



MUDEFORD COMMUNITY INFANTS SCHOOL

Happy Confident Learners

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INFANTS SCHOOL**

**Join us as a
School Governor**



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Governors play a vital role in supporting the school to improve standards and ensuring value for money.

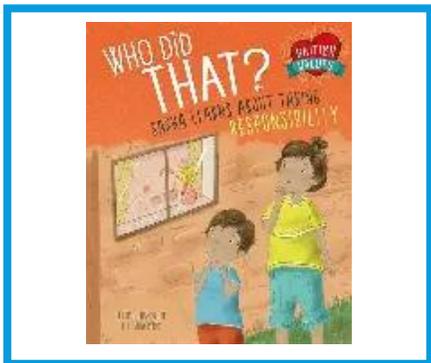
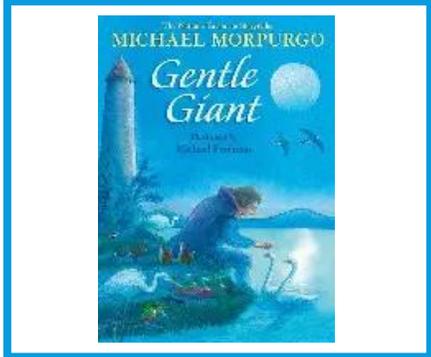
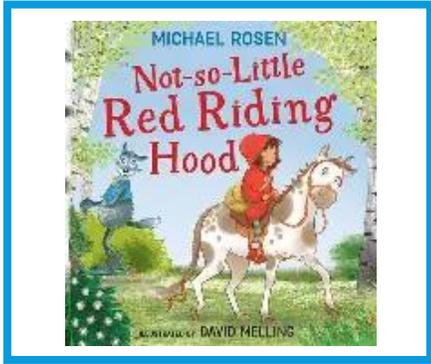
Mudford Infants has openings on the Governing Body:
Parent Governor (with a child at the school)
LA & Co-opted Governors (open to community members)

Could you or someone you know be a great fit?
 A committed school governor supports the school's vision and prioritises pupils' interests, bringing curiosity, sound judgement, and a readiness to constructively challenge.

No prior education experience is needed!
 The role focuses on setting aims, monitoring school development plans, and overseeing finances, rather than being involved in day to day operations.

For more details or to express your interest, please contact **Nic Stevenson, Chair of Governors,**
NStevenson@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk

To apply - please send your CV and a short covering statement outlining your interest and relevant skills
 by 3pm on Monday, 10th November



MESSAGE FROM MR POPE

Hello everyone

This week in assembly we have been thinking about our Community Rule, 'be honest'. We spoke about how it is sometimes difficult to own up to our mistakes but it is better if we do as then we can put it right again without making it worse. We also read the Boy Who Cried Wolf and understood what might happen if you keep telling a lie and that no-one will believe you when you are telling the truth. Ask your child to see what they can remember about what it means to be honest.

Thank you for attending your child's parent consultation with their teacher. We hope you found it useful and informative. If on reflection you would like to discuss anything further, then please let your child's teacher know and they will arrange to meet with you.

I would like to wish your children a restful and happy-half term break. They certainly deserve it after being so busy with their learning. There is lots more fun coming up when we start back on 3 November for Celebrations topic in Reception, Toys to Go project in Year 1 and Bygone Britain project in Year 2 (and of course we will finish the term off with all things Christmas!).

Best wishes

Mr Pope

This week's books

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR



Whole school for the Year: 97.2% (national average 95.3%) **Top 8%** of schools nationally

Dormice 97.3%

Hedgehogs 98%

Squirrels 96.6%

Otters 98.1%

Owls 98%

Badgers 98%

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

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

WESSEX ROTARY CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL – WOW AND THANK YOU!



Thanks to your incredibly generous donations, you have helped to make Christmas that little bit brighter for vulnerable children living in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, and Ukraine. We managed to make 35 boxes boxes which is fantastic. There were some amazing donations received.

Each box contains the following:
Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Woolly hat, Socks, Note pad/colouring book, Picture book ,Colouring pencils, crayons or felt tips, Pencils and sharpeners, Cuddly toy, Toy car/doll, Fiddle/sensory/puzzle toy, Hair brush/comb
Plus the girls have hair bands and clips.



RECEPTION WENT ON AN AUTUMN WALK TO MUDEFORD WOODS!

There were some tired legs by the end but our Reception had a lovely walk to Mudeford Woods today. They learnt about all things Autumn!

Many thanks to our lovely parent helpers and well done to the children for being so enthusiastic and sensible.





