



MUDEFORD COMMUNITY INFANTS SCHOOL

Happy Confident Learners

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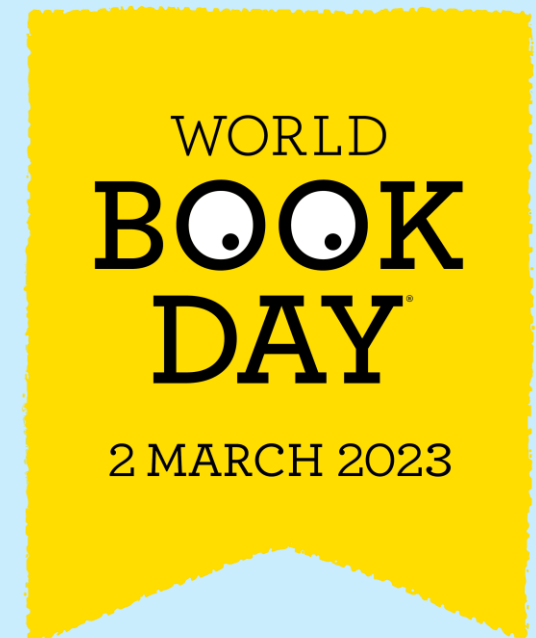
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10th February 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Staff Training Days 2022/23:** Friday 16th June
- **Class Photographs:** Monday 20th March 2023
- **Spring half term:** Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
- **World Book Day:** Thursday 2nd March
- **Easter holidays:** Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April
- **First day of Summer term:** Monday 17th April
- **Mini Marathon fundraising event:** Friday 28th April
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 1st May & Monday 8th May
- **Summer half-term:** Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- **Summer Fair:** Friday 7th July
- **Last day of Summer term:** Friday 21st July

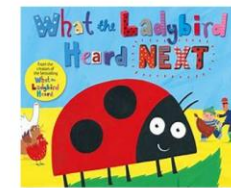
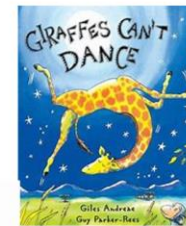


MESSAGE FROM MR POPE

It was lovely to see all our parents visit the school this week for their meetings with teachers. We hope you found them useful and if you would like further information or a conversation about your child's progress, then please get in touch to arrange an appointment with your child's teacher.

We love hearing from children about the books they read at home. The difference it makes to a child's life chances is huge when they are read to by an adult each day as well as reading to an adult for a few minutes.

Best wishes and I hope the children and their families enjoy the half-term break.



HELP NEEDED THIS SATURDAY WITH THE SCHOOL GARDEN



Is anyone free for an hour or two on Saturday to help care for the school garden?

A group of volunteers are meeting in the school grounds this Saturday (11th) from 2pm to 4pm to move woodchip, clean a greenhouse, weed, put up some bird boxes and tidy up. We will also have Theresa (Chair of the Friends) there and at 4pm, she will talk about how money raised by the Friends is being used to enhance play opportunities at the school. You only need to bring some gardening gloves with you. However, if you have them, please bring some gardening tools and if you can, an extra wheelbarrow! Children are welcome so long as they are supervised and tidy up when they have finished playing.

Please let me know you are coming by messaging Vicky Myers on 07900 392772. Please come to the drop off/pickup gate for Reception classrooms and go to the toilet before you arrive as we will not have access to the school buildings!

We are also looking for a volunteer to sand down and revarnish the lovely wooden boat in the reception playground. This will take longer than 2 hours, but really needs to be done. Let Vicky know if you can help!



OUR RECEPTION HISTORIANS!

The children have enjoyed their project Medieval Mayhem this term where they have learnt all about castles, knights, kings and queens. To end the project, the children took part in a Medieval Banquet in the hall where they were able to eat bread that they had all made the day before as well as eat fruit and vegetables just like they would have done back in the medieval days. The children took part in singing a song all about castles and played some medieval games.



