



Mudeford Community Infants School

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Friday 25th November 2022

Dates for the Diary

Staff Training Days 2022/23 – Friday 27th January & Friday 16th June

Class Photographs – Monday 20th March 2023

Attendance

Whole school to date: 95.4% Best class: Owls & Squirrels 96.9%

Our school is in the top 31% for attendance nationally for this term.

Thank you for bringing your children into school (even if they say they don't feel like it sometimes!). It makes such a difference to their learning journey to be in lessons as much as possible.

Dear Parents

It is nearly December and that means we will be packing in the fun at school (along with plenty of learning along the way of course!). In the meantime children have been busy as always carrying out their topics and projects. When I have visited the classrooms I have seen children in Reception enthusiastically making Divali pots, playing musical instruments and roleplaying birthday celebrations; children in Year 1 have been designing and making robots that have to be strong enough to shake... and look good too! As for Year 2 I was amazed how much they had found out about Brilliant Britain exploring themes of democracy, fairness and how significant people have changed the course of history; they made special reference to Emmeline Pankhurst and the girls certainly did not appreciate not being able to vote in class!

As of next week Christmas will be in full swing with our Christmas making day which is always a highlight for the children.

Best wishes

Mr Pope

Some staff farewells

Our beloved Alice Howell in the school office is retiring at the end of this school year after all these years of tireless service. Her brilliance at being the front of house for our school will be sorely missed but my goodness has she earned her retirement! A heartfelt thank you from all of us Alice.

Our wonderful teaching assistant and pastoral worker Kate Jennings will also be leaving at the end of the year. She has absolutely loved working to support the children and parents here at Mudeford Infants and we will certainly miss her care, warmth, dedication and expertise. Best wishes for the future Mrs Jennings!

We are delighted to have appointed Sophie Lewis as our new admin officer in January and Suzie Allkins will be our new teaching assistant and pastoral worker. They both come with a wealth of experience and we look forward to welcoming them to our team and the Mudeford Infants community.



Yuletide Festival in Christchurch

Come and celebrate the Yuletide Festival open from Friday 25th November and with a Christmas light switch on event on Saturday 26th November. New this year in Saxon Square - open all the way through December until Christmas Eve.

The Yuletide parade and Christmas Light Switch On will feature Christchurch-based Gobbledegook Theatre

company who will bring the Holly King, Ivy Queen, and the Lord of Misrule, where they will join with the Mayor of Christchurch to perform the spell which turns on the Christmas lights. The Christchurch Rugby Club, known as the Saxons, will carry the Yule Log as part of the procession.

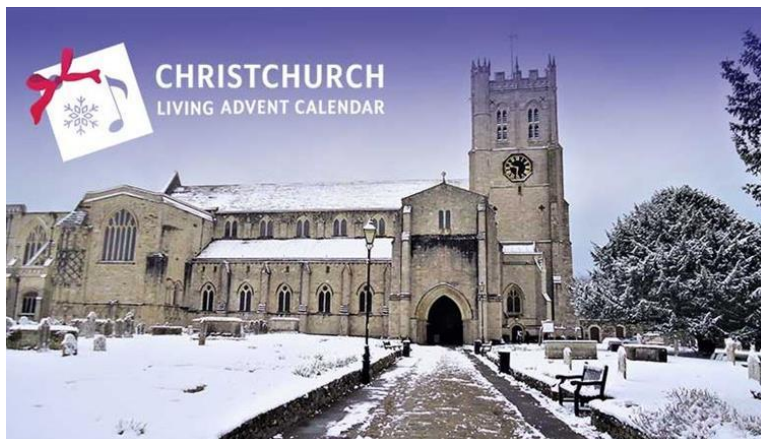
A Yuletide Market with will line one side of the High Street along with a stage at the Fountain roundabout end where music and entertainment, supported by Hot Radio and DJ MC J Rachet, will be played throughout the launch day.

Saxon Square will host a marquee and The Hop On Inn (Bar Bus) will be open selling a range of hot chocolates, mulled wine, mulled cider along with other drinks while the Cheeky Fox Churros will be offering vegan churros.

A wrought iron effect marquee with a clear roof will fill the central area of Saxon Square to provide cover from the weather for people to eat and drink from the local businesses. It will be a great place to enjoy music, entertainment, and the Rotary Advent Calendar, throughout the season.

Event	Date
<p>Book at Bedtime</p> <p>The children will be able to come in their pyjamas to listen to lots of different Christmas and winter stories read to by our teaching staff. This event begins at 6pm and finishes at 7pm. You will be able to drop off and collect your child from their usual school entrance. Whilst this is taking place you are invited to the school hall for an educational talk from Mr Pope.</p>	<p>Wednesday 7th December at 6:00pm</p>
<p>Christmas discos in the hall & Christmas jumper day</p> <p>Mr Pope will be the DJ as the children have a Christmas boogie and play some games in our school hall. The children can come in Christmas mufti that day and so do not have to wear school uniform ready for the party in the afternoon. Tickets will go on sale soon as organised by Friends of Mundeford Infants. Please also bring in donations for Christmas mufti with the proceeds going to the Dorset charity Amelia's Rainbow https://ameliasrainbow.com/. If your child is in Year 1 then they can be collected from their classrooms at 4:15pm. If your child is in Year 2 they will need collecting at 3:00pm. They then need to come back for their disco at 4:30pm and be collected at 5:30pm (at their usual classroom entrances).</p>	<p>Friday 9th December</p> <p>Reception 2:15 – 3:00</p> <p>Year 1 3:15 – 4:15</p> <p>Year 2 4:30 – 5:30</p>

<p>Reception Nativity in the School Hall</p> <p>Children in Reception will be putting on a nativity performance for their parents in our school hall. Due to the capacity of the hall, numbers are strictly limited to 2 people per child.</p>	<p>Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am for Dormice parents</p> <p>Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am for Hedgehogs parents</p>
<p>Year 1 Christmas songs and Carols</p> <p>Children in Year 1 will be singing Christmas songs and carols outside (weather permitting). If this needs to be in the school hall due to the weather, then there will be a maximum of 2 spectators per child.</p>	<p>Tuesday 13th December at 2:30pm for Squirrels class</p> <p>Wednesday 14th December at 2:30pm for Otters class</p>
<p>Year 2 Outdoors Christmas songs & carols (weather permitting)</p> <p>All are welcome to come and join Year 2 children to sing along with them whilst they perform Christmas songs and carols. Friends of Mudeford Infants will be serving refreshments. The performance begins at 6:00pm. Children in Year 2 will need to arrive by 5:45pm and make their way to their classrooms.</p>	<p>Tuesday 13th December at 6:00pm (reserve day of Thursday 15th December if unsuitable weather)</p>
<p>Christmas Lunch</p> <p>On the last day of term children will be having their Christmas meal. Details will be provided for how to order this meal in the coming days.</p>	<p>Friday 16th December</p>



On each evening at 6.15pm (24th December will be at 2pm) a 'door or window' will open at a different venue in Christchurch for a free 30 minute performance by a different local performer. As is a child's Advent Calendar, the performer for each evening is not known until that 'door or window' opens at 6.15pm.

<https://www.bournemouth.co.uk/christchurch/whats-on/christchurch-living-advent-calendar-p3194763>



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2022
11am-3pm

Mudeford Wood Community Centre
Piper's Drive, Mudeford, BH23 4TR

Please come and join Mudeford Fundraising Crew at their Christmas Fayre.

Teddy & Bottle Tombolas, Cake Stall, Books, Crafts and bargain Christmas decorations.
Come along and meet Rookie the Reindeer!



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,

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