

Mundford Mail



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

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Worship Theme: Co-operation

Big Question: Is it always better to work together?

Stars of the Week:

Oak: Mollie-Rae

Hazel: Casper

Maple: Lilly

Cedar: Kiri

Rowan: Millie

Elm: Monty

Writers of the Week:

Oak: Sophia

Hazel: Louis

Maple: George

Cedar: Ferko

Rowan: Shelby

Elm: Holly

Best Attendance: ELM

Winning House Team: **ROMANS non uniform**
Monday 18th November.

This week Rowan Class have had, a themed week learning all about space. Oak Class had a brilliant Mundford Junction on Tuesday where the children shared all their mathematical skills doing their Maths Meeting, then, they used 2D shapes to make a 3D shape rocket. On Wednesday, for their Mundford Junction Maple Class learnt all about letter writing, and enjoyed a visit to the post box to post their letters. We can't wait to hear when you get your replies! We finished the week with an extra special Feel Good Friday, with a vibrant array of different colours worn to support Children in Need. Thank you for your donations.

Word of the Week

Last week's word was vibrant. It means ... *something or someone that is full of life, energy & enthusiasm. Vibrant colours are bright and clear.*

Thank you to Miss Coates for suggesting this week's word.

This week's word - elude

We challenge you to guess what it is – house points for correct guesses.

Don't forget to also ask your child about the new words they are learning in their class this week too. If you have a suggestion for a future word of the week, let Miss Brown know.

Parking

We have had a few concerns raised about parking on the road outside of school at drop-off and pick-up time. This is something that the school has discussed with the local police and road safety team in the past – where yellow lines are placed and the enforcement of these is not something the school has any involvement in. If people have concerns, they are advised to raise this with the council. However, we hope that all our parents will put the children's safety first and be considerate when parking near school. Both the village hall and cricket club car parks can be used by parents to avoid having to park on the road. Later this month, the Norfolk Road Safety Officer will be visiting the school to work with all our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils on how to stay safe in and around cars and as a pedestrian.

Spellings

As I am sure you are aware, testing the children on a set of spellings once a week helps the children to learn some new words, but does not embed these spellings in the context in which they should be used. Often the children will forget the spelling of these words when required to use them in their independent writing. We have also noticed that the children are regularly misspelling high frequency words and not applying the spelling rules and sounds taught in their own writing.

In addition we have received feedback from parents with regards to spelling lists being sent home with words which are too easy for the children. With this in mind we are changing the way that we teach and test spellings. All children in Key Stage 2 now have a daily spelling session, just like all our younger pupils have a daily phonics session. Each week this will focus on spelling a different rule or letter pattern. Rather than a list of words to learn, teachers will instead send home the rule or pattern with some example words. These can be practised at home. If they seem too easy, then remember that the children need to be able to use them in writing – not just spell them on their own.

At school, instead of a weekly spelling test, children will be given a dictation on a Friday. This involves asking them to write a sentence or a short passage which will contain some of the spellings from that week, as well as spelling rules and patterns that have been previously taught.

If you have any questions about how to further help your child, please speak to their class teacher.

Online Resources

We have a number of online resources that you can use at home to help your children.

Letterjoin

www.letterjoin.co.uk

Desktop Login username: Mund password: ford

Tablet Login username: Mund passcode: a capital 'L' shape starting at top left

This site allows children to practise their handwriting and spelling.

Purple Mash

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/mundford>

We use Purple Mash for teaching computing, but it also contains games sections for practising English & Maths at home. All children have their own individual log-in. Please ask your child's class teacher if they cannot remember it.

PIXL Times Table App: <https://timestable.pixl.org.uk/>

All KS2 pupils have an individual log-in for the times table app – please speak to class teachers if they cannot remember this.

Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/pixl-times-tables/id1300608796>

Google Play Store: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.matthewwoodfine.timestables&hl=en_GB

Head Lice Reminder

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat where necessary.

After-School Clubs

This half-term, we are offering the following clubs:

- Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm Basketball for years 3 & 4
- Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm Harry Potter Club is full
- Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Gymnastics for years 1 & 2 is full
- Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 Taekwondo – open to all ages (**KS1 3:15 – 4:15pm KS2 4:30-5:30pm**)
- Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 Science club in Rowan Class for KS2
- Friday 3:15 – 4:15pm Hockey/Basketball for years 5 & 6

We have a few spaces left in some of the clubs – please contact the school office to enquire.

