

Mundford Mail



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

Worship Theme: Promises	<p>Welcome Back Wizards! Happy New Year to everyone - we hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas Break. Some magic has happened at school while the children were away and we have been transported to Hogwarts. The classes have been transformed into rooms from Harry Potter, wizard workshops & winter wonderlands. We hope the children are all excited and inspired by this term's topic. We look forward to seeing you at sharing assembly next week, where you can hear more about what we've been learning.</p>	
	<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>9/1/19 Oak Mundford Junction 9:00am 11/1/19 Hazel dress like a penguin day 11/1/19 Sharing Assembly 2:4.5pm 16/1/19 Hazel Mundford Junction 9:00am 18/1/19 Sharing Assembly 2:4.5pm 23/1/19 Maple Mundford Junction 2:00pm 24/1/19 Cedar Mundford Junction 2:00pm 25/1/19 Sharing Assembly 2:4.5pm 29/1/19 Rowan Mundford Junction 9:00am 1/2/19 Sharing Assembly 2:4.5pm 8/2/19 Elm Mundford Junction 9:00am 8/2/19 Sharing Assembly 2:4.5pm 14/2/19 Harry Potter Trip (KS2); Federation Day (KS1) 15/2/19 Sharing Assembly 2:4.5pm</p> <p><i>18th - 22nd February Half Term Holiday</i></p> <p>Sharing Assembly every Friday 2:4.5pm 1/3/19 Oak Mundford Junction 9:00am 4/3/19 Hazel Mundford Junction 2:00pm 5/3/19 Parent Teacher Consultations 3:30 - 5:30pm 7/3/19 Parent Teacher Consultations 3:30 - 7pm 12/3/19 Maple Mundford Junction 2:00pm 20/3/19 Rowan Mundford Junction 9:00am 28/3/19 Cedar Mundford Junction 2:00pm 2/4/19 Elm Mundford Junction 9:00am (will include information for parents about the Y6 SAT tests)</p>	<p>KS2 Homework Club: Elm Classroom, Thurs lunchtime. Y5 & Y6 Netball Club: usually Monday or Friday lunchtimes - weather dependent. Our after-school clubs are run by Premier Sports - see below. Search & Rescue: Alternate Fridays 3:15 - 4:15pm in Hazel Classroom.</p>
	<p>Premier Sports- Fencing Monday years 1 & 2 Tuesday years 3 & 4 Wednesday years 5 & 6 Registration is now open online: http://www.premier-education.com/sport</p>	
	<p>School Uniform www.tesco.com/ues https://corporatetiger.co.uk/school-uniform/</p>	

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Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey last term. One of the issues raised from this was behaviour – particularly low level disruption affecting children in lessons. The staff have already discussed this and are looking to introduce a new behaviour system to begin after February half-term. We will be talking to the children to collect their views on what behaviour they think deserves rewards or sanctions (and what they should be). Once we have had the children's input, we will share the new policy with you. For now, weekly behaviour scores will continue and we will start the new system after February half-term. However, see below for one change we are making straight away...

House Teams

Every child is allocated to one of our four house teams when they join the school:

Danes - Green

Romans - Red

Saxons - Blue

Vikings - Yellow

In Key Stage 2, this allows children of all abilities to participate in competitive but friendly sports matches and it enables our oldest pupils to demonstrate their maturity and leadership qualities as they are responsible for organising teams and ensuring that they are fair to all House Team Members. We also want our House Captains to promote positive behaviour, exemplify our school values (kindness, honesty and respect) and act as role models to the younger children. Whenever adults are impressed with our pupils' work or behaviour, they will reward them with House Points. Each week, House Captains will add up all the points and the highest scoring team be celebrated in sharing assembly. Children will also keep track of the points they have received themselves, working towards bronze, silver and gold awards. This will replace all current in-class behaviour systems (e.g. dojos, merits) and ensure that children are rewarded in the same way across the school.

Spelling BIF

Our current school improvement focus is on spelling and before the holidays you should have received information about ways of supporting your child with their spelling at home. Further copies are available on our school website.

One of the main things which you can do to help your child with their spelling is to read regularly with them, taking note of any words that they may not know. Our Mundford Junctions this half-term will have a focus on how to do this effectively, along with some other fun ways of improving spelling. We hope to see you there.

