



17 October 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Appointment of new Parent Governors

I would like to thank all parents who put themselves forward for the two vacant positions we had for parent governors. Your support for the school is greatly appreciated and I have no doubt that all parents who stood for the election would have been an excellent governor for the school. We could only appoint two people and I am delighted to inform you that Rachel Stammers and Kate Peake have been appointed to the governing board. With this newsletter is an additional letter from Paul Hirst about the governing board.

### Friends of Mundella:

Firstly, I want to thank all parents who attended our last meeting. It was lovely to welcome some new faces and your support is greatly appreciated! At the meeting, we discussed how we need to appoint a vice-chair. We decided that we needed to make this opportunity open to all parents, so, if there is anyone who would like to become vice-chair of the Friends, please express your interest by emailing: [friends@mundella.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@mundella.sheffield.sch.uk)

On another note, the Friends of Mundella have organised our first disco of the year and we are really looking forward to it on Thursday 20 October. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children have their disco from 5.30 - 6.30 and Key Stage 2 children have their disco from 7.00 - 8.00pm. We hope to see you there!

### Lost Property

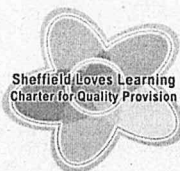
We have a phenomenal amount of lost property! We will be having a sort through it this week and, if items of clothing have names in them, we will return them to your child. Any remaining items we will either use for spare uniform or donate to charity shops. If you think your child has lost items of clothing, please come and check before Wednesday 19 October.

### Parents' evenings

Thank you to all parents who have already returned their appointment slips. If you haven't already done so, please return your slip as soon as possible. Teachers will be contacting you to inform you of appointment times later this week.

### Homework Showcases

It has been so lovely to welcome the Y3 and Y4 parents back into the classrooms for our homework showcases. These will happen three times a school year for Y1 to Y6. We look forward to seeing the Y2 grown ups at 2.45pm on Thursday for their children's showcase.



### Uniform Swap

Thank you again to all parents who donated uniform to the school as part of our 'uniform swap.' We are now in a position to offer uniform to parents and will do this on Thursday 20 October in the infant yard. The uniform we are offering is in good condition, so please do take the time to see what is on offer! Thank you.

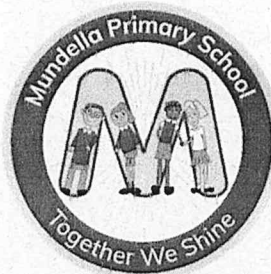
### End of Term

The children break up for October half term on Thursday 20 October. I would like to congratulate the children on some fantastic work this half term. Their enthusiasm for their learning and the quality of work they have produced has been absolutely brilliant. I hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break. School re-opens again on Monday 31 October.

Yours sincerely,

William Smith





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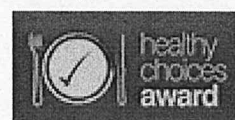
I am writing to you about some changes in personnel that have been made to the governing board here at Mundella. In the summer term of last year, we appointed two new co-opted governors, these are governors from the community that have the skills and experience needed by the board. We were pleased that Fran Lavender and Karen Harrison, who both have children at Mundella, accepted our offer earlier in the summer.

You will be aware we had additional vacancies for parent governors which were advertised at the start of this academic year. We were really pleased to see so many parents who were interested in joining us, all of whom had skills and experience that would compliment those of the existing board. You will have seen from Mr Smith's newsletter Rachel Stammers and Kate Peake were successful and we look forward to working with them. Thank you to all of those who put themselves forward and to the school community for taking part in the election process.

You can find more information about all governors, on the school website.

All governors are volunteers and undertake the role around their work, family life and other responsibilities. The role of the governing board is to offer strategic direction, provide oversight of the school budget and to hold the school leadership to account. One of the ways we do this is to help create and approve school policies, which are available on the school website. Governors do not make operational decisions on a day-to-day basis, these are managed by the headteacher and school staff. The governors and I are pleased to see how well all of the children have settled back in school after the summer holidays. We have seen evidence of how the curriculum continues to evolve to deliver a rich and balanced education. Already a number of children have been on school trips or have them planned after a few years where this was difficult due to COVID. Similarly, we also look forward to seeing the Christmas events, including the nativity in the coming months; the school team all work extremely hard to deliver these.

We understand that issues can occur and we are always prepared to listen to parents and carers who have concerns about their children in school. You can contact us by emailing the governors inbox (which only non-staff governors can access) or you can leave us a letter at the school office and where appropriate we can look to ensure that school policies have been followed correctly. Whilst most issues can be resolved informally with school, governors also consider formal complaints in line with the school complaint policy which again is available on the school website.



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Finally, if you wish to provide your thoughts on the school in general, please do consider completing the Ofsted Parent View survey which helps the governors and the school leadership team understand perceptions and views of parents and carers. A link to this survey is available on the Ofsted website.

Paul Hirst

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The governing board is compromised of:

Paul Hirst, Chair

Chris Stokes, Vice-chair

Sharon Barnsley

Emma Blakemore (staff rep)

Matt Cummins

Michelle Phelan

Karen Harrison

Fran Lavender

Karen Rotherham

Rebecca White

Kate Peake

Rachel Stammers

Please see the school website for more information about each of us.