



Mundford Mail

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

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1st half term.

We made it! It has been a very unusual half term but the children have settled wonderfully well and we are so happy to be all together in the same building again, even if it is in bubbles. Next half term we will start our Sharing assemblies over Zoom, these will be in-house at first but we hope to include you either live or by sharing recorded sessions, later on in the term.

We hope that you have a restful half term, stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 2nd November.**

Online learning

As so many of you will be aware cases of COVID are on the rise around the country and we need to be prepared for a local lockdown at any time. On Thursday 22nd October the teaching staff will be having training on how to use google classroom. This will become our home learning platform in times of lockdown and any periods of self-isolation that may occur. Google classroom is user friendly, it allows staff to post work, put deadlines on the work and mark uploaded pieces from the students. We will walk the children through how to use it when they come back after half term and will send more user information out to parents after half term too.

Parent-Teacher Consultations & Reports

Every half-term we send home an interim report to give you a quick snapshot of how your child is getting on. These will be sent home after half-term on Monday 2nd November, and will then be followed by a chance for you to have a virtual meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. You should have received an email from the class teacher this week to arrange an appointment. If you have not yet had this, then please check your junk folder or alternatively email them directly using the class email:

oak@mundford.norfolk.sch.uk hazel@mundford.norfolk.sch.uk maple@mundford.norfolk.sch.uk
cedar@mundford.norfolk.sch.uk rowan@mundford.norfolk.sch.uk elm@mundford.norfolk.sch.uk
sycamore@mundford.norfolk.sch.uk

Please be aware that class emails are not checked every day when teachers are teaching or at weekends – you should receive a response *within two working days*. For urgent messages, please contact the school office.

School Meals

From Monday 2nd November, we will be re-introducing hot meals, the children will continue to eat lunch in their classroom bubbles. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Please book meals via the Myed/Parentmail app. Meals for the Key Stage 2 children (years 3-6) must also be booked and paid for via the App. Some pupils in Key Stage 2 will be eligible for free school meals. Visit Norfolk County Council website to find details about eligibility, and to fill out an application form. We ensure that this information is discretely applied at school. The lunches are prepared on the school site and will be delivered to each classroom in take-away type containers.

The menus can be viewed on the school website

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mundford/our-school/school-meals/>

Unfortunately we are not able to offer the sandwich option.

School Photographs

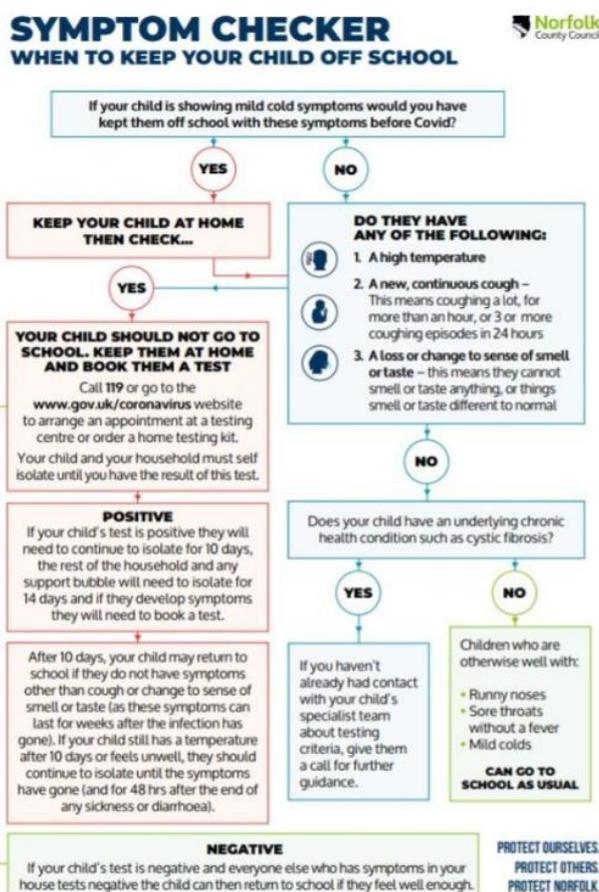
On Tuesday 3rd November, Tempest will be visiting to take individual photographs of the children. A one way system with cleaning between class bubbles will be in place to make this safe. Unfortunately, we are unable to take group or family photos at this time due to the social distancing rules. Hazel Class will move their PE that week so that the children can attend in school uniform on the Tuesday. Cedar Class can still wear their jogging bottoms & trainers but should wear school uniform on their top half. Miss Gannon and Mr Keeble will more details to the parents of the children in their classes.

The Poppy Appeal

We will once again be selling poppies and other items to support the annual British Legion poppy appeal.

In order to maintain our class bubbles, each class will have its own box within the classroom. Children will need to bring the money into school with them and can then choose their items. Unfortunately, we will be unable to allow parents to come and buy with their children. A price list of suggested donations is attached to this newsletter.

Please note: while we do allow the wearing of poppies & wristbands in school at this time of year, if they become a distraction teachers may have to take them and they will be returned at the end of the day.



Word of the Week

Learning new words is a great way to help your child and its fun too. Each class will have particular words that they are focussing on, but you can also find a word of the day here. Check out the latest word here: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/word-of-the-day>

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 is 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

Diary Dates

Virtual Sharing Assembly: Every Friday we will celebrate the children within their own class bubbles and share this with you via the school facebook page.

Half Term Break 22nd Oct – 1st Nov

2nd Nov: PITA (Point in Time Assessment) reports sent home

3rd Nov: Tempest Individual Photos

2nd – 6th Nov: Virtual Parent Teacher Meetings (via Zoom). Class teachers will email nearer the time to arrange appointments.

Christmas Holidays 19th Dec – 4th Jan

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: The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

Hazel: The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl

Maple: How the Whale Became by Ted Hughes

Cedar: King Edward Flashypants & the creature from the crag

Rowan: Wolves by Emily Gravett

Elm: The Orchard Book of Greek Myths

Sycamore: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Have they enjoyed it? Can they tell you the story so far? What do they predict will happen next?

School Uniform:

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

www.facebook.com/myclothingltd

End of Newsletter