School Council – Bring & Buy Sale

The children have had the idea of holding a bring and buy sale – where they could all bring in unwanted toys, games and books for others to buy. Each class could then spend any money raised on equipment for their classrooms. We will be holding this on Friday 1st February in the hall from 8:45 – 9:15. After Christmas we know the children have lots of new things, so it might be a good time to sort through and decide what items they don't want any more. We will be collecting donations of toys, games & books from Mon 28th – Thurs 31st Jan. Thanks

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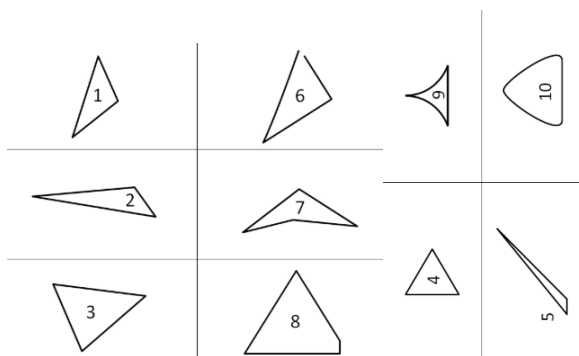
Maths Problems of the Month

KS1

Catrina wants to know how many football cards she has collected. She has filled up five pages of her scrapbook and on each page there are four cards.

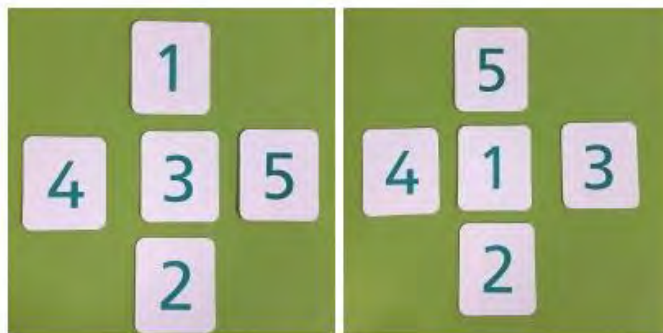
Can you show how you would find out? You might draw a picture or do some jottings or a number sentence.

Here are some shapes:



Which is a triangle?
Which are not triangles?
How do you know?

KS2



What do you notice about the two crosses?
What is the same?
What is different?

Both crosses use the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The left cross has a horizontal total of 12 and a vertical total of 6. The right cross has a horizontal total of 8 and a vertical total of 8.

We call the cross on the right a *magic cross*, because its horizontal total is equal to its vertical total.

Can you find any more magic crosses using the digits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5?

Can you find all the possibilities?

Can you convince yourself you have found them all?

All these problems can be found on the nrich website: <https://nrich.maths.org/8495> where you can see how other children have solved them as well as submit your own solutions.

Want to help your child at home with Maths?

- Every child has log-ins for Maths Garden & Purple Mash, where they can play online Maths games. Speak to their class teacher if you need help with these.
- Learning times tables helps children of all ages to develop confidence in Maths.
- On our website you can find copies of the Maths Essentials for each year group, along with ideas for practising at home: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/L075688L66729196932-website-maths-essentials-yrs-r-6.pdf>
- Use Maths in real-life: play games where you have to count or keep score; weigh ingredients for cooking; find money and work out change when they you go shopping.

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Search and Rescue Club - Spring term 2019

Please find below the dates for this terms Search and Rescue club. If you attended in the Autumn, your place will still be available for the Spring term. However, if you no longer wish to attend Search and Rescue could you please let either Mrs Keeler or Mrs Pryer know as there are children on a waiting list who would like to attend.

Dates:

Friday 11th January
Friday 25th January
Friday 8th February
Friday 25th February
Friday 8th March
Friday 22nd March

We hope you can make it regularly to the above sessions. If you are unable to attend club on one of those dates, could you please let Mrs Keeler know in advance. This will ensure a smooth transition from the end of the day class release to start of Search and Rescue club.

Thank you in advance.

Any questions, please come and speak to Mrs Keeler after school.

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Dear Parents and friends

Next Friday (11th January) will be Hazel Class "Dress like a penguin" day! The children are very keen to embrace the new theme and had a lot of questions all about penguins, so we thought this would be a fun way to kick start our learning. All the children need to do is come to school in black/grey/white clothes (either their own clothes or their uniform would be fine for this) and we will make a headband and beak as part of our day.

Any questions please come and see us at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Keeler and Mrs Howard.

