



# Mudford Community Infants School

Happy Confident Learners

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## Dates for the Diary

**Staff Training Days 2022/23** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**Class Photographs** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Flu Immunisations** - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### Attendance

Whole school to date: 95.6% Best class: Hedgehogs 97%

#### Parents are expected to:

Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.

Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (eg: sickness).

Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance. Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

Hello everyone

We have been thinking about the importance of being honest this week and how brave you sometimes have to be when admitting you have made a mistake. This is a big part of learning and one of our Golden Rules so have a chat with your child about being honest and what that means.



- Honesty means you don't say things about people that aren't true.
- You are not being honest if you make up rumours about someone or if you share rumors someone else made up.
- Being honest means you admit to your actions, even if might get in trouble. You are not being honest if you deny you did something wrong when you really did it.
- Honesty means you explain how a situation really happened. You are not being honest if you say something happened one way when it really happened another way.

Best wishes

Mr Pope

### **Parent consultations survey**

Thank you for completing the survey regarding parent consultations. They will take place in person at school as 63% of parents said that they would prefer this option. We will send you information next week for how to book an appointment. The teachers very much look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's start to the school year.

## Tree surgeon

Our pine tree has a rather large branch hanging over the fence which needs removing. If you know of a tree surgeon who would be willing to help then please ask them to contact the school office so that they can provide a quote.



## Numbots!

We are delighted to announce that from next week your child will be able to carry out their maths home learning using a fun and exciting online programme called Numbots. We will provide you with all the information needed as well as your child's log in early next week.

## Head Lice in Year 2

There have been cases of headlice in Year 2 this week. Please check your child's hair and treat as necessary.



Mrs de Souza has very much enjoyed parents and children visiting the library this week but she would love to see more of you!

Remember it is open after school from 3pm – 4pm

(please wait for Mrs de Souza who will be there as soon as possible after seeing a class out).

**Monday** – Reception

**Wednesday** – Year 1

**Friday** - Year 2

## School Council

Our new school council had their first meeting this week. The new members who were voted in by their class are Reuben, Rosie C, Seve, Evie, Philip, Lilah, Edwin and Ava.

Their mission is to:

- help children to be happy and confident
- think of ways to help the school be even better
- speak to the children in our class about the meetings we have and ask for their ideas too



## Blooming Amazing! The School Learning Garden



### News from the Garden Volunteers

It is almost four years since a small team of volunteers took on the school learning garden and it's been a rewarding journey. With the work of our volunteers, every Thursday afternoon children from different year groups visit the garden to help with planting, tending and harvesting fruit and veg. While they are there, they learn about food, wildlife and seasonal change. Wildlife is feeling at home in the garden too. Last week, much to the delight of children from Year 2, we found a large female slow worm under the hedge which everyone found fascinating. The garden also supports hedgehogs, and the pond is full of frogs, newts, snails and dragonflies. We also encourage bees, butterflies and insects into the garden with a flowerbed dedicated to pollinating plants and bug hotels.

Over the years we have relandscaped the pond area to make it more wildlife friendly, restored the school boat, built a greenhouse and replaced a raised bed. This year the development of the garden was rewarded when we achieved the highest level of school gardening Award granted by the RHS. This recognised that we use the garden to teach curriculum subjects and have become a place that other schools visit to learn more about school gardening.



While enjoying all this success,

we still rely on the help of volunteers to keep the garden going. We welcome parents, carers, grandparents and friends to help keep the garden looking good. No knowledge is needed and tasks vary from watering, weeding, fixing and working with children. If anyone is interested in finding out more you are welcome to meet us in the garden at 9am Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October for 'An Hour of Gardening'. Bring your gardening gloves and we will be finished by 10am. Or if you would like to help, but can't make that time, get in touch with Vicky Myers on 07900 392772.

*Our governing body are as follows: Frank Paines, Chair ,Caroline Watkins, Daniel Pope, John Churchill, , Dawn Arnold, Nic Stevenson, Emily Harvey, Sarah Church, Leanne Shuttleworth, Dimitrios Pegioudis, and Clare Fox, Clerk. If you wish to contact them directly, please email [governors@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:governors@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk)*