SUPER SCIENTISTS!

Last Friday, I had the pleasure to take Harrison and Poppy to Christchurch Junior School to represent our school at the Christchurch Schools Science Quiz. They were able to share their fantastic science knowledge with children from other schools and worked extremely well as part of a team. They came second in the Year 2/3 quiz and third overall out of seven schools. Well done Harrison and Poppy.

Miss Cheeseman – science leader



WILD PLAY ON STANPIT MARSH THIS HALF TERM



Dorset Rewilding have an event on Monday 13th February where children can re-connected with nature and play wild. Victoria from Dorset Rewilding has been working with the school over recent weeks to develop outdoor play opportunities and this is a brilliant opportunity for children to enjoy more woodland play.

Based on the forest school ethos, there will be wild play stations, toasting marshmallows and the opportunity to make a natural valentines craft to take home. For more information follow this link:

https://www.dorsetrewilding.co.uk/ourshop/prod_7930732-February-half-term-Love-of-the-Wild-Monday-13th-Feb-1030am1230pm.html

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM!

Join over 1 million children to defeat the veg and stop them taking over the world. A mission leaflet will be going home in book bags this week for parents to support their children to successfully eat their vegetables. We will also be giving out stickers at school to children that eat up all their vegetables! Between us we can try to make sure our children are healthy and happy.

<https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/>



ATTENDANCE



Whole school to date: 94% Best class: Squirrels 96.4%

0-2 Days	99-100%	Excellent – children are accessing all learning opportunities	Class teacher to discuss absence and monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely enjoyment of school • Positive friendships • Helping the class have best attendance • Motivated to learn
4-8 days off	96-98%	Good – very few learning opportunities are missed		
10 – 14 days off	93 – 95%	Risk of underachievement	Pastoral worker to discuss absence and monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from pastoral worker notifying attendance concerns & offer of support • Meeting with pastoral worker to discuss strategies to improve attendance • Attendance action plan (eg school nurse, GP, managing appointments, overcoming anxiety) in consultation with a senior leader • Letter of improvement when back in the green zone • Escalate to headteacher if no improvement
15 – 19 days off	90 – 92%	High risk of underachievement There may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty transitioning back to school • Difficulty engaging in lessons and following the Golden Rules • Friendship issues • Anxiety about attending school 		
20+ days off	Under 90%	Severe risk of underachievement	Deputy Headteacher (EYFS) & Headteacher to discuss absence and monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from the headteacher & meeting to discuss serious concerns • Fast track attendance action plan with 3 weekly monitoring • Local authority involvement & support • Attendance panel • Team Around the Family meeting • Home visits • Letter of improvement when moving back to the orange then green zone • Fines for unauthorised absence
28+ days off	Under 85%	Extreme risk of underachievement		

We have had high attendance this week which is really pleasing (96%+). We will be sending out attendance letters next half-term in line with the attendance chart.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

<https://www.mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk/support-for-families>

Worried about food?

Support is available



→ **Foodbanks**

→ **Social Supermarkets**

→ **Community Fridges**

→ **Cooking Workshops**

→ **Community Meals**

📍 To find all this and more use the BCP Access to Food Map
bcpcouncil.gov.uk/accesstofoodmap



... or speak to one of the team for more details



For children up to 11 years

3-2-1 blast off!
..... save money on childcare

Are you a working parent earning under £100K per year? Boost your finances with **tax free childcare** to help with your childcare costs. This can be spent on breakfast and after school clubs, holiday activities, childminders, day nurseries and pre-schools...to infinity and beyond! For every £8 you pay, you will get an additional £2, saving you up to £2,000 per child, per year (or £4,000 if your child is disabled). Applying is quick and easy so don't delay, start today!

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For Dorset enquiries:
T. 01305 221066 W. dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/childcare



[Family Hub at Somerford \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](http://bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

[Parenting in a digital world online information](#)