

# Mundford Mail



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

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**Worship Theme:** Co-operation

**Big Question:** Is it always better to work together?

**Best Attendance:**

**Winning House Team:** As next week is only a three day week, we will combine the house points and announce a winner at the end of term.

We have to say a massive well done to Oak, Hazel and Maple this week for their fantastic performance of 'A miracle came to Town'. There was some confident narrating, great acting and heartfelt singing, but most importantly it was lovely to see the smiles and enjoyment on their faces as they performed. Yesterday Maple Class helped the local community by visiting St Leonards Church to decorate the tree – if any of you visit the church over the Christmas period, have a look and see what they've done. Finally we finished the week with both Christmas Jumper Day and a House Day. All the children worked in their house teams to explore a different country and learn a little bit of the language. We always love these days, where the children demonstrate their ability to co-operate with the older children helping the younger ones.

## Word of the Week

Check out the latest word here: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/word-of-the-day>

## Maths BIF – The Why & How to Apply

As we shared with you last week, our latest BIF is all about helping children understand why they are learning things and how it will be useful to them, with a particular focus on Maths (BIF = Bitesize Improvement Focus). This week along with this newsletter you should receive a copy of our Maths Essential for Parents. These set out some of the key knowledge children need to learn in each year group in order to be successful in Maths, along with activities to help practise at home. We have also added some questions at the bottom to get the children thinking about why they need these skills and where they might use them. We hope they will share with their teachers their ideas for real-life activities and jobs that use Maths.

## Point in Time Assessments

The point in time assessment reports for parents will be sent home on Tuesday next week.

## Christmas Carol Service

You are all invited to join us in St Leonards Church for our Christmas Service on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am.

### Free Christmas Carolling

Thetford Voices are offering a free Christmas Carolling Workshop for all young singers aged 6-16 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm in the Williamson Hall of Thetford Grammar School. For further information, please see the flier attached to last week's newsletters or ask for a copy from the school office.

### Christmas Cards

The school Christmas post box will remain open until Wednesday. The post box is located next to the Christmas tree in the main reception. If children wish to have their cards delivered they must be clearly addressed with both **the child's name and the class name**. It takes a lot of time for our Year 6 'elves' to sort and deliver all the cards, so we regret that any that are not labelled with the both the name & class name of the recipient may not be delivered. Just like Royal Mail, we have a lot of post to deal! Please explain to your children that they need to be patient and that cards may not always be delivered on the same day that they are posted. We will however make sure that they are all delivered before the end of term.



### We are collecting!

We are collecting Books for Schools tokens which can be found in The Sun & The Sun on Sunday newspapers between Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>. If we collect enough tokens, we will get £600 worth of books for the school all for free! Thanks for your help.

### Christmas Dinner Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

This year's Christmas dinner will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The staff and governors serve the children with their meals and we have an extended playtime, followed by party games in the afternoon. We hope that all children will want to join in the festivity, however, should they decide to stick with their sandwiches on the day, they will still be included in the fun. You will find the menu at the end of this newsletter. Children are invited to wear non-uniform for the whole day and can bring Christmas-themed hats or accessories to wear for the lunch if they wish.

### Online Resources

We have a number of online resources that you can use at home to help your children.

#### Letterjoin

[www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://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.

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

**Year Two children now have log-ins too – see inside cover of their yellow reading diaries!**

### **After-School Clubs**

Next half-term, Mr Clark will be running the following after-school clubs:

- Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm For Years 1 & 2 Gymnastics (until half-term), then Ball Games (after half-term)
- Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Gymnastics for KS2 (years 3-6)
- Friday 3:15 – 4:15pm Basketball for KS2 (years 3-6)

We are offering two clubs for KS2 in order to try and provide everything the children have asked for. Initially, we ask that children just sign up for their first choice of club.

Taekwondo will continue on Wednesdays: (KS1 3:15 – 4:15pm KS2 4:30-5:30pm)

These will all begin from the 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Clubs run by school staff will resume the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January:

- Monday: Harry Potter Club
- Tuesday - Science Club
- Friday – Search & Rescue (alternate weeks – dates tbc)

### **Clubs within the School Day**

**More details to come in the new year.**

## **Diary Dates**

Here's a quick guide to what's coming up this term. More detailed information about lots of these can be found further down the newsletter. For some events, details will follow nearer the time.

**Sharing Assembly every Friday at 2:45pm.**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: last day of term for the children

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January: Children return to school

Mundford Junctions & events for next term will be sent home next week.

*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: Water Babies by Charles Kingsley

Hazel: The penguin who wanted to find out by Jill Tomlinson

Maple: The Magic Folk of the Faraway by Enid Blyton

Cedar: One Wish by Michelle Harrison

Rowan: The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman

## Elm: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Are they enjoying the story? What do they think will happen next?

### **School Uniform:**

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

[www.facebook.com/myclothingltd](http://www.facebook.com/myclothingltd)

**IES Breckland** have asked us to share with you the link to their newsletter. Any parents interested in finding out more about this High School can go to:

<https://www.breckland.iesschools.co.uk/2019/10/principals-bulletin/>