



Mudeford Community Infants School

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NEWSLETTER 2

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Dates for the Diary

Staff Training Days- Friday 19th November, Friday 18th February, Friday 17th June
School Photos (Individual)-Friday 1st October
Class Photos- Wednesday 30th March

Whole school attendance figures for this week: 98.4% (Year 1 99.2%)
Unless avoidable through illness, please make sure your child is in school and on time every day.

Hello everyone,

I read a story all about kindness to the children in Reception today; I wonder if they can tell you how we can be kind in school and have kind words and hands? The children in Year 1 are very busy with their dinosaur project; apparently there was something rather unpleasant in the playground that they discovered! Year 2 had their trip to Christchurch today; my goodness they looked tired when they got back. Thank you children for being so well behaved whilst out and about and I am looking forward to seeing how you will use what you have learnt in your Creepy Christchurch project over the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a good weekend and see if you can get active in some way. There are Junior Parkruns at New Milton, Moors Valley and Slades Farm every Sunday at 9:00. They are free to attend and a great way to start your Sunday with some exercise. There is also the RunBournemouth (<https://www.runbournemouth.com/>) event on 9/10 October which children can enter. I will be doing the half marathon so if you are out and about along the coast then come and cheer me on; any support is always very welcome!

Best wishes

Mr Pope

Year 1 end of the school day collection

So that pick up at the end of the day is as safe and smooth as possible, please can we ask that Squirrels Class adults wait in the gated area outside the classroom near the shed and Otters Class adults wait outside the gated area near where Hedgehogs Class were collected last year. This should hopefully help to free up space around the gates. Thank you

Year 2 entrance

From Monday please could Year 2 children and parents only use the main entrance gate to enter the playground and not use the staff car park as a walkthrough. The bike & scooter pods will now be next to the green storage container in the playground. Thank you

★ Our Golden Rules ★

At Mudeford Community Infants School we will always strive:

- ✚ To be kind in all we say and do
- ✚ To be honest in all we do
- ✚ To treat each other fairly
- ✚ To make good choices
- ✚ To respect what people say, believe and think



Coffee mornings

A reminder that next week in Years 1 & 2 parents are invited to a coffee morning with their child's class teacher and Mr Pope to go over the school year and routines. They will be held in the school hall at 9:00 for around 30 minutes. We hope to see you there.

Squirrels class – Monday 20th September

Otters class – Tuesday 21st September

Owls class – Thursday 23rd September

Badgers class – Friday 24th September

School Boat Restored

Over the summer holidays the school garden team called on the help of Reception parents to share their time and DIY skills to renovate the school boat. Several families came forward and helped to repair holes in the wood by replacing the top deck and adding non-slip decking on the floor of the boat. We also add a new steering wheel and mounted a telescope - handy for spotting pirates! The boat is already being well loved by the children and we are waiting to hear what they would like to call her so we can give her a name.

Earlier this year, sunflowers planted by the Year 2 children were in bloom for the final weeks of the academic year and provided a lovely backdrop to end of term events and performances. The tomato plants and runner beans that they planted as part of their Budding Botanists topic are now being harvested and available for the children to see when they visit the garden. Very soon the new Year 2 children will be planting over wintering broad beans and peas ready to harvest next year.



The school garden volunteers are a small group of parents and grandparents who look after the school learning garden, pond and flowerbeds. Our volunteers help with a variety of tasks, which recently included restoring the school boat, but generally we are busy with watering and weeding. Some of our volunteers take the children out into the garden to learn about growing food, wildlife and the environment. These volunteers come into the school on a weekly basis to take the children out to the learning garden with the teachers and TA's as part of the general curriculum. Over the autumn we will be emptying the school pond to replace the existing leaky liner.

If anyone is interested in finding out more or getting involved, please get in touch with Vicky Myers on 07900 392772.

Healthy Finances

For any families who are experiencing hardship and would benefit from support for fuel bills, food, and warmth – they can still contact the Citizens Advice Bureau for help even if they have had support previously. Please do this by either phoning 01202 081732 or via the following weblink: <https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/campaigns/summersupport/>

Our governing body are as follows: Frank Paines, Chair ,Caroline Watkins, Daniel Pope, John Churchill, Oliver Whittaker, Dawn Arnold, Tania Harland, Nic Stevenson, Emily Harvey and Clare Fox, Clerk. If you wish to contact them directly, please email governors@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk