

Autumn Issue 8

Mundford Mail

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

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Worship Theme: Remembrance		
Big Question: Do you have to like someone to be kind to them?		
Winning House Team:		
<u>Wow of the Week</u> Oak: Tommy-Lee Hazel: Rosie Maple: Flynn Cedar: Lilly Rowan: Charlie G Elm: Fred Sycamore: Linden	<mark>VIKINGS</mark>	Stars of the Week Oak: Arlia Hazel: Stanley Maple: Princess Cedar: Oliver N Rowan: Mia Elm: Kiri Sycamore: Isaac



This week started with our first RSHE day – with each class learning about their feelings and how to manage them. We hope this is something you will be able to follow up with the children at home.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 class bubble laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school at the memorial. Other classes marked Remembrance Day in their own classes, reflecting on the importance of the day and remembering people and things that are special to them. It was also Interfaith week

this week and we thought about how to show respect for people of different beliefs and faiths to our own. Finally, we ended the week with Children in Need – a chance to be thankful for all we have and think about how we can help others who are less fortunate. A grey day was brightened up by the colourful non-uniform the children wore and some classes joined in with Joe Wicks live PE lesson as part of his 24 hours of exercise challenge.

Online learning

Well done to all of you have already got your children using google classroom. This is new to all of us at school too so please be patient while we work out the kinks and if you have problems, then please get in touch and we will do our best to help. Google classroom is accessible on tablets and phones too, so you don't need a laptop or computer at home to use it.

Children in Need

We were unable to collect money in school this year but if you would like to make a donation we ask that you do this directly to the charity on the following link: <u>https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/</u>.

After school.

It has been noted by staff that children are running around the playground and using the school equipment at the end of the school day. We have mentioned previously that children need to wait with their adult, this is to ensure children are not crossing bubbles and increasing the chances of the spread of COVID. We want to stay open to all children and continue to ensure that your child's education is not disrupted by bubble closure.

We spend a great deal of time cleaning equipment after each use and by allowing your children to climb on it or handle it you are creating more cleaning and risk of transmission.

You can help us stay open by:

- Ensuring only **one** family member picks up the children from school.
- Leaving the school site as soon as you have collected your child.
- Keeping your children with you while waiting on the playground.

Staff will be reinforcing these messages with the children and will remind parents where needed.

Change of Shoes Request

It is the age old battle of muddy shoes versus carpet that we experience every year and only you can help. If you have not yet done so, please provide a pair of wellington boots or outside shoes for your children to wear at playtime and lunchtime. These can be kept in school on our shoe racks.

Diary Dates

Virtual Sharing Assembly: Every Friday we will celebrate the children within their own class bubbles.

16/11/20: Anti bullying week.

20/11/20: Last day for return of photo orders to school.

18/12/20: Last day of term.

04/01/20: Children back to school.

Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect inschool events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for understanding!

Updated guidance for parents and carers from Department for Education

We have updated our guidance for parents and carers on <u>what they need to</u> <u>know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus</u> (COVID-19) outbreak. This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.

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 Nothing To See Here Hotel by Steven Butler

Maple: How the Whale Became by Ted Hughes

Cedar: King Edward Flashypants & the creature from the crag

Rowan: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

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?

Online Resources

Our main online platform is google classroom, where you will find links to activities and resources for your child's class.

In addition to this, you may wish to use the following resources:

<u>Letterjoin</u>

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: <u>https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/pixl-times-tables/id1300608796</u> Google Play Store:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.matthewwoodfine.timestables&hl=en_GB

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