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Dates for the Diary

Staff training days (school closed) – Friday 18th June & Monday 21st June

Class Photos- Friday 21st May

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

Attendance figures for this week:

97.1% (97.7% in Year 1)

Unless avoidable through illness, please make sure your child is in school and on time every day.

Message from our school governors - March 2021

Dear parents,

As we reach the end of term, on behalf of all our school governors, I would like to take the opportunity to express our pride and admiration for how brilliantly our whole school community is working together, despite the enormous challenges the pandemic has caused.

A year on, we pause to reflect on how we've all been impacted, how we've had to persevere, adapt and be resilient to all the changes and challenges thrown our way – all of which stands us, no matter how old we are, in good stead for our futures.

For our children, ensuring a happy learning environment is our number one priority and together, as a community, we've strived over the last year for each and every child to be happy, healthy and successful. As governors we thank our parents and carers for keeping your children engaged and occupied whilst also dealing with your own worries. All the support you are giving to your children, by working together with our staff is so much appreciated.

In these unusual times, we've not been able to have the direct dialogue with parents and carers about how your families are experiencing the school as we normally would at parents' evenings and through our usual questionnaire. Instead, we've been astounded and humbled by the many emails and correspondences you've sent to school recognising and thanking our staff for their fabulous efforts throughout this time. Without the staff, the school really wouldn't be the same nurturing, fun, welcoming learning environment.

If you wish to reach out to governors to give any feedback or find out more about what we do in school, please contact any of us directly or email: governors@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk . You can also leave feedback on the Ofsted ParentView portal: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As we break for Easter, governors wish all staff, children, parents and carers the best of good health and a well-deserved break! We look forward to welcoming our children back for the Summer Term on Monday 19th April.

Kind regards

Frank Paines, Chair of Governors

The school governors are: Frank Paines, Daniel Pope, Chris Dear, Caroline Watkins, John Churchill, Emma Bollard, Fiona Sawdon, Oliver Whittaker, Dawn Arnold, Nic Stevenson, Tania Harland, Emily Harvey and Clare Fox.

Religious Education – the Easter Story

Andy from our local church group Open the Book have created a fantastic video for the children linked to the Easter story. They have listened to what he has to say about this special time of year for the Christian faith. Teachers have also shared the Easter story from the children's bible and had a discussion around why we celebrate Easter. It's certainly not all about Easter bunnies and chocolate, although the children no doubt deserve a treat or two!

Summer term adjustments to coronavirus safety in school

The rate of infection has remained low in the Mundeford area and so, providing it continues in this way then from Monday 19th April children will play together in year groups outside. This is so that they have the opportunity to socialise with other children outside of their class. If there is a confirmed positive case, then the class bubble and close contacts such as friends from the other class in the year group that they have played with, will isolate and revert to home learning for the necessary number of days.

Also from Monday 19th April tables in years 1 and 2 will no longer be front facing so that children can carry out tasks together and have more collaborative discussion with their peers. Classrooms will be well ventilated and hygiene measures of washing hands and cleaning surfaces regularly will continue to take place throughout the day.

Please continue to inform us throughout the Easter holiday if your child has a positive test result. We would also like to remind you that staying outdoors in the rule of six or with one other family are the measures currently in place to reduce the risk of transmission.

Look at the exciting learning for next term!



Reception are off on an animal adventure! What will they discover to put in their own animal book? Children will learn about caring for animals and their habitats and environments as well as finding out what they like to eat, their behaviours and how they change.

Year 1 will learn all about the joys of Spring time in their English Country Garden project and create their very own garden books. What will they learn as scientists, geographers and artists?

Year 2 will be growing their very own plants to hold a plant sale in school! There is lots of work to do to set this all up, all with the help of the Learning Garden. Year 2, it's time to put your science, geography and maths skills to the test.

Wishing all our children and their families a lovely Easter break from school and we can't wait for a busy summer term of learning which starts on Monday 19th April.

Mr Pope

