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Mundford Mail



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

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/>

Worship Theme: Challenge

Big Question: Is failing a bad thing?

Stars of the Week:

Oak: Willow Hazel: James Maple: Scarlett Cedar: Jake Rowan: Grace Ho Elm: Willow

Wow of the Week:

Oak: Thea Hazel: Gracie Maple: Charlotte Cedar: Evie Rowan: Alex Elm: Cullen

Best Attendance: ELM

Winning House Team: **SAXONS**

This week Hazel class have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores – they were particularly excited about the most dangerous carnivores so why not ask them about them at home too? Cedar Class had a really interesting question in their P4C today: Should you remember lost loved ones if it makes you sad? They had some amazing ideas about this – what do you think?. The whole school have also been getting outside to do the daily mile every day before morning break and then again after lunch. We hope the extra fresh air and exercise will have a positive effect on pupil's wellbeing and help them be more settled and ready to learn when they are back in class.

Word of the Week

Check out the latest word here: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/word-of-the-day>

A Mind to be Kind

Next week, we are starting an exciting new project which staff, pupils and, hopefully, you will be involved in: 'A Mind to be Kind'. The aim of this project is to develop a culture where kindness, without an expectation of reward, becomes a way of life for staff as well as children. Rather than focusing on performing acts of kindness for a reward, we are aiming to shift the focus to how it feels when we are kind. By doing so, it is hoped that giving and receiving kindness becomes the norm and the school will be a happier, calmer and more productive place for everyone. 'A Mind to be Kind' will be delivered to all pupils through both assemblies and lessons, where kindness is explored through three main themes:

- Acts of Kindness
- Living without Harming Others
- Respect



Each week there will be a 'Try This' to encourage children to put what they are learning

into action. We will share these on our newsletter and encourage you to join in at home too.

Alongside this, we are making a number of changes to breaktimes and lunchtimes to help children to put our school values (kindness, respect and honesty) into action when they are playing. This includes changes to adult supervision and the structure of playtimes, separating out classes to play in different 'zones' on different days, training up play leaders to promote and model good behaviour and introducing different activities for the children to do.

We are collecting!

We are currently collecting tokens for the EDP Plant to Plate campaign. These will be published in the Eastern Daily Press (two on Saturdays), Norwich Evening News, North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury from 18th January until 27th March. If we collect more than 1000 tokens, we will receive a gardening pack (including fruit & veg seeds and equipment for growing them). There is also a further chance of winning £1000 of gardening equipment along with advice from a Head Gardener for the school.

**Eastern
Daily Press**

Thanks for your help.

Calling all Writers!

BBC Radio 2 have launched their annual short story writing competition: 500 words. We know we have lots of children who are amazing writers and might like to enter. There are different age categories and all the details can be found [here](#). If your child does enter, please encourage them to bring a copy of their story in to school too – the teachers would love to read them!

After-School Clubs

Mr Clark is running the following after-school clubs:

- Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm For Years 1 & 2 Gymnastics (until half-term), then Ball Games (after half-term)
- Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Gymnastics for KS2 (years 3-6)
- Friday 3:15 – 4:15pm Basketball for KS2 (years 3-6)

We are offering two clubs for KS2 in order to try and provide everything the children have asked for. Initially, we ask that children just sign up for their first choice of club.

Taekwondo will continue on Wednesdays: (KS1 3:15 – 4:15pm KS2 4:30-5:30pm)

Clubs run by school staff will resume the week beginning 13th January:

- ~~Monday: Harry Potter Club~~ postponed until further notice
- Tuesday - Science Club

Search and Rescue Club *alternate Fridays*

The dates for the Spring term are as follows:

- Friday 31st January
- Friday 14th February
- Friday 28th February
- Friday 13th March
- Friday 27th March

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.

School Cleaner.

School: Gooderstone Church Of England Academy

Scale 10

£9.36 per hour

Monday to Friday 2.5 hrs a day (3.30pm- 6pm)

(Term time only)

Start Date: ASAP

Deadline for application: Monday 10th February 2020

Interviews: Wednesday 12th February 2020

Situated in the beautiful rural village of Gooderstone is Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy. The school is part of the Churchside Federation, federated with Mundford Church of England Primary Academy.

Due to our caretaker retiring after 24 years of service, we are looking for a cleaner who will make our school super sparkly. You job will be overseen by our Federation Caretaker. You will be responsible for cleaning the school during term time, these duties will include:

- Ensuring communal areas are clean and tidy including school hall, kitchen area and staffroom
- All bathrooms are cleaned each day
- Hallways are hoovered and mopped
- Bins are emptied and put out for collection as appropriate
- Dust/clean surfaces
- Report any maintenance issues to the Federation Caretaker

Please contact the school office to apply at 01366 328280 or office@gooderstone.norfolk.sch.uk. Visits to the school are welcomed. Application packs can also be found on our website <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/>

Diary Dates

Wednesday 29th January: Oak Mundford Junction 9am

Tuesday 4th February: Elm Mundford Junction 9am

Thursday 6th February: Rowan Mundford Junction 9am

Friday 14th February: PITA (Point in Time Assessment) reports sent home

Half Term Break 15th – 23rd February

Monday 2nd March: Cedar Mundford Junction 9am

Wednesday 4th March: Parent-Teacher Consultations 3:30 – 7pm

Thursday 5th March: Parent-Teacher Consultations 3:30 – 5:30pm

Tuesday 10th March: Oak Mundford Junction 9am

18th – 20th March: Y3&4 Residential Trip to Halt Hall

Thursday 19th March: Maple Mundford Junction 2pm

Monday 23rd March: Hazel Mundford Junction 2pm

Wednesday 25th March: Elm Mundford Junction 9am

Monday 30th March: Rowan Mundford Junction 2pm *NB: This date has been changed.

Tuesday 31st March: Easter Service in St Leonards Church 9:15am

Wednesday 1st April: Class Photographs

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!

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

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: The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo

Hazel: The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Maple: A Treasury of Stories from Around the World chosen by Linda Jennings

Cedar: Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton

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/>