



# MUDEFORD COMMUNITY INFANTS SCHOOL

Happy Confident Learners

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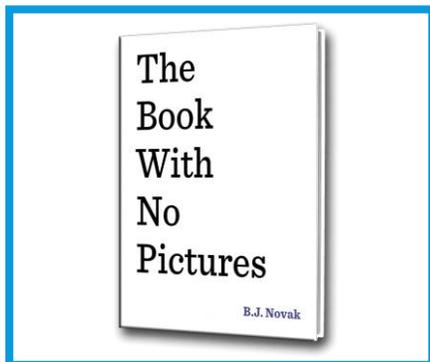
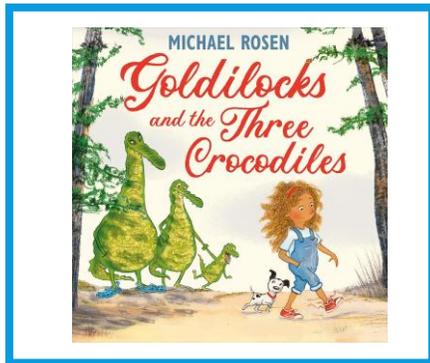
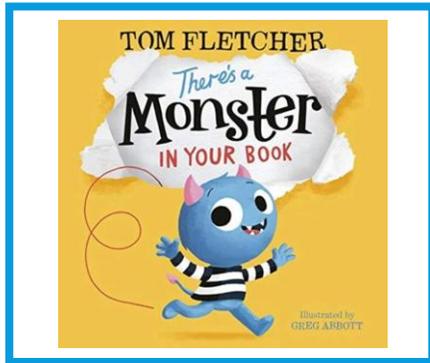


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This week's books

# MESSAGE FROM MR POPE

Hello everyone

At this time of year, it is always good to reflect and be thankful for what we have and the food we eat. This is why we have stopped to think about this in our Harvest assemblies, including with Reverend Kathy Hicken from All Saints church. It is also a time to think of others less fortunate and show kindness. We would like to thank you for all your food donations which were gratefully received by Christchurch Food Bank. Well done to our Reception children who now join us for whole school assemblies – they are sitting nicely and following along.

We are also focusing on our How to Learn character Danny Dog who needs the children to be ready for learning. It is not always easy to sit, look, listen and get equipment ready to be successful. However, this is why we keep practicing this and keep encouraging, supporting and reminding children what it takes to be a good learner. We want them to do their very best in school after all!

Best wishes  
Mr Pope



# COME AND VISIT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!



Our librarian Miss Davies would love for you to visit to borrow a book or just come and read after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There are a great selection of story books to choose from as well as a selection of information books. We have a small group of regulars which we would like to make bigger!

Remember, reading changes lives and can be so much fun with a bit of adult enthusiasm and support along the way. Reading with your child is a special time so why not pick a new book to share.

## MYTIME YOUNG CARERS PROGRAMMES

MYTIME young carers offer free activities to give young carers a break and to connect with others just like them.

A child does not need to be registered with the local authority as a young carer to attend these events.

We run Making Memories events and two online youth groups: Zoom Youth Group (5-18 years) and TEMPO (14 years +)

### Zoom Youth Group

5-18 Years

Term time, weekly

Our sessions are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and the activity is the same on each day. Activities vary from crafts, quizzes and wellbeing activities. There is a recommended age on each day but you can come to any session. Our Monday small group session is capped at 10 people only.

Once you have registered, you will receive a monthly invite with the schedule of activities and a booking link. You don't have to attend every session, just the ones you want to.

You need a laptop, tablet, or phone to join. There is no pressure to have your camera on, but we love it when we can see smiley faces!



### Making Memories

5-18 years

Holidays

During the holidays we run a range of activities from paddleboarding, water sports, adventure days and craft activities. These activities are completely free and a great chance for young carers to meet.

Once registered, you will receive 'expressions of interest forms' before each holiday of the upcoming events. The Making Memories Team will then be in contact to confirm places on events. Demand for our events is high and we work hard to ensure opportunities are fair.



To register for MYTIME programmes, parents/guardians need to complete a form.



Press here, scan the QR code or copy and paste this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YxLqakHSV2>



For any questions or further information on Zoom Youth Group or Making Memories, please contact [MakingMemories@mytimeyoungcarers.org](mailto:MakingMemories@mytimeyoungcarers.org)



At Mundeford Community Infants School, we are pleased to be working in partnership with MYTIME Young Carers, a charity dedicated to supporting young carers across Dorset and the Isle of Wight. Research shows that 1 in 5 children (that can be as young as 5) in the UK are young carers, nearly a million young people, many of whom take on significant responsibilities at home.

