



# Mundford Mail

The newsletter from **Mundford C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

## Christmas Events in our Local Churches

20<sup>th</sup> December 3:00 pm carols at  
Ickburgh

20<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 am Bishop of Lynn at  
Mundford

24<sup>th</sup> December 4:00 pm Christingle at  
Mundford

There's a Christingle information sheet on the  
reverse.

## A Miracle in Town

We were delighted to see  
so many parents,  
grandparents and friends  
in school last week for our  
Oak & Hazel Christmas  
Nativity. Thank you for  
your generous donations  
at the end of each  
performance. We raised  
a total of  
£112.28  
for **Save the Children**

## Medication

If we keep medicine or inhalers in school  
for your child, could parents check that it is  
up-to-date please?

## Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind all parents that shorts  
are summer uniform only. Short shorts are not  
suitable for school at any time of the year,  
which includes those worn with tights.

## Contact Numbers

If you have changed your landline or mobile  
phone number recently, please ensure we have  
a record of it in school. In an emergency, we  
want to make sure that we can reach you  
quickly.

## Keeping our Children Safe

If you have arranged for  
someone who doesn't  
usually collect your child/ren  
at the end of the day, please  
could you make sure that  
the school is aware of who it  
is? This saves on those  
awkward moments when  
we feel we need to question the  
unfamiliar adult.

**Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and  
a happy new year.**

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016!

... encouraging excellence in everyone.

# Christingle Service

**St Leonard's Church will be holding their Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.**



The Children's Society first introduced Christingle to The Church of England in 1968, and it has since become one of the most popular events for families and communities in the church calendar.

Loved by children and adults alike, this candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith, while helping to raise vital funds to help vulnerable children across the country.

## **The celebration**

Christingle celebrations may include songs, prayers, performances and a collection in aid of The Children's Society. The main element that is universal to all Christingle celebrations is the lighting of Christingle candles.

## **Helping vulnerable children**

The Children's Society relies on the vital funds raised through Christingle celebrations to fund our work with vulnerable children and young people in your community and across the country.

## **Symbolism**

- The orange – represents the world
- The red ribbon – indicates the love and blood of Christ
- The dried fruits and sweets – symbols of God's creations
- The lit candle – symbolises Jesus, the light of the world

## **How to make a Christingle in four easy steps**

1. Take an orange and fasten a piece of red tape or ribbon around the middle.
2. Cut a small cross in the top of the orange and lay a square of silver foil (75 mm/3" square) over it.
3. Place a wax candle on top of the foil and wedge it firmly into the orange (the foil catches the hot wax).
4. Load four cocktail sticks with raisins, sultanas, cherries or soft sweets, so the

## Clubs for Spring Term 2016

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
<b>Mon</b>		Outdoor Adventure for Y1 & Y2 from 11 <sup>th</sup> January to 21 <sup>st</sup> March (3:30 - 4:30) Premier Sport
<b>Tues</b>	Netball Club (Y3 – Y6) Miss Brown	Outdoor Adventure Y3 & Y4 from 12 <sup>th</sup> January to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March (3:30 - 4:30) Premier Sport
<b>Weds</b>	Football House Competition (Y3 – Y6) Mr Sayers	Badminton Y5 & Y6 from 13 <sup>th</sup> January to 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (3:30 - 4:30) Premier Sport
<b>Thurs</b>	Cross Country (Y3 – Y6) Mrs Ball & Mrs Howard	
<b>Fri</b>	Football Training (Y5 & Y6) Mr Burt & Mark Rolph	Search & Rescue Y1 - Y6 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> March (3:30 - 4:30) Mrs Warner & Mr Sayers



### PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS BY THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.

I give permission for my child to take part in the following:  
(Please circle/delete as appropriate)

DAY	CLUB
Monday (starting 11 <sup>th</sup> January)	Y1 & Y2 Outdoor Adventure 3:30-4:30
Tuesday (starting 12 <sup>th</sup> January)	Y3 & Y4 Outdoor Adventure 3:30-4:30
Wednesday (starting 13 <sup>th</sup> January)	Y5 & Y6 Badminton 3:30-4:30
Alternate Fridays (starting 15 <sup>th</sup> January)	Search & Rescue 3:30-4:30

Contacts in the event of cancellation:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

# Uniform Reminder

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform. The high standards maintained by parents and pupils regarding our school uniform undoubtedly have a very positive effect on pupils' attitudes at school.

