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Mundford Mail



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

Worship Theme:

Wise & Foolish

Stars of the Week:

Louis (Oak) Nell (Hazel)

Summer (Maple)

Lucie (Cedar)

Harry D (Rowan)

Fin (Elm)

Writers of the Week:

Lottie (Oak)

Noah (Hazel)

Ben (Maple)

Freya (Cedar)

Cullen (Rowan)

Layla W (Elm)

This week we were visited by John Hayden for a special 'Open the Book' assembly. Assisted by members of the Elm Class Worship group, we heard a story from the Bible about Solomon and learnt the importance of thinking about other people in order to help us make wise choices. Hazel Class Mundford Junction continued our school focus on Maths as they made clocks and explored how to tell the time. All the classes have tried a 'Wonder Maths' lesson – where we have used our philosophy skills to discuss a big question linked to Maths. We have wondered:

- Why do we need Maths and numbers?
- If you could, would you choose to live forever?
- Is ten the best number?

Diary Dates

12/10/18 Sharing Assembly 2:45pm 17/10/18 Cedar Mundford Junction 2:15 – 3:15pm 17/10/18 Children break up for half-term holiday.

29/10/18 Children return to school.

30/10/18 Parent-Teacher Meetings 3:30 - 7:00pm

1/11/18 Federation Shakespeare Day

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2/11/18 Sharing Assembly 2:45pm

6/11/18 Oak Mundford Junction 9:00am

7/11/18 Maple Mundford Junction 2:00pm

9/11/18 Sharing Assembly 2:45pm

15/11/18 Hazel Mundford Junction 2:00pm

15/11/18 Sendco Kenko 2:00pm

16/11/18 Sharing Assembly 2:45pm

20/11/18 Rowan Mundford Junction 2:00pm

23/11/18 Sharing Assembly 2:45pm

30/11/18 Sharing Assembly 2:45pm

7/12/18 Whole School Pantomime Trip

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12/12/18 Elm Mundford Junction 9:00am *

13/12/18 Cedar Mundford Junction 2:00pm

14/12/18 Christmas Service in Church (tbc)

18/12/18 Last Day of Term for Children

KS2 Homework Club: Elm Classroom, Thurs lunchtime.

KS2 Cross Country: Monday lunchtimes

Our after-school clubs are run by Premier Sports & availability & booking is done online via:

http://www.premier-education.com/sport

Search & Rescue: Alternate Fridays 3:15 – 4:15pm in Hazel Classroom.

School Photographs

Please can you return any orders for school photos by Friday 12th October.

* Please note the Elm Mundford Junction on the 30th Oct has been cancelled and moved to 12th Dec.

A Thank You

We have had a thank you letter from the Thetford Foodbank at Tesco Thetford, thanking you all for your harvest contributions. The food will be distributed to people in the area who need extra help.

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Books for Schools

We are collecting tokens for the Archant Books for Schools campaign. Tokens will be printed every day in the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News and each week in the weekly publications (from $1^{st} - 8^{th}$ Oct). There will be one token a day but watch for bonus tokens and two tokens every Saturday.

For every 1,000 tokens collected, we will win £100 worth of free books. The four schools with the most tokens-per-student at the end of the campaign will win a bonus £2,500 worth of books too.

PTA: Parent-Teacher Association

Thank you to the PTA for the recent cake sale and to everyone who helped contribute cakes – there were lots of chocolate-smeared grins on the playground last Friday! All the money the PTA raises goes towards enriching school life for your children. They are funding the whole-school pantomime trip in December, allowing every child to experience the panto for free. They have also donated money to each class this term for the children to decide what to spend it on and are helping with our Federation Day (see below for details). Upcoming Events:

- School Disco 9th November
- Refreshments at the Christmas Nativity Plays
- After-school Christmas craft club
- Christmas Hamper raffle

Details of events will be sent out nearer the time. If you think you are able to assist the PTA with any of these or have more ideas, then please let the school office know or contact the PTA Chair, Rachel Hall (mum of Elsa & Sam).

Parent-Teacher Consultations

Everyone is offered an opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. These will take place after school on 30th Oct & 1st Nov. Appointment slot lists will be outside the pupil entrance from the morning of Monday 15th October for you to book a slot. The list for Oak Class will be by their back door. If you are unable to sign up yourself, please contact the office who can make an appointment for you.

Federation Day

Every term we hold a Federation Day, where the children join with those from Gooderstone to learn together. This term's will be on Thursday 1st November and will launch our new topic: Shakepseare. Years R-2 will travel to Gooderstone, where they will take part in an interactive performance, developing their imagination, creativity and drama skills. Years 3-6 will watch a performance by the Rubbish Shakespeare Company. We extend a huge thank you to the PTA at Mundford & Friends at Gooderstone who have paid for the performers and workshops for the day.

Change of Shoes

Just a reminder that all children should have a change of shoes for playing on the field at playtimes.

Maths Problem of the Week

Jigsaw Pieces

We are going to look at possible jigsaw pieces.

The kind of jigsaw we're looking at is rectangular, with straight edges.

Some of the most common jigsaw shapes are a bit like these three pieces below:







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So, for each jigsaw piece we start with a square template, then some sides have a peg. The edge pieces of the jigsaw have one or two straight sides.

We will only use pieces that have at least one peg and one hole.

Challenge 1

Using pieces that have at least one peg and one hole, find **all the possible ways** of making a rectangular jigsaw three pieces wide and two pieces deep, with straight edges all the way around. All six pieces should be different.

Challenge 2

Find all the possible pieces that have at least one peg and one hole.

Challenge 3

Read all of this one before starting!

Again, only use pieces that have at least one peg and one hole and none the same.

Find as many possible ways of making a two by four rectangular jigsaw, starting with **this piece** in the top left-hand corner.

Each week's problem & and a box for posting your solutions in can be found in the school corridor – between Elm & Sycamore.

Remember to put your name on your solutions.

Like last week, this problem involves **finding different possibilities**. It also requires some resilience and perseverence as the solution in not quickly reached or immediately obvious.

Not sure how to get started? \rightarrow Get out a real jigsaw and look at the different shapes of pieces.

Feeling more confident? \rightarrow Can you estimate how many possible arrangements there will be before you start drawing them? Can you **work systematically** to find all the possilbe arrangements?

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