



18 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break and that your child is ready for a busy summer term.

Sports Day

It is Sports Day for Y1 - Y6 children on Thursday 27 April at the English Institute of Sport for KS1 (9.45am start) and KS2 children (starting time approximately 12.15pm) I am really pleased that this event is going ahead. You will see later in this newsletter that 27 April is a teacher strike day and this could have resulted in sports day being cancelled if the majority of staff at Mundella had decided to strike. However, after careful consideration and discussion, and because the EIS sports day cannot be moved, KS1 and KS2 teachers who are members of the NEU have decided not to strike on April 27. The majority of teachers at Mundella will be striking on Tuesday 2 May but wanted to make sure Sports Day went ahead for the children. I would like to thank them for making this difficult decision and for letting me know their intentions so I can give parents as much notice as possible for the strike days.

Parents are very welcome to come to attend Sports day and support your child - please do come along and don't forget there is a parent's race at the end!

Sports Day for Foundation Stage children will happen at school in July - we will inform you of the date in the near future.

Decorated eggs & Easter bonnet parade

There were some brilliantly decorated eggs which were very imaginative. Clearly some people spent a long time on them and I would like to thank everyone for their efforts and support; judging them was certainly not easy and I would like to say well done to everyone who entered. There were also some fantastically creative hats on show in our Easter bonnet parade - again a massive well done and thank you to everyone who took part.



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Mundella Uniform swap

Unfortunately, the weather was against us and we couldn't do our uniform swap just before the Easter break. We are now hoping the weather will be kinder to us and it will take place on Thursday 20 April.

Friends of Mundella

There will be a separate letter from Friends of Mundella later this week. However, I wanted to make parents aware that Alicia Emsell will be stepping down as chair of the Friends committee. She has done a phenomenal amount of work for the Friends over the years and raised thousands of pounds for the school which have benefitted all Mundella children. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and everything she has done. You have been brilliant! Alicia will be staying on until the end of the year, but we will need someone to be the chair from September 2023. If anyone is interested in doing this, I would love to speak to you about the role! Please do get in touch with me!

The next Friends meeting will be on Tuesday 9 May at 7.30pm at the Cross Scythes Pub.

Y6 Parents – Kingswood meeting

A quick reminder to Y6 parents that a meeting to discuss arrangements for Kingswood will be held at school on Wednesday 19 April at 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

The King's Coronation

To mark the coronation of King Charles III we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 5th May. Children can come dressed in red, white and blue to commemorate the occasion.

Teacher strikes

This is just to keep parents aware that the next planned teacher strike dates are: **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May (national strikes)** It is possible that things may change before this date, so strike action may be averted if there are successful negotiations between the union and the government.

However, if the strikes do go ahead, this will be the position for different classes. **Please note, some of this information is different to previous strike days – please check carefully.**

The arrangements for Thursday 27 April will be as follows:

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

The arrangements for Tuesday 2 May 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 open as normal

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 closed

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

Yours sincerely,

William Smith