As part of our collaboration, we are working together to identify and support young carers within our school community. To help us in this important work, we kindly ask that you consider the questions below and get in touch with Mr Pope for more information or register by completing the form.

Does anyone in the family home have a long-term medical condition?

Does anyone in the family home have a mental health condition?

Does anyone in the family home have a disability?

Does anyone in the family home misuse substances such as drugs or alcohol?

Does anyone in the family home have a special educational need?

# FRIEND OF MUDEFORD INFANTS

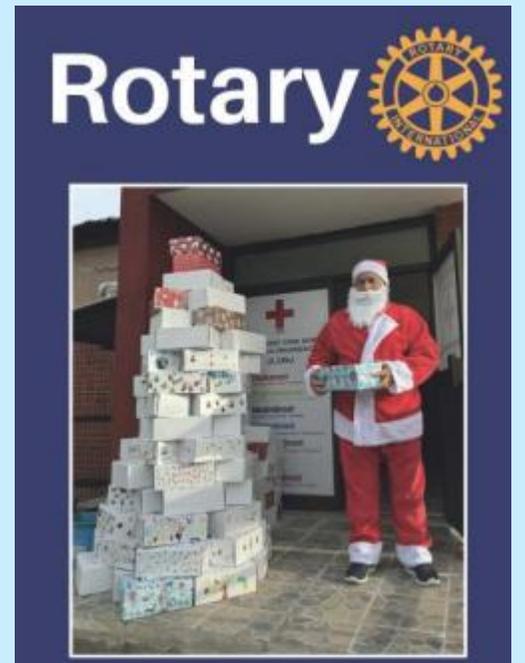
The Friends of Mundeford Infants had their first meeting of the year last week where it was confirmed that they raised well over £10,000 for the school last year. This means that they can continue to fund coaches for school trips, the annual pantomime and other various things for our children. This year as a project, we would like to focus on improving our tyre park and wooded area to maximise children's enjoyment, engagement and learning through the outdoors. We will keep you posted on our progress with this.

The Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme collects and sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to disadvantaged children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, and Ukraine (via Poland), ensuring they receive them in time for Christmas. These special packages are prepared using specific card boxes provided by Wessex Rotary. We would like each year group to bring in different items so that we can make up as many boxes as possible. Please only bring items from you specified year group list. All items must be new or in 'as new condition'. Please make sure items will fit inside a shoebox. We require items to be handed into the class teacher by Friday 10th October, so the boxes can be made up for collection before half term.

Reception: Pictorial educational book or game, small doll, toy vehicle, flannel, winter hat (this can be used as long as its washed and in good condition), socks.

Year 1: simple jigsaw, crayons and small colouring book, tooth brush and tooth paste, pictorial card games, gloves (these can be used as long as they're washed and in good condition), small notebook, small soft toy.

Year 2: Small ball, Lego, pencil and pencil sharpener, bar of soap, skipping rope, hairbrush, scarf (this can be used as long as its washed and in good condition), hair accessories



# ATTENDANCE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR



**Whole school for the Year: 97.5%** (national average 95.5%) **Top 8%** of schools nationally

Dormice 96.7%

Hedgehogs 96.3%

Squirrels 98.5%

Otters 99.6%

Owls 98.3%

Badgers 97%

**Please note:** holidays are not to be booked during the 190 days of term time.

0-2 Days	99-100%	<b>Excellent</b> – children are accessing all learning opportunities
4-8 days off	96-98%	<b>Good</b> – very few learning opportunities are missed
10 – 14 days off	93 – 95%	<b>Risk</b> of underachievement
15 – 19 days off	90 – 92%	<b>High risk</b> of underachievement There may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Difficulty transitioning back to school</li><li>• Difficulty engaging in lessons and following the Community Rules</li><li>• Friendship issues</li><li>• Anxiety about attending school</li></ul>
20+ days off	Under 90%	<b>Severe risk</b> of underachievement
28+ days off	Under 85%	<b>Extreme risk</b> of underachievement

For your child's attendance report please click on the link and follow the instructions:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/203856191-Attendance-on-the-Parent-Portal-and-Parent-App>



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	INSET – school closed
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Half - Term

## **INSET DAYS – School Closed:**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

# SAFEGUARDING



We always take safeguarding seriously at Mundeford Community Infants so we can do our utmost to prevent children from harm. If you have concerns or need advice on safeguarding matters then please see the roles below:

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in the school is the headteacher Mr Pope.
- The Deputy DSLs are Mrs Shale and Mrs Voss
- The Senior Mental Health Lead is Mr Pope

You can call the school office or email [office@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk)

**Tip:** check your parental controls and filtering if children are using the internet and supervise where possible. Once things are seen they cannot be unseen.