

# 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: Zack

Hazel: Maddison

Maple : Matilda

Cedar: Kieron

Rowan: Fred

Elm: Monty

## Writers of the Week:

Oak: Charlie

Hazel: Henry

Maple: Nell

Cedar: Poppy

Rowan: Ella

Elm: Holly

**Best Attendance:** Oak & Cedar

**Winning House Team:** Danes

This week some of our classes have been learning about why we celebrate Bonfire Night on November 5<sup>th</sup>, leading to some discussions about safety as well as inspiring some beautiful firework artwork. On Wednesday, we all visited the church for an assembly lead by Rev Lubbe where she shared a story from the Bible about how we should all work together just like the parts of a body all work together, guided by Jesus (just like the body is guided by the brain).

## Word of the Week

Last week's word was quiddle. It means ... *to waste time by doing unimportant things or fiddling around*. This is definitely something we see at school a lot!

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

## This week's word - vibrant

We challenge you to guess what it is. I expect many of our KS2 children might already know this word, so an extra challenge: if you can use it appropriately in your writing this week, you'll get a house point!

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.

## **Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

The school council have requested a non-uniform day to celebrate Children in Need. Their chosen theme is: **dress in your favourite colour**. All children are invited to attend school that day in clothing of their favourite colour and we will collect donations to send to the Children in Need appeal. As always, please ensure the children are dressed sensibly for a day at school. They will still need to wear their indoor shoes in the classroom and change when they go outside.

## **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 a spelling 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](http://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**

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**

We have just set up a new app that can be used on any tablet or smart phone for pupils to practise their times tables. All KS2 pupils will receive their log-in details next week.

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](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 Sports 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 open to all ages.
- 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 pm 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:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Church Advent Fair – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

These will all be starting after half-term.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November**

After school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 have asked the School Council to select a charity and will let you know what they decide.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> November – Oak Mundford Junction 9-10:30am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Maple Mundford Junction 9:00 – 10:30am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Dress in your Favourite Colour

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Hazel Mundford Junction 2-3pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Elm Class Mundford Junction 9:30 – 10:30am

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - St Leonard's Church Christmas Fayre in the school hall

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Cedar Class Mundford Junction 9:10 – 10:30am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Rowan Mundford Junction 1:30 – 2:45pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Oak, Hazel & Maple Christmas Production 9:30am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Oak, Hazel & Maple Christmas Production 2pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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: Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

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](https://www.facebook.com/myclothingltd)