

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: Henry D Hazel: Jessie Maple: Noah Cedar: Charlie L Rowan: Owain Elm: Eva

Writers of the Week:

Oak: Lillie Hazel: Owen Maple: Teya Cedar: Evann Rowan: Alex Elm: Dot & Zac B

Best Attendance: Elm & Maple

Winning House Team: Vikings non uniform on Monday

This week Christmas has arrived at Mundford Academy! Our younger children have been busy rehearsing their Christmas play and we look forward to watching it next week. Rowan Class had a packed Mundford Junction using their knowledge of 2D shapes to print Christmas wrapping paper and celebration cards. Our celebrations theme means that we've also been learning about lots of other festivals and comparing them to our own preparations for Christmas.

Word of the Week

Last week's word was obsidian. It means ... *a dark glass or gem formed from lava from a volcano.*

We have come to the end of our vocabulary BIF and hope the children have enjoyed learning lots of new words. The children will continue to be learning new words in class so please keep asking them what their word of the week is, encourage them to use them at home and keep looking for new and unusual words.

If you have enjoyed our word of the week, Collins publish a word of the day which can be accessed here: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/word-of-the-day>

Maths BIF – The Why & How to Apply

As you may know by now, we run different BIFs throughout the school year (BIF = Bitesize Improvement Focus). Our latest BIF is all about ensuring children understand why they are learning and how it will be useful to them, with a particular focus on Maths. Over the last two weeks, your child will have completed an activity thinking about something they want to do when they are older and working out what skills and knowledge they will need in order to achieve this. We have sent a copy home for you to see. We hope you will help at home too by not only asking your child about *what* they are learning, but also talking to them about *why* they are learning it.

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.

Football

Can we please request that children do not bring their own footballs into school? Unfortunately, in the absence of a referee, football games regularly lead to arguments and poor behaviour. Therefore, we only allow football to be played at break times when Mr Clark can act as the ref. On other days, children should not be playing football. If any children bring footballs into school, these will be confiscated by a teacher and returned to parents at home time. *Thank you*

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday 13th December. Donations towards Save the Children will be collected.

Christmas Cards

The school Christmas post box will open on Monday. The post box is located next to the Christmas tree in the main reception. If children wish to have their cards delivered they must be clearly addressed with both **the child's name and the class name**. It takes a lot of time for our Year 6 'elves' to sort and deliver all the cards, so we regret that any that are not labelled with the both the name & class name of the recipient may not be delivered. Just like Royal Mail, we have a lot of post to deliver! Please explain to your children that they need to be patient and that cards may not always be delivered on the same day that they are posted.



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. The staff and governors serve the children with their meals and we have an extended playtime, followed by party games in the afternoon. 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 still 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.** Children are invited to wear non-uniform for the whole day and can bring Christmas-themed hats or accessories to wear for the lunch if they wish.

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

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 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: The Firework Maker's Daughter by
Phillip Pullman

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/>



Enjoy Sadie's...

Tuesday 17th December

Festive Menu

Choose a Main Meal...

Roast Turkey
Quorn Fillet

On the Side...

Roast Potatoes
Roast Parsnips Peas Carrots
Yorkshire Pudding & Stuffing

For Dessert...

Christmas Biscuit
or
Snow Man Ice Cream

Please book online by:
Monday 9th December

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