



# Mudford Community Infants School

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NEWSLETTER 9

12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Dates for the Diary

**Staff training days (school closed)** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June

**October Half Term Holiday**- w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**End of Autumn Term**- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Start of Spring Term**- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Spring Half Term Holiday**- w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Class Photos**- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**End of Spring Term**- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Start of Summer Term**- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day Holiday**- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Summer Half Term Holiday**- w/c Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**End of Summer Term**- Friday 23 July

Hello everyone,

The children have been very busy in the first two weeks of this term beginning their new projects. I have seen dinosaurs being created in Year 1 and bridges being built in Year 2 as well as finding out all about Mary Anning and Brunel. One child in Otters class now wants to be a fossil hunter when she grows up!

We will soon be providing details of our Christmas plans for the children as there is plenty of fun we can still be having despite restrictions. Thank you for your continual support in remaining socially distanced etc. We are sorry that our staff cannot spend more time with you, but do please email your class teacher to arrange an appointment if you need to.

Best wishes

Mr Pope

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

The school will be closed tomorrow for staff training.

### Bournemouth University Survey

We have been asked if parents would like to take part in a survey by a student at Bournemouth University. The research is being carried out by a final year nutrition student who is exploring the gap between 'attitude and behavioural intention' in relation to food purchasing among parents in Christchurch. If you are interested in taking part then please follow the link below.

(Weblink): <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YMR6CB5>

(Social Media): <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/76BVWQH>

### Christmas Dinner

The children will be having Christmas dinner on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please book your child's Christmas dinner via Schoolgateway as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Those with special dietary requirements were emailed instructions yesterday.

## Christmas Book Club

If you are planning to buy books as Christmas presents, then our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/mudeford-infants/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every **£1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online no later than November 20th, 2020.**

## Reception Parents

Reception have had a brilliant start back in Autumn 2 where they have enjoyed learning all about the celebration of Bonfire night. The children have been busy making their own firework rockets and Catherine wheels and working together to build bonfires inside in small world as well as outside. We have been focussing on fine motor skills that will help to strengthen the muscles in their hands which in turn will support their handwriting through cotton bud firework painting and pictures with pegs and boards.

Many of the children are now recognising all of the sounds they have learnt so far so we have been looking at putting those sounds together to hear, read and write simple cvc words like cat and peg whilst remembering accurate letter formation.





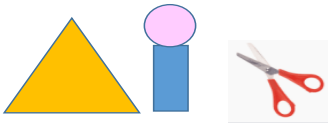



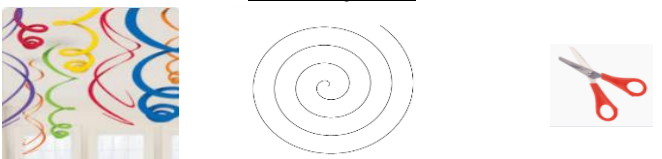




In maths the children have been working on their one to one correspondence, being able to count out toys up to ten accurately and starting on the early stages of addition by adding 2 or 3 more to a group of 3,4 or 5 then counting how many altogether to find the total. The children are beginning to learn rhymes to help them remember how to form numbers correctly and we will be sending a copy of these home that you may like to practice.

Could we also draw your attention to the letter regarding use of DoodleMaths and ReadingEggs at home, it is our expectation that children will be completing activities on these as part of their home learning and we have noticed how much progress is being made by the children who are using them regularly. This will hugely support learning in the classroom as long as children are completing activities independently so that the programs can provide appropriate games and activities where the children are learning and being successful. Next week we will be moving on to looking at the celebration of Diwali.

Many thanks

Reception Team

## Activity Board – 9th November 2020

<p><b>BOOM!</b> <b>Literacy Area</b></p> 	<p><b>Maths Area</b> </p> 	<p><b>Book Area</b></p> 	<p><b>Funky Fingers</b></p> 
<p> <b>Creative Area</b></p> 	<p><b>Technology Area</b></p> 	<p><b>Role Play Area</b></p> 	
<p><b>Construction Area</b></p> 	<p><b>Small World Area</b></p> 	<p><b>Outside</b> </p> 	

Our governing body are as follows: Frank Paines, Chair, Caroline Watkins, Daniel Pope, Emma Bollard, John Churchill, Fiona Sawdon, Oliver Whittaker, Dawn Arnold, Chris Dear, Paula Lock and Clare Fox, Clerk. If you wish to contact them directly, please email [governors@mudefordinf.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:governors@mudefordinf.dorset.sch.uk)