



29 September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Parking around school

As is always the case, I want to thank the overwhelming majority of parents for your support of the school with sensible and considerate parking. However, there continues to be a small minority of parents and grandparents who appear to believe that the law doesn't apply to them and that children's safety is not important. I do not think it is a difficult to park considerately and sensibly and I have never understood why certain parents continually ignore this request - particularly when you are jeopardising children's safety by doing this. It is illegal to park on double yellow lines or on zig-zag lines outside school, PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS! We also had an extremely near miss last week which was caused by parents who park on the pavement directly outside school on Derbyshire Lane. I consider this to be poor parking and putting Mundella children at risk - again, please avoid doing this. Some parents also continue to drop their children off on Mundella Place which is again dangerous for children entering school from this gate. For the sake of all the children's safety, please think very carefully about how and where you park. Thank you!

Harvest Festival

As we approach Harvest Festival we are provided with the opportunity to come together as a school to support our local community. On Monday the 2nd of October, the children will take part in an assembly to discuss the Christian tradition of Harvest and the values of gratitude, community and giving.

As part of this event, the school would like to have a collection for St Paul's Community Food Pantry. This fantastic cause is run by St Pauls Church and provides a foodbank service for our local community. There is no obligation to contribute to this, but if you wish to bring in non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, rice and other essentials this would be greatly appreciated. These donations will go directly to supporting families in our local community who may be facing financial insecurity and will enable the children to see first-hand the positive impact of their contributions on their community.

Please can all donations be handed to class teachers by Friday 6th October.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 3rd October. As Y5's are on a school trip that day, their photos will be taken on Wednesday 4th October.

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and where everyone feels valued and able to reach their full potential



You will be receiving a letter from the office about arrangements for this shortly. Please ensure your child comes to school in their school uniform on this day - even if it is usually a PE day for them. If it is a PE day for your child please can they come wearing trainers.

Friends of Mundella

The Friends of Mundella are already busy fundraising for the new school year. The first meeting to discuss all their plans will take place on Monday 9 October at 8.00pm at the Cross Scythes Pub - you are warmly invited to attend and it would be lovely to meet some of our new Foundation Stage parents. I hope to see you there!

Halloween Disco

Ticket sales are well under way, we hope you've bought yours! Please could we ask that costumes are not too scary for the little ones! Also, we're pleased to be able to offer a separate area for tea and coffee for a small donation to cover costs, for any adults who would like to stay (particularly those who have to travel a distance) but don't want to cramp their children's style by staying in the hall with them. Please can we highlight this room is for parents and carers only, children will be asked to stay in the hall, where adults are welcome to accompany them.

Halloween Costume Swap

Keep your eye out for the Halloween Costume Swap posters around school. Friends of Mundella are asking you to bring any costumes in good clean saleable condition that you no longer need to school at **drop off on the mornings of Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October**. They will be collecting at the main gate to the Infants playground.

Costumes will be available for resale after school on **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th, (from 3.15-3.40pm in the school hall)**. For a mere £2 per costume, you will be able to purchase a new dressing up outfit for your Halloween celebrations (especially for the school Halloween disco!) Please try to bring correct money if you can as there will be limited change available.

School trips

The Y3 and Y6 children were an absolute pleasure to take out on trips last week. The Y3s visited Weston Park as part of their history work and the Y6s went to Eden Camp to link with their work on World War Two. The children were brilliant and were very enthusiastic about their experiences. Well done to you all. Next week, the Y5s are visiting Eyam. I am sure they will have a brilliant time!



Yours sincerely,
William Smith