



Mundford Mail

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

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Worship Theme: Compassion "Should you care more about yourself or others?"

Winning House Team: VIKINGS

Stars of the Week

Oak: Joseph

Hazel: Bliss

Maple: Alyssa

Cedar: Vinnie

Rowan: Antony

Elm: Lewis

Sycamore: Mieka

Wow of the Week

Oak: Tommy

Hazel: Indi

Maple: James

Cedar: Louis

Rowan: Grace

Elm: Cash

Sycamore: Matilda

What have we been doing this week?

We had an exciting visitor this week – Percy the owl! The children in Elm & Rowan had an opportunity to hold him, they learnt lots about owls and were also able to find out more about jobs working with animals as part of our 'What do people do all day?' theme.



Riley and his Mum with Percy the Owl.

Hazel Class have had a busy week rehearsing their nativity, experiencing a SAW day about the 5 senses (it was a lot of fun!) as well as going to the RSPCA centre, where we fed the seals, saw lots of animals and made our own bird masks!



Maple Class enjoyed a visit to The Iced Vegan to find out what she does all day. Trudy was very welcoming and explained all about the different cakes she makes, how long she has been baking them and her favourite colours and flavours. We talked about what it means to be a vegan and how her cakes contained different ingredients. As we left, she presented us all with a vegan cupcake, which the children enjoyed upon return to school.



Rowan Class also had an exciting No Plan Day (writing, designing props and performing their own plays) and Sycamore had a fun SAW Day (making their own blood as they learnt about the circulatory system).

Christmas Nativity Plays

Oak, Hazel and Maple classes are hoping to be able to perform their Nativity Plays to you in the hall this year on the following dates:

Maple: Monday 13th December at 9:30 a.m.

Hazel: Monday 13th December at 2:00 p.m.

Oak: Tuesday 14th December at 9:30 p.m.

A Myed form will be sent out next week for you to indicate how many seats you would like, so that we can ensure we are following the Covid guidance and will not be over capacity.



The School Council have organised another fundraising event to raise money for our chosen charity, the Norfolk and Norwich Hospitals Charity. To celebrate the wonderful work they do, the children are invited to come to school wearing the clothes that the different staff wear who work in hospitals: Surgeons, doctors, nurses, cleaners, office staff and so many more! Donations can be made through Parent Mail.



Christmas Cards

Children will be able to bring Christmas Cards to school for their friends in their own class this year from 1st December. Please do not bring cards in which are for pupils in other classes. Thank you.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save The Children. This will take place on Friday 10th December. If your child would like to take part, please send them to school in a Christmas Jumper. Donations can be made via the following link:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate>

Christmas Lunch & Class Parties

We will be holding our Christmas Lunch and class parties on Wednesday 15th December. If you would like to book a Christmas meal for your child(ren) please book in the usual way via the Parentmail App. Children are welcome to come in Christmas attire (suitable for playing outside) for the day. Please ensure that they still have a change of shoes for outside.

Reading at home.

Reading is not simply about how quickly a child can read a book and progress through a reading scheme it is also about developing a deeper understanding of the meaning behind the words, and it fuels a child's creativity and strengthens their ability in writing and spelling.

Hints for listening to readers

- Sit somewhere comfortable with your child, where distractions are limited.
- Be prepared for your child to re-read books, this repetition will enable them to recognise the words out of context, essential in enabling children to retain and recall words, it will also increase their confidence.
- When they do have a new book, take time to look at the cover and blurb, discussing the headings, clues in the pictures. See if your child can tell you what the content might be about. Talk about their ideas and your own!
- If the book is on-going, ask them what has happened so far, what they think might happen next, and what they do or do not like about the book.
- If the book is at the correct level for your child, they should be reaching over 90% success with the words, (one mistake in ten words) beyond this reading becomes a struggle.
- An excellent strategy for young or struggling readers is to use- adult reads, we read, child reads, a page or short passage, allowing the child to relax and to enjoy reading with success.

If your child does not know a word there are several ways to help:

- Use the pictures as a clue- this can be used to prepare the child for new words too.
- Miss the word out and read to the end of the sentence to see if a clue has been given in the sentence.
- Look at the initial sound and other letter patterns in the word.
- If these don't help supply the word so the meaning and enjoyment is not lost.
- Talk about the text, its size, layout use of punctuation, words printed in bold etc.
- Use who, what, when, where, why and how, to prompt discussion of the story, remember to enjoy and explore the story beyond the pages and words of the book - this will spark your child's understanding and imagination.

Share your ability with your child/ children by reading stories to them as often as possible.
Most of all give lots of praise and make the experience a positive one for both of you.

Maths - Number Fact Fun

It's brilliant that lots of the children are using TT Rockstars and Numbots regularly at home. Being able to quickly recall number facts not only boosts their confidence but frees up their working memory to be able to solve more complex problems. The school also has a subscription to Maths Frame: [Maths Games for KS2: designed by a teacher for teachers - Mathsframe](#) which has lots of games and resources that can be played at home.

Username: Churchside

Password: maths123

We particularly, recommend:

- Number Bonds: [Number Bonds - Mathsframe](#) – children can select the level that is appropriate for their age.



We are continuing to collect the “Good to Grow” tokens with Morrisons, to use for equipment for our school garden, so if you receive any please pass them on to us. Thank you in advance.

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 Adventurous Snail* by Dick King-Smith

Hazel: *A Mouse called Miika* by Matt Haig

Maple: *The Battle for Christmas* Jeremy Strong

Cedar: *The Christmasaurus* by Tom Fletcher

Rowan: *Attack of the Demon Dinner Ladies* by Pamela Butchart

Elm: *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday

Sycamore: *Boy Giant* by Michael Morpurgo

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

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!

Tuesday 7th December – Hospital Day
Friday 10th December – ‘Save the Children’ Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13th December, 9:30 a.m. Maple Nativity
Monday 13th December, 2:00 p.m. Hazel Nativity
Tuesday 14th December, 9:30 p.m. Oak Nativity
Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner & class parties
Thursday 16th December: Virtual Christmas Church Service lead by Rev Lubbe
(this will be for the children only)
Christmas Holidays
Monday 20th December 2021- Wednesday 5th January 2022

Online Resources

Our main online platform is Google Classroom, and class teachers will share your child’s log-in to their new class. The following resources can also be used to support your child’s learning at home.

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.

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.

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.

Numbots <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35246> & **TT Rockstars**
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>

Practice number facts and times table in a fun game-based situation.

If your child needs their log-in details for any of these, please contact the class teacher.

School Uniform

<https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?sfw=pass1614943921>
www.facebook.com/myclothingltd

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