We asked the children to find out what clubs they would like and we will try to cover as many of their requests as possible over the course of the school year.

Search and Rescue Club

The dates for the Autumn term are as follows:

- 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.

'Just one Tree' non uniform day.

As part of being an Eco School, a member of Elm Class wished to support the 'plant one tree' nationwide campaign, in which it only takes £1 to plant a new tree worldwide. Therefore next Friday the 22nd of November, the school will be participating in a non-uniform day to support the charity's work on deforestation worldwide. As part of the day, we will be raising awareness of the charity's work and how we can support in making the world a more sustainable environment. Children will just need to bring in a £1 donation if they wish to partake in the non-uniform day.

Miss Coates.

Church Advent Fair – Saturday 30th November 2019, to be held at school, 11am-2pm.

Come along and support St. Leonard's church at the Advent Fair, held in the school hall this year. Fun for all the family, with Christmas crafts and activities, opportunity to make reindeer food and write a letter to Father Christmas, as well as delicious homemade sandwiches and cakes to enjoy with a cuppa. If we've been really good we might also get a visit from Father Christmas and a chance to tell him our festive wishes. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Clubs within the School Day

Monday Lunch: Drawing Club with Mrs Tinkley.

Monday, Tuesday & Friday Lunch: Cross Country Training & Tag Rugby or Football matches with Mr Clark.

Tuesday Lunch: Netball Club for years 5 & 6 with Miss Brown/Miss Coates.

Tuesday (MORNING BREAKTIME): Reading Club in Sycamore with Mrs Eyres

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/>

Mundford Primary P.T.A.

Important Cake News!

We are going to say goodbye to the cake raffle and give a big wave and a hello to a half-termly bake sale. Every half term, one class will have their own bake sale where parents and carers will be asked to bake for their child's class. The P.T.A. will then sell the cakes after school. After which all the money made will go directly back into that class to be spent on class supplies or on whatever is needed.

First up will be Oak class on Thursday 21st November.

There is plenty of time to perfect those Victoria Sponges and yummy tray bakes and we are all looking forward to making lots of money for Oak Class.

We really appreciate all the help we receive from parents, grandparents and carers and would like to say a big thank you in advance for all your wonderful baking contributions!

Any questions please feel free to ask any member of the P.T.A.

Village Green Christmas Tree Light Switch on Saturday 30th November

After school on Friday 29th November Samantha the Clerk to the Parish Council will be selling tickets (£1) each on the school playground for a raffle to select a child to switch on the Christmas lights with Father Christmas. The money raised will go to a charity of the schools choice – we asked the School Council to select a charity and they have chosen 'Young Minds'

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 19th November	– Hazel Mundford Junction 2-3pm
Thursday 21st November	- Oak class Bake Sale
Friday 22nd November	- 'Plant one Tree' non-uniform £1
Friday 22nd November	- After school PTA/Oak Class Bake Sale
Tuesday 26th November	– Elm Class Mundford Junction 9:30 – 10:30am
Saturday 30th November	- St Leonard's Church Christmas Fayre in the school hall
Monday 2nd December	– Cedar Class Mundford Junction 9:10 – 10:30am
Thursday 5th December	– Rowan Mundford Junction 1:30 – 2:45pm
Tuesday 10th December	– Oak, Hazel & Maple Christmas Production 9:30am
Wednesday 11th December	- Oak, Hazel & Maple Christmas Production 2pm
	- Oak, Hazel & Maple Christmas Production 6pm
Friday 13th December	– Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children
Tuesday 17th December	– Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18th December	– last day of term for the children

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!

What are we reading?

As a school, we want to promote a love of reading in every child. As well as daily reading sessions, each class also listens to a class reader. These books are carefully chosen to inspire children, broaden their reading experience and expose them to language they may not read independently.

Currently we are reading:

Oak: Water Babies by Charles Kingsley

Hazel: The penguin who wanted to find out by Jill Tomlinson

Maple: The Magic Folk of the Faraway by Enid Blyton

Cedar: One Wish by Michelle Harrison

Rowan: What planet are you from Clarice Bean? by Lauren Child

Elm: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Are they enjoying the story? What do they think will happen next?

School Uniform:

<https://corporatetiger.co.uk/school-uniform/>

www.facebook.com/myclothingltd

