



Mudford Community Infants School

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NEWSLETTER 6

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Dates for the Diary

Staff training days (school closed) – Friday 13th November, Friday 12th February & Friday 18th June

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

October Half Term Holiday- w/c Monday 26th October

End of Autumn Term- Friday 18th December

Start of Spring Term- Monday 4th January

Spring Half Term Holiday- w/c Monday 15th February

Class Photos- Friday 5th March 2021

End of Spring Term- Thursday 1st April

Start of Summer Term- Monday 19th April

May Day Holiday- Monday 3rd May

Summer Half Term Holiday- w/c Monday 31st May

End of Summer Term- Friday 23 July

Hello everyone

On **Monday** we will be celebrating and appreciating the food we eat in our **harvest assembly**. A special video has been put together by our local All Saints Church that will be shared with the children. A huge thanks to the volunteers for their continued support of the school. We would be grateful if you could bring in a **non-perishable food donation** for our local food banks. This will support the community and help our children understand and appreciate what we have.

Our wonderful Reception children

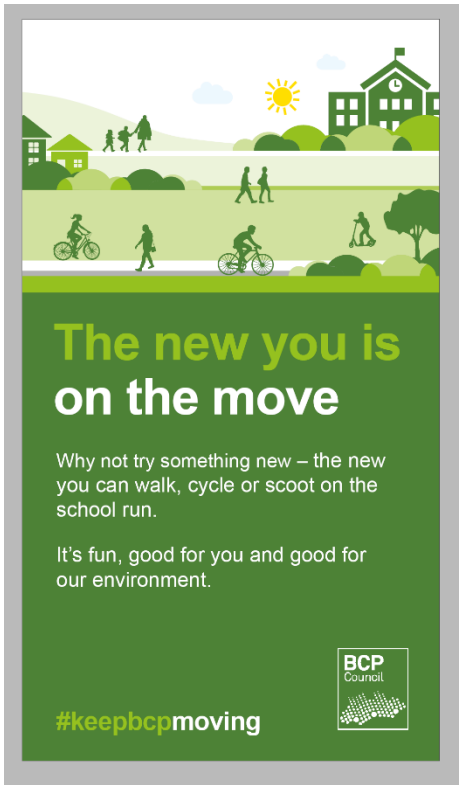
The children in Reception have been having a fantastic time with their learning. Over the last two weeks they have been focussing on the sounds e,l,h,sh,f,r,j and v through recognising what they look like, learning how to form the letters correctly and listening to the sounds in words. Some children have even been having a go at writing short words using their sounds such as dog, cat and pig for our Old MacDonald farm stories.

In maths we have been exploring the numbers to ten, becoming more familiar with reading and writing them and recognising them in patterns for example on the face of dice. They have also been using their knowledge of 2d shapes to complete shape pattern pictures.

The children have loved exploring autumn nature resources, visiting the learning garden to find out about seasonal changes and drawing pictures of acorns, pinecones, conkers and autumn coloured leaves. We have been talking and thinking a lot about making good choices, having a go and being kind whilst enjoying playing with lots of new friends. The first few reading certificates have also gone out already to children who are really enjoying lots of reading at home, brilliant! It is fantastic to see their smiley faces each morning, what a fantastic start to school!

Our Marathon Man Drew – the grand total

The total now stands at £807! A truly amazing total and 161% of our £500 target. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated, it's such an achievement to have reached this fantastic total. We will update you with how the money has been used for our children in the near future.



The new you is on the move – message from BCP Council

During lockdown we have seen more people of all ages exploring their local area, embracing active ways of getting about and enjoying a slower pace of life.

With the full opening of schools and further education establishments, we are strongly encouraging parents, carers and young people to consider active travel as their preferred way to get to and from school and to maintain some of the positive behaviour changes seen during lockdown.

To achieve this, we have launched a dedicated campaign focused on the concept of 'the new you' after lockdown which promotes the benefits of walking, cycling and scooting to the school gates. We also acknowledge that for some, there is no other option but to drive. In this instance we want people to consider parking further away from school or college and walking for at least part their journey, otherwise known as park and stride.

So, we are well into a new term and we want the new you to We are delighted to already see so many families settling into a new school run and walking, cycling, scooting or parking and striding. Enjoy this time and remember to stay safe by social distancing outside of school. Can more of you consider walking, cycling or scooting to school gates? It's fun, good for you and good our environment. #keepbcpmoving www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/thenewyou

Best wishes

Mr Pope

COVID-19 guidance for parents

Just a reminder that children must not attend if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19.

The symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

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

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