



20 February 2024

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 soon which I wanted to inform you and remind you about. There will be more details about most of these events soon but just so you are aware of them, here are some dates:

Future events

- Thursday 7 March - World Book Day
- Tuesday 5 and Thursday 14 March - Parents' evenings
- Friday 15 March - Red Nose Day & Non-uniform day.
- Thursday 28 March - Egg rolling and Easter bonnet parade

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday 7 March and we want to encourage children (and staff) to dress up as a favourite character from a book. We have previously seen some amazing outfits and I am looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up on this day! The book fayre will also be at school for the week and you will be receiving a book voucher to spend.

Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose Day on Friday 15 March. We will be organising various events to celebrate this. We thank you for your support.

On-line Safety and Social media sites

We are seeing an increasing number of children accessing social media sites that are not suitable for them or are inappropriate because of their age. This is an exceptionally difficult area for school to manage because children are using mobile phones, Ipads and games consoles to access these sites at home where children are under parental control. The issues occur for school when children have posted comments on a social media site - for example, children have made comments about each other on WhatsApp - and this has led to difficulties the following day at school. We also have issues where children are viewing things on You Tube or playing games that have an age rating that is significantly older than the child playing the game. Quite often, these tend to be violent games which children will then try to act out in the playground. Attached with this newsletter is some important information and



Mundella School: A school which promotes respect and healthy living and where everyone feels valued and able to reach their full potential

advice for parents regarding sensible behaviour on-line. I would also strongly encourage all parents to monitor your child's on-line activity regularly.

Aquafest champions!

Just before the half-term break, we took a group of children to an aqua-fest event at Ponds Forge. The children were a pleasure to take and competed brilliantly. They won the competition which means they go through to the next round which will be in May. Well done to everyone who took part!

The Big Walk & Wheel

From Monday 11 to Friday 22 March we will be promoting something called 'The Big Walk and Wheel.' This is an initiative to encourage children to make active journeys to school, whether this is walking, cycling or scooting. During this time, most classes will have discussions with teachers about how travelling to school in an active way can improve our health as well as the environmental benefits of reducing air pollution in our local environment. We will be recording how children travel to school during this time and posting some of our achievements on *Marvellous Me*. Please try and encourage your children to be active in their journey to school and, if you have to drive, park somewhere away from school so your child can park and stride.

Friends of Mundella - Second hand uniform sale

The Friends of Mundella are organising a second hand uniform sale on Friday 15 March after school. If anyone has any old uniform that is in good condition, please can you bring this into school in the mornings of the week commencing Monday 4 March where someone from Friends will be available to hand it in to. Thank you for your help with this - a poster is attached with this newsletter.

Y6 Bikeability

A reminder to Y6 parents that Bikeability for Y6 children starts on Monday 26 February.

Young Voices

As many parents are aware, we had to postpone Young Voices because of the poor weather. The children were disappointed, but still put on a brilliant performance in the hall to the junior children. They sounded fantastic! Yesterday, we were able to take the children to the Arena where, I am reliably informed, they were amazing! I am sorry that parents were not able to watch them perform but I am pleased the children still managed to experience the special atmosphere that is created at Young Voices concerts. Thank you to all the staff who supported the event and a special thank you to Miss Smitton and Mrs Stocks for leading all the practice sessions.



Yours sincerely,

William Smith