



14 December 2023

Dear Parents,

### **Infant Christmas Performance**

I would like to start this newsletter by saying how fantastic the Y1 & Y2 children were in their Nativity performances this week. At the time of writing this newsletter, they still have one more performance to go, but I have no doubt it will be as brilliant as the previous ones! I thought all the children were magnificent and thoroughly enjoyed watching them perform. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents attending and supporting the event - thank you for your enthusiasm! In particular, a huge thank you to the Y1 & Y2 staff for all their hard work in putting together such a memorable performance. Finally, thank you for your generous contributions which will go towards future costumes and productions.



### **Staffing update**

It is time to say a fond farewell to Mrs Clark, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Booth. They are all leaving us at the end of this term and I would like to thank them all for everything they have done for Mundella children and wish them well for the future. Mrs Clark has undertaken many roles during her time at the school. She has been an Assistant Headteacher as well as teaching Y6, Y5, Y4 and Y2 children. She has played a crucial role in developing the school in so many different areas and I would like to thank her for her substantial contributions. Mrs Jackson has supported many families and children during her 17 years at Mundella. Most recently, she has supported Y5 and Y6 children. She has consistently done an amazing job and I would like to wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement. Finally, thank you to Mrs Booth for supporting the Y3 children this term. We have appointed Mrs Needham as a full-time teaching assistant and she will be taking up this position when we return in January.



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### **Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner**

A reminder that on Friday 15 December we will be having a Christmas jumper and non-uniform day. Staff and children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform or Christmas outfits which could be Christmas jumpers, a festive hat or have some tinsel in their hair. It is also our Christmas dinner day and I hope everyone who has a dinner enjoys the meal prepared by Taylor Shaw.

### **Y6 Christmas Fayre**

On Friday 15 December, the Y6s will be hosting their Christmas Fayre for children in the school from 9.00am - 12.00. They have worked incredibly hard creating some brilliant stalls and making a variety of games to play, so if you would like to send your child to school with a small amount of money to purchase items or have a go on some of the games, please do so. Each year group will have around 30 minutes during the day to visit the stalls and each stall will be 50p. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### **Final Week**

Due to the variety of activities that are happening in different year groups on different days, we have decided to have a **non-uniform week!**

### **Homework Showcases**

The following year groups are having their homework showcases as below; classes are looking forward to sharing their work with their grown-ups. They will all take place at 2.45pm.

Tuesday 19 December - Year 1

Thursday 21 December - Year 2

The homework showcases for other year groups will just take place within the class this term.

### **Foundation Stage & Y3 Concerts**

Hopefully you will have seen the letters with details of these concerts. The Foundation Stage concert will take place at 9.30am on Thursday 21 December and Y3 families have been invited to their concert at 2.30pm on Wednesday 20 December.

Other year groups have either been or are going carol singing to different care homes in the local community. Thank you to all the children and staff for organising this as the residents really enjoy the music and the children's company.

### **Start of the school day**

A reminder to all parents and carers that school starts at 8.45am. We close the gates at this time. We have several parents telling us that we close the gates early - this is never actually the case. We usually are late closing the gates to allow children into school. Please ensure your child arrives promptly for school between 8.40 - 8.45pm.

### **Lost Property**

Once again, 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 Thursday 21 December.

### **End of term arrangements**

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22 December. We re-open again on Monday 8 January.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

William Smith