



Mundford Mail

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

Learning in the Autumn Term

Our focus this half term is Science, each class will learn the following:

Oak Class	<i>All About Me!</i>
Hazel Class	<i>What Happened to Jack's Beans?</i>
Maple Class	<i>Third Rock from the Sun</i>
Cedar Class	<i>Mission to the Moon</i>
Rowan Class	<i>Let there be Light</i>
Elm Class	<i>Could I be an Astronaut?</i>

In order to avoid pupils repeating science in other infant or junior classes we have a 2 year rolling programme for Years 1 & 2 and a 4 year rolling programme for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Further details will be provided on our school website later this month.

Good to be Back!

We hope all of our families have enjoyed the school summer holidays. It's good to see so many happy smiley faces back in school!

Epic Explorers

During the week of 10th - 14th August, an average of 25 pupils attended our Epic Explorers Club (Search & Rescue Summer Club) each day. **A big thank you** to Mrs Warner, Mr Sayers and Mrs Green for making it possible and to the helpers (parents friends and former pupils).

Tracking Behaviour

Tomorrow you will receive a Behaviour Tracker Card showing how your child has behaved in school over the first two days of term. Mrs Tinkley will send home Oak Class Cards on Thursdays from next week and the other staff will continue to send them home on Fridays. There is an explanation to remind you what it means on the card.

Please ensure that you initial the card to indicate that you have seen it and then **return it to school** on Monday, so that we are able to continue to use it. Last term, we were unable to keep some parents informed because their child's card was not returned.

Reminder – Year 6 Cumbria Trip 2016

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils at 2 p.m. at Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy to give you further information regarding the Year 6 trip to Cumbria next June. If you have any questions and are not able to make the meeting please contact Mrs Galletly on 01842 878278 or 01366 328280.

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The Mundford & Gooderstone Federation

We are very pleased to start school new year as part of a federation with Gooderstone. But what does this mean for our school?

- It gives both our academies a more secure future. Small 'stand-alone' schools put a large strain on resources and it is thought unlikely to always offer the best learning opportunities to their pupils. It is recognised by the Church of England, DfE and Local Authorities that schools with fewer than 210 pupils **must** collaborate, forming effective partnerships for the future. We currently have 166 children at Mundford and 81 children at Gooderstone (including 9 at Gooderstone nursery).
- Our pupils can have more learning opportunities – staff are planning 'Federation Days' when we will get together. More information will follow.
- We can share our staff expertise across the federation rather than loading a few staff with a lot of responsibilities in their separate schools. Staff responsibilities are shown below.
- We can share management responsibilities across the federation such as Headteacher so that we do not double up on salaries. This economy then frees up school finances to be spent on our pupils.
- The governing body from each academy will join together to form the governing body for the federation for the first year. DNEAT, our academy trust, is planning to reduce the number of governors for the proceeding years.

Although this is a time of change, each academy will retain its identity and it will not feel significantly different to our pupils on a day-to-day basis.

Staff Responsibilities across the Federation

Mrs Galletly - Executive Headteacher

Miss Brown - Head of School at Mundford, Pupil Achievement: pupil Progress, Attainment & Intervention & subject leader for Maths

Mrs Godbold - Head of School at Gooderstone, Teaching across the Curriculum & subject leader for Maths

Mrs Tinkley - Federation SENCo & subject leader for PSHE

Mrs Toombs - Management of academy websites & subject leader for Computing & Music

Mr Burt - subject leader for Physical Education

Mrs Keeler - subject leader for Geography

Mrs Lloyd - subject leader for History

Mrs Packer - subject leader for Science, Art & Design, Design & Technology

Mr Sayers - subject leader for English & Foreign Languages

Mrs Warner - Collective Worship & subject leader for Religious Education

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Contact with the Head...

Mrs Galletly will spend half of each week at each school but it isn't possible to tie this down to specific days due to meetings and training that she is required to attend. Please do not allow this to put you off asking for an appointment to meet with her. Feel free to phone or make an appointment to meet her at either school. (You may even prefer to meet at the school your child doesn't attend.) Our phone numbers are: 01842 878278 for Mundford and 01366 328280 for Gooderstone. Miss Brown and Mrs Godbold are authorised to deputise on her behalf if she is not on the school site. Mrs Packer and Mrs Tinkley are our Senior Teachers in each of the academies and may also be of assistance, if neither Mrs Galletly nor the Head of School is instantly available.

The Mundford & Gooderstone Federation Governing Body

Trust Appointed:

Mark Rolph
Fran Brown
John Hayden
Chris Howard
Carl Reeves
Sally Saunder
Scott Savory
Emma Silvester
Rev'd Charles Sherlock

Parent Governors:

Natalie Chandler
Dan Keeler
Dave Smith

Staff Governor:

Nicky Dale
Christina Galletly
Rhonda Packer

If you wish to contact any governor, you can leave a message at either school office for them to call or you leave a letter in a sealed envelope marked confidential that will be passed to them.

Premier Sports After-school Clubs

A representative from Premier Sports will be in school tomorrow morning to talk to the children in Years 1 – 6 about after school clubs this coming year. We will be asking them to choose their favourites once they have learned a bit more about what is available and then send home a letter for you to sign them up for the appropriate club. Numbers will have to be limited in all clubs for supervision and safety reasons, so they will be offered on a *first come first served* basis.

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome our new members of staff to Mundford Church of England Primary Academy this term:

Mr Burt – class teacher for Cedar Class

Mrs Keeler – class teacher for Hazel Class

Mrs Rolph – teaching assistant to support in Oak Class

COMING UP... Next Wednesday, 9th September, we are looking forward to all of our pupils in Years 1 – 6 meeting and working with a real author! Steve Parker will be showing them how to write interesting science facts to support this half term's science topics.

**All of our newsletters are available on the school website.
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