



20 February 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and your child is well rested and ready for a busy and exciting term. There are several things happening in school soon which I wanted to inform you and remind you about. There will be more details about several of these events in the near future but just so you are aware of them, here are some dates:

Future events

- Thursday 2 March - World Book Day
- Tuesday 14 and Thursday 23 March - Parents' evenings
- Friday 17 March - Red Nose Day & Non-uniform day.
- Friday 31 March - Egg rolling and Easter bonnet parade

Friends of Mundella

It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the end of term disco on the Friday we finished for half-term. A massive thank you to everyone from Friends of Mundella for organizing the disco and for all your support with staffing both discos.

The next Friends of Mundella meeting is on Monday 27 February at 7.30pm and will be held at the Cross Scythes Pub. The main focus of the meeting will be to discuss preparations for the Summer Fayre. It would be great to see you there!

Book Week - World Book Day

Our book week will take place week commencing 27 February 2023. It is World Book Day on Thursday 2 March and we want to encourage children (and staff) to dress up as a favourite character from a book to promote a love of books and to have fun. We have previously seen some amazing outfits and I am looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up on this day! There is, however, no expectation to go to any expense to buy an outfit.

Book Week - Book Fair

During Book Week, weather permitting, we are going to hold the Book Fair in the infant playground every day after school. The Book Fair is a great opportunity for us to earn free books for our school because every book that is purchased raises a percentage of money for the school to spend on new books for the classrooms. The last fair raised a massive £825 for Mundella. Unfortunately, the book fair is **cash only** so please bear this in mind.

You can get £1 off any book with the World Book Day token which has been sent home in bookbags.



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Recommended Books

Here is a link to recommended books for each year group. There are some new titles as well as some classics - happy reading!

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/yeargroups>

Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose Day on Friday 17 March. We will be organizing various events to celebrate this. We are having a 'favourite joke day' where we are asking children to tell their class appropriate jokes. This will be recorded and put on twitter for parents to see. We are also having a treadmill in school and challenging staff and children to collectively run at least 100 miles in the week. We will also be having a non-uniform day on this day. This year, we are wanting to split the money between supporting the Red Nose appeal and making a donation to supporting the relief efforts for the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We have set up two just giving pages and are hoping to raise £250 for each charity. The pages can be found here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mundellacomicrorelief>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mundella-earthquake>

We thank you for your support.

Teacher strikes

As I'm sure you will all know from the recent media coverage, the National Education Union (NEU) announced that negotiations with the government proved unsuccessful and the previously advertised strike dates will go ahead. They are:

- **Tuesday February 28th (regional strike)**
- **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March (national strikes)**

Although not required to, teachers have informed me of their intentions, thus giving me the opportunity to provide parents with the maximum amount of notice possible to make alternative arrangements for their child/ren.

The arrangements for Tuesday 28 February will be as follows:

FS2 - Rockets: This class will be closed
FS2 - Marvels: This class will be closed
Y1 - Butterflies: This class will be closed
Y1 - Swans: This class will be closed
Y2 - Wizards: This class will be open as normal
Y2 - Planets: This class will be open as normal
Y3 - Phoenixes: This class will be closed
Y3 - Eagles: This class will be open as normal
Y4 - Foxes: This class will be closed
Y4 - Seahorses: This class will be closed
Y5 - Cheetahs: This class will be closed
Y5 - Firebirds: This class will be closed
Y6 - Bears: This class will be closed
Y6 - Jets: This class will be closed

Please note that these arrangements are for **28 February only**. Further updates for subsequent strike days will be shared with you as soon as they are available.

Yours sincerely,

William Smith