



Mundford Mail

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

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Worship Theme: Respect

Big Question: Does respect always have to be earned?

Winning House Team: **DANES**

Stars of the Week

Oak: Rocco

Hazel: Stanley

Maple: Alyssa

Cedar: Teya

Rowan: Kieron

Elm: Lucie

Sycamore: Ali N

Wow of the Week

Oak: Emily G

Hazel: Eve

Maple: Alfie

Cedar: Oscar

Rowan: Amelia

Elm: Ellie

Sycamore: Teddy

How lovely it was to see the children all dressed in their superhero costumes today for Comic Relief. In our Collective Worship times we have been thinking about this idea and reflecting on the variety of different people that might be heroes to us - especially through the pandemic. We feel that all the children have actually been superheros this year - continuing with their learning at home, missing their friends and family and coping with the many changes that have been thrown at them with remarkable resilience. They are all stars!

This week we were pleased to be able to put the plaque on the bench we had bought from the kind donations you made in memory of Mr Rolph. We have also been able to purchase a shield which we are looking forward to presenting at sports events in the Summer.

Start of Day

We are constantly looking at ways to tweak our routines to ensure we are keeping everyone as safe as possible and with this in mind, we would like to trial going back to our soft opening in the morning (pre-covid). As of next week we will be opening our

doors to the children from 8.40am till 8.55am, this means you can arrive with your children at any time between these times. The children will enter the building using the same doors they are currently apart from Maple, who will now enter the building using their class side door (but will still be collected from the hall).

We are hoping this will reduce the number of people on the playground in the mornings and eliminate the need for queuing. We ask that you **do not arrive on our site before 8.40am** as the doors will not be open. We also ask that you stick to one adult dropping off and picking up the children to ensure we are able to socially distance and that you continue to wear masks while on the school site. If this trial is successful we will continue to use this approach after the Easter holidays. For now the after school arrangements will remain the same for the end of the school day.

Oak: side door
Cedar: class door

Hazel: hall door
Rowan: class door

Maple: hall door
Elm: class door Sycamore: class door

(Please ensure that children walk down to the doors on their own to avoid congestion). For children using the class doors, adults should remain within the parking area and **not enter the covered area**. If you have a concern or need to speak to a class teacher, please go to the office.

Supporting your child with their learning.

The children have had a very disrupted academic year due to the current climate. Now more than ever it is very important that both school and home work together to help children achieve their true potential. You can do this in the following ways:

- You can help support your child by hearing them read everyday (this can be done with their physical reading book, any book at home or by using Bug Club).
- You can support your children with their spelling by using Spelling Shed. Being able to spell words helps with fluency of writing, the children love Spelling Shed because it is game based and can be used on any device.
- Homework helps consolidate the learning the children have been doing at school. The class teachers are using Google Classroom to set this work and inform the children what has been set and when it needs to be in.

Finally, our website is full of learning links and ideas that help support you and your children in their learning journey at school:

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



As well as non-uniform, we also held an in-school joke competition. Perhaps you might like to ask your child to share their favourite jokes with you at home? We certainly all need a good laugh in these challenging times! Here are our winners:

Oak: Nancy

What do you get if you cross an elephant with a potato? Mashed potatoes!

Hazel: Phoebe

Why did the chewing gum cross the road? He was stuck to the chicken's foot.

Maple are still working on their jokes and we will announce their winner on Monday!

Cedar: Charlotte

Why did the Maths book look so sad? Because it had many problems.

Rowan: Evann

My grandmother started walking 3 miles every day. Now she is 60, we have no ideas where she is!

Elm: Grace

What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole? Hot Cross Bunnies!

Sycamore: Fraser

I just got a new Tesla yesterday and it has that new car smell. I think it's Elon Musk!

If you would like to make donation to comic relief, you can do so here:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

A PTA Request

If you have any school sweatshirts and cardigans that your child has outgrown from size 8-9 upwards, would you please donate them so they can be passed on to other families? There will be a box left just inside the school gate for these during the school day. Thank you.

We are 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: "The World's Worst Teachers" by David Walliams

Cedar: James and the giant peach by Roald Dahl

Rowan: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Elm: The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Sycamore: Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

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?

Diary Dates

Virtual Sharing Assembly: Every Friday the class bubbles get together via zoom to share their learning and celebrate the stars & wows of the week.

Easter Holidays: Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April.

Monday 12th April: Children back to school.

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

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:

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.

Bug Club

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Bug Club is our online library of reading books, where you will find books assigned to your child's reading ability. Please ask the class teacher if you have forgotten their log-in details.

Spelling Shed

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Here you can play online games to practice spelling, as well as the assigned weekly spellings for your child's class. Please ask the class teacher if you have forgotten either log-in details.

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 you 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

School Uniform

<https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?sfw=pass1614943921>

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