TEAMTHEME

OCTOBER HALF TERM SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMP



MUDEFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSCLIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Standard Day 9:00am-3:00pm - £20

Extra Play Day 8:30am-4:00pm - £27.50

Sibling Discount Available

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- Fun & Safe Environment
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Bookings & Contact Info



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Half Term Fun in BCP Libraries



There are lots and lots of **FREE** activities taking place in BCP libraries this half term. They are for everyone - whether you're a library member or not. Come and join us for some spooky fun.

[Please check individual library opening times online.](#) Further information can be found on BCP libraries social media or by contacting the libraries.



Boscombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a witch's cat with moving eyes - all week • Spooky treasure hunt - all week
Bournemouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Paterson Marionettes puppet show and puppet performance workshop (Saturday 25th October 10:30 - 11:30 - booking required) • Halloween scratch-art and concertina crafts - all week
Branksome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween-themed treasure hunt - all week • Take-away Halloween craft (limited number)
Broadstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical shaker craft. (Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30) • Halloween decoration station - all week
Canford Cliffs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween-themed craft station (Wednesday)
Canford Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spooky Halloween drop-in craft (Thursday 10:30 - 12:00) • Fancy dress Wriggle and Rhyme (Friday 10:30 - 11:00) • Green Libraries Week book exchange. (Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
Castlepoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Monday drop-in 10:00 - 13:00) • Design a Jack O'Lantern to add to our gallery - all week • Make an autumn gnome and go on a Halloween treasure hunt - all week
Charminster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fang-tastic fun making a paper haunted house and a rocking witch - all week • Spooky Storytime for under 7s. Listen to stories and make a paper owl. (Thursday 10:30 - 11:30)

Christchurch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Tuesday 11:00 - booking required) • Halloween craft and treasure hunt - all week
Creekmoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween craft activities and treasure hunt - all week • Crafty Crew art club - firework art (Saturday 1st November 10:30 - 12)
Ensbury Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween treasure hunt - all week • Discover Military Communications with the Royal Signals Museum (Tuesday 10:30 - 12:00)
Hamworthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3D scary paper pumpkins - all week • Halloween craft and treasure hunt - all week • Lego Club - (Saturday)
Highcliffe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monster-themed activities including monster magnets (Monday) and junk model monster making (Friday) • Pumpkin and bug house crafts - adult drop-in session (Friday 14:00-16:00)
Kinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Freedom Then and Now in conjunction with Poole Lighthouse and artist Holly Spillar. Create pieces of art from recycled materials. (Friday 9:30 - booking required) • Make a monster-grabber and enjoy a monster treasure hunt - all week
Oakdale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween crafts (Wednesday 14:30 - 16:00)
Southbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mummy's Curse craft pack. Create your own spooky masterpiece - all week • Halloween treasure hunt - all week
Springbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batty Bats children's crafts - all week • Halloween treasure hunt with sweets - all week • Chess and Lego drop-in sessions (Saturday)



THE LOOKING AFTER PROJECT

LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER

Find out what your Community has to offer!

FREE EVENT

Saturday 8th November
10am - 3pm



Stuart Semple, International Artist,
MIND Ambassador, Mental Health Advocate
GP Referral Consultant, Two Riversmeet
White Ribbon Victim Support CSAS
ASB Team Christchurch BID
& MANY MORE!

Free Tea/Coffee
& a Biscuit

CHRISTCHURCH
LIBRARY





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*more details to follow for Christmas events

INSET DAYS – School Closed:
Friday 28th November, Friday
30th January, Friday 12th June

Wednesday 5th November	Vision Screening (Reception)
Monday 10th November	Odd Sock Day and launch of Kindness Week (national anti-bullying)
Friday 14th November	Parents Quiz (evening event)
Tuesday 18th November	Snow White Pantomime (in our school hall)
Thursday 27th November	Christmas Decoration making day
Friday 28th November	INSET day – school closed
Monday 1st December	Christingle making and Advent assembly with All Saints Church
Thursday 4th December	6pm – 7pm Book at Bedtime
Friday 12th December	Christmas Discos (YR: 2-3pm, Y1: 3:15 – 4:15, Y2: 4:30 – 5:30)
Saturday 13th December	Breakfast with Santa
Tuesday 16th December	9- 10am Reception Nativity – Dormice parents
Tuesday 16th December	2:15 – 2:45pm Squirrels class Christmas Songs
Wednesday 17th December	9- 10am Reception Nativity – Hedgehogs parents
Wednesday 17th December	2:15 – 2:45pm Otters class Christmas Songs
Wednesday 17th December	6pm – 7pm Year 2 Christmas Songs
Friday 19th December	Christmas Lunch (menu details to follow)
Friday 19th December	LAST DAY OF TERM (Spring term begins on Monday 5 th January)

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

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.