



# MUDEFORD COMMUNITY INFANTS SCHOOL

Happy Confident Learners

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# ATTENDANCE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR



**Whole school to date:** 94.7% (national average 94.3%)

As you can see we are now only just above the national average for the school year and in the top 45% of schools. I am sorry to see there have been so many bugs and illnesses lately. We can support your child in school once they are on the mend. Please do all you can to ensure your child attends school.

Let's hope your child stays fit and healthy for the remainder of the school year.

Please note: holidays are not to be booked during the 190 days of term time.

0-2 Days	99-100%	<b>Excellent</b> – children are accessing all learning opportunities
4-8 days off	96-98%	<b>Good</b> – very few learning opportunities are missed
10 – 14 days off	93 – 95%	<b>Risk</b> of underachievement
15 – 19 days off	90 – 92%	<b>High risk</b> of underachievement There may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Difficulty transitioning back to school</li><li>• Difficulty engaging in lessons and following the Community Rules</li><li>• Friendship issues</li><li>• Anxiety about attending school</li></ul>
20+ days off	Under 90%	<b>Severe risk</b> of underachievement
28+ days off	Under 85%	<b>Extreme risk</b> of underachievement

# MESSAGE FROM MR POPE



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – we can't wait and we hope to see you here!**

Hello everyone

It has been a busy term of learning and our children and staff have definitely earned themselves a break to recharge the batteries ready for the Summer Term. Children are making lots of good progress with their learning across all the different areas of the curriculum. Reception are off to Longdown Activity Farm on the first day back where I am sure they will have a fantastic time. Year 1 had a fabulous trip to Beaulieu this half term and have enjoyed learning about far off places and the history of transport through Formula 1. Year 2 had a great day out this week at the Winchester Science museum; they were still buzzing about it when they came in the next day!

We have lots of exciting learning and events coming up next term and our dedicated staff, Learning Garden volunteers and Friends of Mundeford Infants will be working very hard to put this altogether for the children. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and helping our children to be happy, confident learners.

Wishing a Happy Easter break to all of our school community.

Mr Pope

Thanks to lots of generous donations, we now have lots of new story and information books working their way into the library.

Library visiting times for all children across the school are 3-3.45pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Miss Davies looks forward to seeing you soon!

We just wanted to reiterate it doesn't matter what days they come- we need to see lots more children from Years 1 and 2 come and visit.



# SEASONAL CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL LEARNING GARDEN



Spring is blooming in the Learning Garden and the children are seeing signs of it everywhere. Here is a summary of what the learning garden volunteers have been doing.

- Our aim is to give children hands on opportunities to learn about planting, growing, nature and seasonal change. Our education team meets children in the garden every Thursday afternoon (except for the first half of the winter term when not a lot is happening). Working as a team of three volunteers, we split the year group so we each have a group of 5 children and can spend 20 minutes with them. This low ratio means we the children have the time to enjoy planting, learning about nature and exploring the garden. We also have time to answer their questions and explore their interests. Most of us have no teaching qualifications, but we all have a good understanding of gardening and nature.
- Last autumn the children were busy planting bulbs which are now flowering and look amazing. You will see these in the reception playground where pots of hyacinths are blooming and in the learning garden, we have daffodils and tulips. Signs of spring are everywhere with buds on our blueberries, apple tree and blackberry bushes. Leaves have already appeared on the raspberry and gooseberry bushes, while the strawberry plants have started to flower. Our winter veg of broad beans, garlic and onions have all survived the cold weather and will soon be ready to harvest. The pond remains a haven for wildlife, with tadpoles swimming around and newts in abundance. We also have blue tits nesting in the bird box under the oak tree.
- Over the past fortnight the children have been busy planting seeds like tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes and sweet peas. They have been chitting potatoes and propagating new plants from cuttings and dividing. We have been grateful for the shelter of the outdoor classroom in the rainy weather. We will soon be starting the Yr 2 microenterprise project soon where the children grow produce which they sell to their parents to learn about the finances of growing.
- We need parents, grandparents and carers help to keeping the garden maintained, so if you have a free hour or two it would be amazing if you could come and help. Our next maintenance morning is:

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12noon

- We will be weeding around the herb garden and pond area, tidying up, moving woodchip and doing some simple practical jobs. Please bring gardening gloves if you have them. Children are welcome (they can play in the playground), but please keep an eye on your children while in the garden. We don't have access to the school, so there are no toilet facilities.
- If you are unable to come along on the maintenance morning/afternoon but are interested in finding out more about volunteering with us, please get in touch with me, Vicky Myers, on 07900 392772 or email [vicky\\_myers@me.com](mailto:vicky_myers@me.com). We are also looking for volunteers to help watering in dry weather, join our education team and help with future maintenance days.



## PE IN YEAR 2 – INVASION GAMES AND BALL SKILLS



Our children in Year 2 have been learning all about attack and defence as well as keeping control of the ball by dribbling. They then demonstrated what they have learnt this term in a diagram. Great skills Year 2!

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>INSET Days (school closed)</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June, Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
<b>Start of Summer term</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Mini Marathon fundraising event</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April (morning)
<b>Science Fair</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Mufti Days for Summer Fair</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May & Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Summer half-term</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>Sports Day</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June (morning) *back up day Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Summer Fair</b>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (after school)
<b>Break the Rules Day</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Last day of Summer term</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July