



Mundford Mail

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

Ofsted Inspection

We are not able to report the Ofsted judgement until it is published. However, we are able to tell you that we are happy with how the day went. Thank you to those parents that were able to access Parent View and those of you who spoke to the inspector on the day.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school for individual and family photos on Tuesday 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 8:00 & 9:00 am.

Harvest Festival

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for our Harvest Festival this morning. Thank you to everyone that sent in harvest gifts. These will be shared between a local hospice and food bank.

Thank you to the PTA for organising and baking for the cake sale last week. They raised nearly £100 towards Rev Zoe's fundraising for St Leonards Church.

Adventure Playground

Please could you ensure younger siblings are kept with you and do not play on the Adventure Playground at the end of the day, when waiting to collect children. For safety reasons, the play area is only used when a member of staff is able to check it and supervise the children. *Thank you.*

Please could you make sure all children bring a coat to school everyday. As I am sure you have noticed, the weather can be very unpredictable at the moment and change several times in one day! We think it is important for children to get fresh air and an opportunity to run around, so will go outside for breaks even if it is a bit cold or damp.

Homework

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the parental questionnaire last term. One of the issues raised was homework, so we have reviewed our approaches.

We expect all children to:

- read & share books daily.
- practise spellings.

In KS1, they may also be set activities related to the current learning theme: *shipwrecked!* In KS2, we children will also be expected to complete weekly homework (with the amount increasing as they get older). We would like to invite you to a special Mundford Junction to learn about our new approach. This will allow you to understand the expectations and rationale behind our homework, then have a go with your children.

Thursday October 12th 2:45 – 4:00pm.

All children continue to have access to our online resources: Bug Club (for reading), Maths Garden and Letterjoin (for handwriting). Please speak to the class teacher if your child does not know their log-in details. These are 'optional extras' – many parents find them useful for practising skills, but there is no expectation that every child uses them. The important thing is that everyone reads – whether this is on or off-line, doesn't matter!

Until the new KS2 Homework is launched, please see the class pages on the school website for information about what the class is learning & ideas for how they can continue this at home.

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Mundford Junctions

At the beginning of term, staff had some additional training that will impact upon how we develop Mundford Junctions. You may notice some differences when you come along as we will be planning with a greater learning focus. At times our starting point might not be a book but it could be a film clip or a presentation from the children. Some classes will hold their junction in their classrooms rather than the hall and for this reason and with safety in mind, we will be giving everyone squash rather than a hot drink. We hope that parents, carers and grandparents will continue to join us. There is clear evidence that this partnership between families, the wider community and the school will improve pupil outcomes in terms of achievement and emotional well-being. The dates for this year are shown below – we hope you will be able to come!

Oak Class:

20th Sept 9:10 – 10:30am
8th Nov 9:10 – 10:30am
9th Jan 9:10 – 10:30am
20th Feb 9:10 – 10:30am
24th April 9:10 – 10:30am
8th June 9:10 – 10:30am

Hazel Class:

26th Sept 2:00-3:15pm
14th Nov 2:00 – 3:15pm
11th Jan 9:10 – 10:30am
6th March 2:00 – 3:15pm
3rd May 2:00 – 3:15pm
13th June 9:10-10:30am

Maple Class:

4th Oct 9:00 – 10:30am
21st Nov 9:00 – 10:30am
24th Jan 9:00 – 10:30am
15th March 9:00-10:30am
9th May 9:00 – 10:30am
19th June 9:00 – 10:30am

Cedar Class:

11th Oct 2:15 – 3:15pm
28th Nov 2:15 – 3:15pm
1st Feb 9:10 – 10:30am
21st March 2:15 – 3:15pm
18th May 9:10 – 10:30am
25th June 2:15 – 3:15pm

Rowan Class:

29th Nov 9:00-10:30am
29th Jan 2:00 – 3:15pm
20th Mar 9:00-10:30am
14th May 2 – 3:15pm
4th July 9:00 – 10:30am

Elm Class:

18th Oct 2:00 – 3:15pm
7th Dec 9:00 – 10:30am
8th Jan 2:00 – 3:15pm
27th March 9:00-10:30am
21st May 2:00 – 3:15pm

Cedar, Rowan & Elm Homework Mundford Junction

12th October in the Hall

Parents from 2:45pm; Children will join you at 3:15;

The Junction will run until 4:00pm, although please feel free to leave earlier if needed.

Diary Dates

Our school website contains lots of information about the school that we hope is useful to you: from school uniform and the dinner menu, to curriculum overviews and class learning pages. Copies of all the newsletters and any other letters sent to parents can all be found on the 'News & Events' pages.

We are also now making sure we put all diary dates on the calendar on the website. If you want to check on anything that is happening in school, go to:

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/news-events/diary-dates/>

PTA Dates

School Disco Thursday 19th October

There will be two sessions: the earlier for years R – 2 (where parents are invited to stay to accompany their children) and the later for year 3 -6. Details nearer the time.

Our letters can be found on our website
www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk

Year 6 Mundford Junctions

Year 6 is a challenging year and, although they may act grown-up and independent, your year 6 child needs you now more than ever to help them through! Therefore, our Year 6 Mundford Junctions have a special purpose with each one focussing on how you can support your child through this time of change. The programme for the year is set out below and we promise not to change the dates (unless some major emergency shuts the school!). We hope that by giving you this in advance, as many of you as possible will be able to arrange to attend. Remember, if you can't come, Grandparents, family friends or anyone else you can think of is welcome.

18 th October	2:00 – 3:15pm	Being in Year 6: <i>Why is it different? What's it all about?</i>
7 th December	9:00 – 10:30am	Study Skills (including homework)
8 th January	2:00 – 3:15pm	Introduction to SATS: <i>What do they look like? How can we prepare?</i>
27 th March	9:00 – 10:30am	SATS Revision: Making it fun!
21 st May	2:00 – 3:15pm	High School: <i>What's it really like? Preparing for the next step.</i>