



Mudeford Community Infants School

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Dates for the Diary

Flu Immunisations- Tuesday 15th October

Class Photos - Friday 6th March

Staff training days – Friday 22 November, Friday 14 February, Monday 22 June, Monday 20 July

Parent Consultations – week beginning 21 October (evening appointments on Wednesday 23 October)

School nurse drop in – Thursday 10 October at 8:30am

Hello everyone,

There was a fantastic turn out from parents for the Year One dinosaur stomp and fossil shop. Thank you so much for getting into the spirit of the event and also for raising £71 for Year One resources. The children have had a lot of fun and tried really hard with their first project of the new school year.

Reception have been very busy over the last few weeks, focusing on numbers to 10 and learning sounds to begin reading words. We have read lots of Julia Donaldson stories including the recent *The Smeds* and *The Smoos*; the children have been trying to spot the rhyming words and creating their own aliens with their own alien names.



Have we found the next Robin Hood with our Archery sessions?

A company called Premier Sports came in on Monday and offered our children the chance to try their hand at archery. This proved very popular and the children loved having a go at a new sport. There will be three more taster sessions from Premier Sport at lunch times and these will be on Monday 7th October, Friday 11th October and Friday 18th October.

Aldi Kit for Schools

We are collecting! Don't forget to give us your Aldi kits for schools stickers. We are starting to get a few more but still have quite a few still to collect!



Urgent Plea for Junk Modelling resources

Reception are in desperate need of any materials for junk modelling. They are also in need of spare boys' trousers so if your child has outgrown theirs then please hand them to a member of staff. Thank you for your support.

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A message from one of our new school governors

Hi, my name is Richard Chumbley and I'm delighted to have become a Parent Governor at Mudeford Infant School. I've known the school only for a short period of time but can already recognise the warmth with which it's regarded in the community and the passion demonstrated by those invested in it, both staff and parents. I look forward to 'doing my bit' to support its continued success.



5 top tips for supporting children aged 3-7 online

1. **Discuss how technology fits into family life** - Begin by talking about how you use the internet as a family when at home and beyond and how going online can make us feel. Use the conversation starters below to help guide these discussions.
2. **Establish rules and boundaries** - Why not try using our [family agreement](#) to create a set of boundaries to help keep your child safe when using technology. You could even ask older children to suggest rules which could help you as a family and discuss how they will help keep you all safe when online.
3. **Consider how changes to routine can impact on digital wellbeing** - Changes to routine can mean children have more or less access to technology and the internet which can in turn have an impact on how it makes them feel. Discuss as a family how the rules and boundaries you have created with your family agreement will work when there are changes to routine.
4. **Be supportive** - It's important that children know who they can turn to for support and that they feel listened to and supported if anything ever does worry or upset them online. Make sure children know who all the trusted adults are that they can ask for help, whether it's at home or at school.
5. **Stay informed** - It's important that you know what to do or where to go to find out if ever your child does need help with something that is worrying or upsetting them online. Visit our ['Need help?'](#) page for parents and carers for more advice, support and reporting routes.

Conversation starter ideas

A simple and effective way to get involved in your child's online life is through discussion - an open dialogue is the best way to help your child access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online.

1. What is your favourite thing to do online?
2. What things make you happy when you use technology?
3. What things make you unhappy/angry/sad when you use technology?
4. Do you have any rules at home/school for using technology? What are they?
5. Who helps you to stay safe?

Best wishes

Mr Pope

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