



# Mundford Mail

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

## Parent Teacher Consultations

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's class teacher on:

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3:30 – 7:30pm
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3:30 – 5:00pm

Appointment Lists will be on classroom doors from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. If you are unable to sign up for an appointment in person, then please phone the school and we will be happy to make one for you.

As for the Autumn Term meetings, we will hold all of the consultations in the hall. There will be a waiting area in the middle of the room and you are welcome to bring your children with you if you aren't able to make alternative arrangements. Please ensure the children are supervised at all times. Thank you.

## School Improvement Focus – Handwriting

Following on from last half-term's successful focus on reading, we will be focussing on handwriting this half-term. Handwriting is a basic skill that influences the quality of work throughout the curriculum. At the end of Key Stage 2 all pupils should have the ability to produce fluent, legible and, eventually, speedy joined-up handwriting. Developing handwriting has also been shown to benefit spelling and thinking skills.

At the end of term, teachers will identify the pupils who have made the greatest improvement in their handwriting. We will also be entering the best examples of handwriting in each age group into the Queen Mother's Handwriting Awards (a competition originally set up by her and now continued in her memory).

### What can you do to help?

- On the back of this newsletter, you will find a copy of the letter formation we teach at school as well as log-in details for using Letterjoin at home.
- Children should already be practising their spellings at home at least three times each week. This half-term we would like them to do this by writing out the words using joined writing. As well as learning the spelling of the word, this helps develop muscle memory.
- We hope you will also encourage your children to try to join and use their best handwriting in all their homework.

## Reminder – World Book Day

Unfortunately, the official World Book Day this year clashes with both our Federation Day and Parents Evening, so we have decided to celebrate the day after instead:

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Book Character Day**

Children are invited to attend school dressed as a character from a favourite book.

Simple ideas for costumes (using things you already have) can be found on this website: <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

## Diary Dates

Dates for Mundford Junctions, as well as all other school events can be found on our school website:

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/>

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