



Mudford Community Infants School

Happy Confident Learners

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NEWSLETTER 1

4th September 2020

Dates for the Diary

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

Parent consultations (details to follow at a later date) – week beginning 19th October

Hello everyone

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 really have settled into school beautifully and you can be so proud of how they have settled with a new teacher and new teaching assistant, a new classroom and a slightly new way of doing things. I have seen so many happy, smiley faces and the children have really loved seeing their friends and getting stuck in to all the different activities and lessons. All credit to the parents for giving their children all the reassurance they have needed that school is the place to be and that they will be ok. Let's hope for more of this next week!

We are so looking forward to welcoming our new children to Reception and to our school community on Monday. Whilst it might take time for some to settle, rest assured they will all get there in the end once they see what fun they can have whilst learning, playing and building relationships with others. Thank you for taking the time to visit us over the last few days.

We appreciate it is difficult to speak to teachers at the moment in the mornings so if there are any worries or concerns that you have not been able to pass on to them, then please use the class email and your child's teacher will get back to you as soon as they can. If it is something that needs immediately addressing, then please go round to the school office and a message will be passed on by one of the team.

Safety reminders

Thank you very much for following the safety guidance when dropping off and picking up your child. Working together in this way makes such a big difference. Here are some reminders:

- to avoid congestion, try to travel by walking, scooting or cycling where possible
- only 1 adult to accompany their child in the playground (to avoid overcrowding and congestion through gateways)
- please arrive during the 10-minute window allocated to your child's class using the correct gate for entrance / exit
- please make sure you stand on the numbers whilst waiting (or spread out around the running track if in Owls class)

If you would like more information related to the virus then please use this link to our website:

<http://www.mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk/covid-19>



Snacks for break time

We are pleased to say that from Wednesday 9th September your child will be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack from our supplier. Therefore, please could you continue to bring in a snack for your child on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September.

Attendance and reporting absence

It is very important that we are aware of the reason for your child's absence from school as early as possible. Please could you telephone or email the school office at your earliest convenience on the day of your child's absence and each subsequent day. We may then follow up the absence with you at a later stage in the day to discuss their situation.

Assemblies

I will be carrying out virtual assemblies this half-term so that all classes can remote in to a whole school assembly from their classroom.

We will be exploring the themes of:

- Golden Rules and expectations
- Being resilient and resourceful by having a go and taking risks (it's very much ok to make mistakes when learning as long as you've given it a right good go!)
- Me and My Relationships
- Celebrating excellent effort and learning throughout the school

★ 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

Marathon Man!

On Saturday 19th September, one of our parents Drew Underwood will be running a marathon to raise money for our school. If you would like to donate money to the school by sponsoring him then please click or https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mudefordinfants?utm_term=aM7wVMja6



He has already raised over £300 so far!

As it is being held on a private estate it sadly means no children's races and no spectators. His family will be showing their support for Drew by doing their own virtual 1k on the day of the race, it would be lovely if more people also did a virtual 1k run as maybe together we could reach a marathon!

Good luck Drew, one foot in front of the other, that's all it is!



St Claire's Breakfast & After school childcare

If you would like your child to attend St Claire's Breakfast or Afterschool childcare then please visit their website to find out more information or to make booking.

<http://stclaires.co.uk/mudeford-after-school-clubs.html>

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