

Mundford Mail



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

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Worship Theme: Curiosity

Big Question: Is it always okay to ask questions?

Stars of the Week:

Oak: James Hazel: Maddison Maple: Ronnie Cedar: Sophie A Rowan: Jack Elm: Verity

Writers of the Week:

Oak: Phoebe Hazel: Gracie Maple: Kathryn Cedar: Evie Rowan: Alice Elm: Ellis

Best Attendance: Hazel & Cedar

Winning House Team: **VIKINGS**

This week Oak Class went to the Sea Life Centre. They had an amazing time touching all the creatures that live in rock pools, and learning about the different types of fish. Thank you to all the parent helpers who came too - it was a great day! Maple & Elm had an exciting joint no plan day where they visited the forest. There was lots of hands-on learning from making dens to using natural objects to demonstrate Maths, but most impressive of all was the incredible teamwork between the children. All the children are also really getting into our Vocabulary BIF and Hazel Class explored words in their Mundford Junction. As well as our word of the week for you (below), every class has their own words that they are learning. Why don't you ask your child what the word of the week for their class is?

Word of the Week

Last week's word was bouvier. It is ... a dog! Originally a farm dog from Belgium used for herding animals, the Bouvier breed is now also used as guard and police dogs as well as being kept as pets.

This week's word - pontificate

We challenge you to guess what it is. House points on offer if you can tell your teacher before Friday! Don't forget to also ask your child about the new words they are learning in their class this week. If you have a suggestion for a future word of the week, let Miss Brown know.

Federation Day

Every term we hold a Federation Day, where children from our two schools (Gooderstone and Mundford) come together to learn with each other. This term's Federation Day will be held at Mundford on Friday 18th October. The children will be taking part in a range of activities to celebrate World Maths Day.

Parents Meeting – Thursday 17th October 2:30pm in the School Hall

After half-term, you will receive the first PITA (Point in Time Assessment Report) for your child. This provides a snapshot of how your child is doing at school. On Thursday, we invite you to come to a short meeting where we will explain the information contained within the reports. The meeting will also cover assessment in the different key stages and how we check on children's progress.

Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings – Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October

After you have received the report, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss it with your child's class teacher. Appointment slots can be booked from Tuesday next week. The appointment sheets will be at the back of the school hall every morning, along with post-its for you to make a note of the time booked. Once you have dropped off your child, please enter via the hall door (there is no need to sign in) and book your slot(s). If you are unable to book an appointment in person, please phone the school office.

Earrings & PE

In response to queries from several parents, we want to clarify the school's position on the wearing of earrings during physical activities such as PE. The latest guidance published in 'Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity' states: *all personal effects (including jewellery, religious and cultural adornments) should be removed. If items cannot be removed, staff need to take action to try to make the situation safe. In most cases, this may mean adjusting the activity in some way or making the item in question safe.*

Specifically regarding earrings: *taping front and back may offer a measure of protection. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received. This taping may be done at home for younger children or prior to the lesson for older students. Staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for students. Where taping is utilised, the teacher supervising the group maintains the **legal responsibility** to ensure the taping is effective for purpose. Where staff consider the taping to be unsatisfactory to permit safe participation, they will need to consider alternative involvement in the lesson for the student.*

Some styles of earring back are safer than others, so in order to keep things simple and ensure maximum safety for our children, **we will continue to recommend that children remove their earrings prior to PE and sports activities.** However, if this is not possible then we ask that you as parents provide the school with written consent for your child to take part with their earrings taped over. Please come and talk to us if you need more guidance or have any questions about this.



We are still collecting! If you spend £30 at Aldi, you will get a sticker. Send it in to school with your child and they can add it to the poster. If we get enough, we could win £20 000 for our school!



After-School Clubs

If your child is currently attending a sports club, next week will be the last session.

We surveyed the children and this is what has been chosen for next half-term:

- Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm Basketball for years 3 & 4
- Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Gymnastics for years 1 & 2
- Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 Taikwondo – open to all year groups
- Friday 3:15 – 4:15pm Basketball for years 5 & 6

Booking information will be sent out next week via the parent app.

The teachers are also in the process of organising additional lunchtime & after-school activities. These will start after half-term and information about these will be on next week's newsletter. Thank you to those parents who have also volunteered to help.

Search and Rescue Club

The dates for the Autumn term are as follows:

- 8th November
- 22nd November
- 6th December.

If your child would like to continue to attend Search and Rescue club, Mrs Keeler and Mrs Leach will see you there! For those children new to our school, and those who have just started in Year One, if your child would like a place at Search and Rescue club, please speak to Mrs Keeler at the end of the day.

Search and Rescue club is every other Friday, from 3.15-4.15 in **Maple Class**. It is open to children from Year 1 to 6. At Search and Rescue club we sing songs, craft and listen to a story or reading from the Bible. If you have any questions, pop and see Mrs Keeler.

Drawing Club

Monday Lunch time 12:30 drawing club for Elm class with Mrs Tinkley. Come along to work on your sketching and drawing skills.

IES Breckland have asked us to share with you the link to their newsletter. Any parents interested in finding out more about this High School can go to:

<https://www.breckland.iesschools.co.uk/2019/10/principals-bulletin/>

Diary Dates

Here's a quick guide to what's coming up this term. More detailed information about lots of these can be found further down the newsletter. For some events, details will follow nearer the time.

Sharing Assembly every Friday at 2:45pm.

Tuesday 15th October – Maple Trip to Banham Zoo

Tuesday 15th October – Elm Mundford Junction 9:30am - 10:30

Thursday 17th October – Information Meeting for Parents about PITA (point in time assessment reports).

Friday 18th October - Federation Day (celebrating World Maths Day) at Mundford

Half Term: 19th – 26th October

Monday 28th October – PITA reports sent home

Tuesday 29th October – Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7pm)

Wednesday 30th October – Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

Thursday 7th November – Parents Information Meeting: What does a sequence of learning look like? (pm – tbc)

Tuesday 12th November – Oak Mundford Junction 9-10:30am

Wednesday 13th November – Maple Mundford Junction 9:00 – 10:30am

Tuesday 19th November – Hazel Mundford Junction 2-3pm

Tuesday 26th November – Elm Class Mundford Junction 9:30 – 10:30am

Monday 2nd December – Cedar Class Mundford Junction 9:10 – 10:30am

Thursday 5th December – Rowan Mundford Junction 1:30 – 2:45pm

Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for understanding!

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