children wish to see more details or photographs from the competitions, please visit our website.



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School Crossing Patrol

You may have noticed that the Local Authority have an advert displayed on our school grounds for 'Relief Deputy Crossing Patrol'. Although this position is not controlled by us, the authority have decided they need to increase their pool of Relief Crossing Patrol. The position pays just under £9 per hour and the total time commitment for the morning and afternoon sessions at Mundy Junior School is 1 hour and 10 minutes. If you are interested in applying please contact 01629 539157.



Dates for your Diary 2019/2020 – see attached sheet



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Dates for your Diary 2019/2020

SUMMER TERM 2	
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
Wednesday 10 th July	KS2 results going out to parents
Thursday 11 th July	Transition Disco for Years 2 -5 (5.30-7.00pm) Y6 Aldercar children Transition Day
Thursday 11 th July – Friday 12 th July	Year 6 Heanor Gate children Transition Day
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
Academic Year 2019/2020	
Autumn Term 1	
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET 1
Wednesday 4 th September	First day of term for the children
Friday 25 th October	End of term
Autumn Term 2	
Monday 4 th November	Start of 2 nd Half-Term
Friday 20 th December	End of 2 nd Half-Term
Spring Term 1	
Monday 6 th January	First day of term for the children
Friday 14 th February	End of first Half-Term
Monday 24 th February	INSET 2
Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 25 th February	Start of 2 nd Half-Term
Friday 3 rd April	End of 2 nd Half-Term
Summer Term 1	
Monday 20 th April	First day of term for the children
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	End of first Half-Term
Summer Term 2	
Monday 1 st June	Start of 2 nd Half-Term
Saturday 20 th June	Horticultural and Agricultural Show – 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday 22 nd June	INSET 3
Friday 17 th July	End of school year for the children
Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st July	INSETS 4 and 5



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