**School sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, dresses, PE shorts and T shirts, baseball caps, ski hats and navy blue, reversible fleece/showerproof jackets are all available from the school office. Orders may be placed directly with the supplier at [www.schooluniformsplus.co.uk](http://www.schooluniformsplus.co.uk) Some uniform is also available online from <http://www.clothingattesco.com>.**

## UNIFORM FOR BOYS

Royal blue school sweatshirt

White or blue polo shirt (or white or blue shirt)

Grey, black or navy blue trousers

Smart shorts in grey, black or navy as an alternative in Summer (not football, cycling or beach shorts)

Black shoes, sensible sandals or black trainers (all pupils must have a separate pair of trainers/wellies for playing on the field at break times)

Plain dark or white sports socks

## UNIFORM FOR GIRLS

Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan

White or blue polo shirt (or white or blue blouse)

Grey, black or navy blue skirt, trousers culottes or pinafore. NB skirt lengths should be neither too long and narrow or too short

Blue and white dress or smart grey, black or navy shorts as an alternative for Summer (not football, cycling or beach shorts)

Black shoes, sensible sandals or black trainers (all pupils must have a separate pair of trainers/wellies for playing on the field at break times)

Plain white or dark socks. Navy, black or grey Winter tights

Hair fastenings should be plain and functional, not decorative or fashion statements

## GAMES AND PE KIT

**Indoor PE/Games** – Navy blue school PE shorts, blue, yellow, red or green school T shirt, plimsolls (slip-on for younger pupils) or clean lightweight trainers.

**Outdoor Games Groups – Older Key Stage 2 pupils** - Navy blue school PE shorts, blue, yellow, red or green school T shirt (according to House Team), sweatshirt, warm jumper, jogging bottoms or tracksuit when the weather is chilly. Sturdy trainers with a good grip for field and playground sessions.

## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR SCHOOL

- calf-length trousers or leggings
- long, narrow skirts which restrict movement
- skirts which are very short
- short shorts with tights
- T shirts with motifs or football shirts
- football, cycling or beach shorts
- nail polish
- jewellery - *except small plain gold or silver studs or sleepers, which must be removed for any form of Games/PE and when using the adventure playground or tyre park.*
- make-up
- dyed or tinted hair or styles which involve shaved sections, lines or patterns on the head or highly gelled spikes
- decorative hair adornments (including extensions) or braiding

Much of the above, though fun to wear at home or for a disco, prove to be a distraction in the classroom and can cause unnecessary problems between pupils. Occasionally we may consider it acceptable to relax our uniform requirements for some pupils e.g. if new to the school at the end of a term or due to the family's religion or ethnicity. In such situations, we ask that it is discussed with Miss Brown or Mrs. Galletly in the first instance.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING, WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE REMOVED AT SCHOOL, ARE CLEARLY NAMED.**

# Dates for your Diary

## *Mundford Junction*



**Parents, Grandparents and pre-school brothers or sisters are welcome to enjoy a story and then participate in our fun follow-up activities. Refreshments will be provided, free of charge.**

### **Elm**

9:10 am 12<sup>th</sup> January  
2:15 pm 25<sup>th</sup> February

### **Rowan**

### **Maple**

### **Hazel**

9:10 am 13<sup>th</sup> January  
2:15 pm 8<sup>th</sup> March

### **Cedar**

### **Oak**

9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
9:10 am 9<sup>th</sup> March

### ***Teacher Parent Meetings***

1<sup>st</sup> March 3:40 – 5:00 (Oak only)  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 3:40 – 7:30  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 3:40 – 5:00

### ***Maple and Cedar's Production***

16<sup>th</sup> March timings to be confirmed

**Please note that school dates are subject to change, if other activities or meetings arise that are beyond our control. We will always endeavour to give you as much notice as we can, if this should happen.**