



# Mudeford Community Infants School

Happy Confident Learners

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## Dates for the Diary

**Staff training days (school closed)** – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October (other dates to be confirmed)

**Individual pupil photos** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Parent consultations (details to follow at a later date)** – week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October

**October Half Term Holiday**- w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**End of Autumn Term**- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Start of Spring Term**- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Spring Half Term Holiday**- w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Class Photos**- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**End of Spring Term**- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Start of Summer Term**- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day Holiday**- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Summer Half Term Holiday**- w/c Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**End of Summer Term**- Friday 23 July

## COVID-19 guidance for parents

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<http://www.mudefordinf.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Guidance-for-schools-around-illness-and-school-absence-Sept-20.pdf>

<http://www.mudefordinf.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/What-if-my-Child-is-ill-160920.pdf>

In order to comply with the school's risk assessment for safe opening, please make sure:

- there is 1 adult only on school site at drop off and collection
- adults remain at least 2 metres apart
- adults do not congregate outside of school entrances and exits and leave the site and adjoining roads promptly
- families comply with government guidelines at all times

Hello everyone

It is great news that our attendance figure for the school term so far is 96.1% with our Reception children having the highest attendance at 98%. This is despite the challenges of colds and sniffles, self-isolation, booking tests and determining symptoms. It is not straightforward and I so wish for everyone in our community to remain happy and healthy by working together and supporting each other.

**Flu Immunisations**-These will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

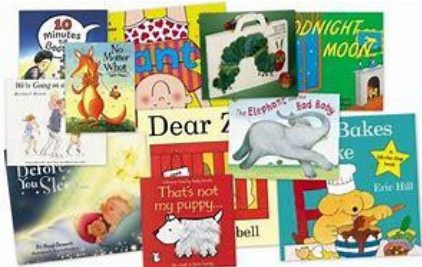
**Parking**-Please, when possible, avoid parking in the stretch of Mudeford Lane which leads to the staff car park. This lane is very narrow and is becoming very congested at times.

## Reading

We have always placed an extremely high value on the pleasure and benefits children enjoy from sharing books and reading at home, research shows just 5 minutes reading each day can make a massive difference to a child's confidence and progress. Unfortunately, at the moment it is not appropriate to have paper reading records transferring between home and school so in order for us to continue to celebrate your child's reading please contact the teacher on your class email address to share examples of reading you are doing at home. We will continue to issue reading certificates and Mr Pope will congratulate children in celebration assemblies.

We will also be starting class visits to the school library in school time, in accordance with our current safety policies books will be retained for 3 days before being reissued and the library will be thoroughly cleaned between the visit from each class bubble. This means that for the time being each class will visit on a fortnightly basis. Year two will visit on Mondays, Year one on Tuesdays and Reception on Wednesdays, please ensure your child's library book is in their book bag on the appropriate day so that will be able to exchange it for a new book.

Mrs Shale



## Marathon Man!

We would like to say an enormous thank you for all of the donations and support received for the marathon fundraiser. Drew is ready to go on Saturday (although a little apprehensive about the weather as its forecast to be quite warm!) We are also ready for our virtual family 1k, hopefully a few others will be joining us virtually too.

The total raised for the children at the school at the time of writing this stands at £617 which is truly amazing. We initially thought the £500 target would be optimistic but to have exceeded it is wonderful. I know there are still a few others who wish to donate so we will leave the page open until the end of the month and then update again with the final total. The link for the page is;

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mudefordinfants>

We will post an update on there at the weekend to let you all know how Drew got on.



Best wishes,  
Mr Pope

*Our governing body are as follows: Caroline Watkins, Chair, Daniel Pope, Emma Bollard, Frank Paines, John Churchill, Fiona Sawdon, Oliver Whittaker, Dawn Arnold, Richard Chumbley, Chris Dear and Clare Fox, Clerk. If you wish to contact them directly, please email [governors@mudefordinf.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:governors@mudefordinf.dorset.sch.uk)*