



Mundford Mail

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

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a good break over summer. It was good to see so many happy faces this morning! We welcome two new members of staff to the school: Miss Coates class teacher in Rowan Class and Miss Beaumont part-time class teacher in Elm Class.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school for individual and family photos on 26th September. If any families have pre-school children who would like to join older siblings for photos please speak to Mrs Pryer and book a time between 8:00am and 9:00 am.

Safe Use of Images

Parents have been in touch regarding photographs and videos that had been uploaded onto facebook. We would like to remind you that images of children should only be uploaded with parental consent.

School Harvest Church Service

*Our Harvest Festival Service will take place in St Leonard's Church on **Friday 22nd September at 9:15 a.m.** Parents/carers are welcome to join us.*

We hope that each family will want to make a harvest offering, such as fresh fruit or vegetables, packaged goods or tinned food. All the donations will remain in the Church over the weekend, when the Church Community will be holding their Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

*Harvest gifts should arrive in school during the week of 18th September and, at the latest, by the **morning of Thursday 21st September** when the pupils of Elm Class will decorate the church with your donations, in readiness for the church services.*

Thank you

Stepping Stones Family Service

Rev Zoe has asked us to let you know that she will be holding family services on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 10th September at 3pm in St Leonards Church.

Everyone is welcome!

Lakeside Meeting

Mrs Galletly will hold a meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils from both Mundford & Gooderstone. It will be held at Gooderstone C of E Primary Academy at 9:05 am on Monday 11th September. This will be an opportunity to ask questions about the residential week and to look at photos of the activities from our trip last May. There'll also be a meeting nearer to our departure date once our activity programme for 2018 has been confirmed. Please return the reply slip that was on the original letter by 28th September and include the deposit of £60 if you'd like your child to come.

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Attendance - a message from Mrs Galletly

I am writing to clear up a misunderstanding that has been circulating around the village and beyond, through Facebook, regarding the fixed penalty fines that some parents have received having taken their children out of school for a holiday.

*I am **legally bound** to inform the Attendance Support and Enforcement Officer of absences that meet the legal intervention criteria. Whether to issue a fixed penalty fine or not is determined by the court officer. None of the fine is received by the school. I have to report upon attendance to the Local Authority, governors and DNEAT at least once a term and am required to explain what is being done to improve attendance with reference to individuals who have a high proportion of unauthorised absences. I am only permitted to authorise absences for **exceptional circumstances** and holidays do not fall into that category. Whilst we all accept that holidays are quality family times that will often include educational visits, I am not permitted by law, to authorise them in school time.*

Obviously our pupils spend more hours of each day with their families than they do in school, so it is essential that we work together on the children's learning. This is why staff have always been very pleased to see so many parents at our open evenings/afternoons, parent teacher consultations and recently at Mundford Junction and Celebration Assemblies. There is no doubt in my mind that the parents of Mundford take the education of their children very seriously.

I hope that we can continue to count on your support and those of you who had not fully understood the legal position, now recognise that the recent derogatory comments about me on social networking sites were extremely insulting and unjust.

Attendance letter accompanying this newsletter

Following the High Court Judgement of the Isle of Wight case (a parent appealed against a Fixed Notice Penalty), the Local Authority has asked us to send out the accompanying letter.

Premier Sports After-School Sports Clubs

We will be offering a weekly multisports club to all pupils in the first half of the Autumn Term as follows:

Monday 11 th Sept - 16 th Oct	Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 12 th Sept - 17 th Oct	Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 13 th Sept - 18 th Oct	Years 5 & 6

We have a few places remaining so if you would like to book a place for your child then please go to <http://www.premier-education.com/for-families/search-for-activities-near-you> and put in your postcode or the name of the school and select the appropriate day.

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