



13 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Start to the new term

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome your child back into school! It is fantastic to see children's smiley faces, positive attitudes and classrooms alive and buzzing again! I am delighted with how they have returned to school - a big well done to all of them from the staff!

I also wanted to thank parents for your support in making the start to the school year so successful. I, along with all staff, appreciate everything you have done to enable the start to be a positive one. Thank you.

### The Queen

Following the sad news of the death of the Queen, I wanted to inform parents of what we have done to commemorate her life. On Friday we held a minute's silence and class teachers had discussions with children at an age appropriate level. On Monday we had an assembly which celebrated her life, the significant role she played in society and her many achievements. We will continue to talk to children who wish to discuss their thoughts and feelings throughout this sad period.

The date for her funeral has been confirmed as Monday 19 September and this has been declared a Bank Holiday. School will therefore be closed on this day.

### A message from Friends of Mundella

School is back for the new school year and so are we! We have lots of fundraising ideas and events planned throughout the year but we need you to help! All parents are welcome to Friends meetings because we need fresh energy, ideas and support!

Friends of Mundella have made many contributions to the school over recent years by:

- Funding interactive whiteboards in the classrooms
- Buying the playhouse in the playground
- Subsidising trips
- Paying for coaches and trophies for Sports Day
- Buying leavers hoodies for the Y6s

From manning a sweet stall at the very popular discos to helping organise the Summer Fayre, all help is greatly appreciated.

Our first meeting of the year will be at the Cross Scythes Pub on Monday 26 September at 7.30pm. Please come and join us to chat about our plans for how we can support the school with our fundraising ideas. If you can't make it but are interested in helping out, please contact us via email at: [friends@mundella.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@mundella.sheffield.sch.uk) or via the Friends of Mundella Twitter account @mundellaPA.



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### **SEND Coffee Morning**

If your child has additional needs, even a need that has no official diagnosis, please pop along to our cuppa and a natter mornings. Miss Copeland (SENDCo) and Miss Hewitt (learning mentor) will be hosting the gatherings in our new eco pod on the following dates.

Thursday 6th October

Wednesday 11th January

Friday 24th March

It will be a chance for you to ask questions, find out about available support and share experiences with other parents.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Visits and tour of the school for Foundation Starters in September 2023**

Some parents have asked about visiting school with their child as they prepare for them to start school in September 2023. I am pleased to say that we will be offering tours of the school on Wednesday 5 October (1pm) Friday 7 October (9.15am), Wednesday 12 October (1pm) and Friday 14 October (9.15am). You will need to book a place for this. If you would like to do this, please contact the school office. We will be offering additional tour dates after the October half-term break and will inform you of these in the near future.

### **Toys in school**

We are having some issues with toys in school. Children are losing them at playtime and dinnertime and, on occasions, they are distracting children from their learning. For these reasons, we are asking for no toys to be bought into school. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Uniform Swap**

We are hoping to establish a system where parents can donate any old uniform (in good condition) to school so that we can swap or pass it on to other children. If you are able to donate any old uniform, please can you bring it into school on **Thursday 15 September** and pass it to a member of staff on the gate. We will then arrange a time for the 'swap' later this term.

Yours sincerely,

William Smith