

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: Phoebe Hazel: Vinnie Maple : Lola Cedar: Amelia Rowan: Lexi Elm: Dino

Writers of the Week:

Oak: Rosie Hazel: Evelyn Maple: Kylan Cedar: Bronwyn Rowan: Shay Elm: Fraser

Best Attendance:

Winning House Team:

This week Maple Class had some very exciting news ... the posters they designed for Bury Wholefoods, about reducing plastic usage, have been received and will be displayed at all their stalls and events for the whole of December! The owners will be judging the posters and contacting us at school to announce the winner very soon! Check out all the great plastic free products at www.burywholefoods.co.uk

Rowan Class have also been inspired after learning about plastic pollution and noticing the amount of litter around the school site. They have designed posters to encourage everyone in Mundford to reduce litter. They also used some of the rubbish they collected to create recycled art – reusing what would otherwise have been thrown away to create a piece of art to show how rubbish and plastics are affecting the environment.

Word of the Week

Last week's word was dendrochronology. It means ... *the science of using the rings of a tree to work out how old it is*. Did any of you spot the root word: chronology? It gives a clue that the word has something to do with time.

This week's word is:

This week's word - obsidian

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.

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.

Free Christmas Carolling

Thetford Voices are offering a free Christmas Carolling Workshop for all young singers aged 6-16 on Friday 20th December from 1pm in the Williamson Hall of Thetford Grammar School. For further information, please see the flier attached to this newsletter or ask for a copy from the school office.



We are collecting!

We are collecting Books for Schools tokens which can be found in The Sun & The Sun on Sunday newspapers between Saturday November 23rd and Sunday January 18th. If we collect enough tokens, we will get £600 worth of books for the school all for free! Thanks for your help.

Christmas Dinner Tuesday 17th December

This year's Christmas dinner will take place on Tuesday 17th December. It is always a very special day at school that begins with the Y6 children from Elm Class setting out and decorating tables. The staff and governors then serve the children with their meals. We hope that all children will want to join in the festivity, however, should they decide to stick with their sandwiches on the day, they will be included in the fun. You will find the menu at the end of this newsletter. **Please book via parentmail in the usual way and by Monday 9th December at the latest please.**

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

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.

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:

- 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.

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

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.

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 please book via parentmail by 9th Dec

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

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/>



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