

Governor entry

The new website is up and running and can be found at:
www.muggintonschool.co.uk

After extensive consultation (and a big thank you to all those who have been involved, particularly Lorraine Oxley) the web site has been developed with the following features in mind.

- Ability of users (e.g. new parents), where possible, to find everything they need on the same page e.g. the “Admissions” page.
- Minimum number of “clicks” to reach objective.
- Primary navigation bar headings should be brief (one word if possible e.g. “Admissions”), descriptively obvious and probably fewer than 10 headings in total.
- Clean, fresh, modern look.
- Limited areas requiring updates. (There is limited time available to anyone required to update the site.)
- “One-stop” page for all resources i.e. all forms, documents, policies in one place.
- Repetition, if necessary, of any section that is common on more than one page e.g. School meals on “Admissions” page and “Classroom” page.

There is still some way to go, we need some current photographs at least, but the new-look site should meet the objectives set out above.

Please use the website. We welcome any suggestions for change or improvement – these can be passed on to Mrs Moore, Mrs Horobin or the parent Governors.



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Mugginton News

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

Message from Mrs. Moore

A big welcome back to everyone involved with our school. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer and are now ready to start our new school year. It is always so lovely to see so many familiar and happy faces and to also welcome our new children and their families into our Mugginton family. You may have noticed that our school has had a facelift during the summer and that the paintwork is all clean and bright. We have also had a new playhouse in the playground (many thanks to Mr Salt who removed the old playhouse for us and Mr Walton who built the new one), a new floor inserted into the shed and the Sunshine Garden fence has been repaired (again, thanks to Mr Walton). You may have read about the new changes the Department for Education is imposing on all state schools with a new national curriculum, a new special needs code of practice and the removal of levels with changes in the ways we assess. Here in Mugginton we will keep all the good things we do and be open to new improved ideas as they become available. We will keep parents informed of our changes as and when they happen.

New Children

Welcome to our two new reception children, Lucy and Tom.

Open Day

We will be holding an Open Day from 8am to 4.30pm on Thursday 2nd October 2014 for any families with children who are due to start school in September 2015. If you know of anyone who would be interested then please invite them along.

Friday Owls

Parents and children from 0 – 4years old are invited to join us for Friday Owls each week from 10.30am to 11.30am. If you know of anyone who might like to come to this fun and friendly session please invite them along.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening on Wednesday 22nd October from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Thursday 23rd October from 5pm to 7pm. We will send out forms nearer the date for parents to book an appropriate time. The spring Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Thursday 19th February from 5pm to 7pm. However, if you would like a quick word with your child's teacher we are usually in class before school starts and after school. For more than a quick word please make an appointment.

Friends of Mugginton School (FOMS)

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the tombola and cake stalls at the summer Coffee Morning.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 24th September at 2.00pm in the Rainbow Room and everyone is welcome to attend. This meeting will also include the AGM, when the election of officers (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) takes place. A new Chairman and Secretary are being sought, as both myself and Nikola Harris (Secretary) are standing down after several years. If you wish to be considered for either role, please do come along on 24th.

Helen Meredith Chairman

Extended School Day

We are continuing to run the popular pre-school Early Birds Club from 8am every day and a variety of structured after-school clubs each day until 4.30pm. We have an RE morning most Tuesdays and a Cookery club most Thursdays. We strive hard to keep costs for these clubs as low as we can with the average cost being £2.60.

Monday – Tag Rugby (FREE)
Tuesday – Derby County Football
Wednesday – French
Thursday – Arts and Crafts
Friday - ICT

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG ON A DAILY BASIS FOR ANY LETTERS OR INFORMATION AND RETURN FORMS TO THE LETTER BOX IN THE ENTRANCE HALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Here are some of the forms to expect within the next few weeks:-

Contact details

It is vital that these are kept up to date to allow school to contact parents/guardians in cases of emergency

Home school agreement

As always at this time in the school year, each child will receive a home-school agreement which should be discussed with parents/carers and then signed and returned to school

Punctuality

Thank you to everyone who makes a big effort to get here before 9am so that the children can have a prompt start to their day without interruptions.

Music Tuition

Music tuition with Ms Gillions will start on Friday 12th September for some junior children. If your child is learning to play an instrument it is important they remember to bring it with them every Friday.



Birthdays this term

Happy Birthday to: Fahren, Lucy, Jack, Freya M, Alex B, Lily and Jasmine UM who all have birthdays this term.

Village Hall

The village hall committee have requested that children have non-marking soles on PE shoes.

Our Church School

We continue to have a Christian Early Birds Club every Tuesday morning run by Mrs. Birks and Chris Hadley. Rev'd Dawn will be coming into school most weeks to lead collective worship and will bring the Open the Book Team with her some weeks.

We have two church services this term. The Harvest Service is on Friday 3rd October at 2.30pm and the End of Term Service will be on Friday 24th October at 2.30pm. Please send any harvest contributions on the morning of Friday 3rd October. Look out for more detailed information nearer the time. We welcome friends, family and members of the community to join us.

The whole school will be going to Quarndon Church for a harvest experience, before we go off to the ploughing match on 1st October.

We will also be going to church on 7th October to see the HOW puppets tell us about caring for our world through the Creation Story.

Swimming

As many of you will have heard the Ashbourne Leisure Centre has been damaged by a fire and will be out of use for most of the autumn term. We are trying to arrange a different term for our juniors to go swimming.

ISA – (International Schools Award)

At the end of the summer term we were pleased to receive some lovely letters from our partner school in Rivoretto, Italy. We will continue to exchange work and letters this term.

We are to meeting up with our Derby partner school, St Chads, when we attend Quarndon Church and the Ploughing Match.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise a total of £322.55

Cereal Boxes

We are saving cereal boxes for our art/DT lessons. Please send any empty boxes by Friday 19th September. Thank you.

Recycling

We will have a collection for Devizes on 5th November, so please keep all those worn out summer clothes, shoes, handbags, toys and books in a cupboard until then.

Junior Learning for the Autumn Term

Literacy

Y3/ Y4

Stories with familiar settings, reports, poems

Y5/6

Significant authors, poetics style, plays and scripts

Maths

Place value, Calculation, Shape, Data handling

Science

Forces,

Y3&Y4 Magnets and movement

Y5&Y6 Earth and space

Topic

Tudors & WWI

RE

Islam & Christianity - our local communities

PE

Athletics, 5/60 healthy life programme

Spanish

Myself, instructions, celebrations.

Art / design technology

A rocket, photograph frame, tudor artists

Music

Rhythm & pulse, BBC Ten pieces project.

ICT

Computer generated picture

Using cameras

Images & imagination

Topic based research

Infant Learning for the Autumn Term

Literacy

Stories with familiar setting, poems, information texts

Maths

Place value, counting and ordering, money, time

Topic

Under the sea

RE

Christianity, Islam, Judaism - what do they believe?

PE

Athletics

French

Greetings, name, age, numbers, colours

Art / design technology

Linked to under the sea topic, healthy cooking

Music

Songs, stories, chants & raps

ICT

Keyboard skills, photostories/create a story, i-pads

Writing

This term there will a focus on writing. Watch out for our writer of the week on the notice board in the main entrance hall. We have also invited **Jack Trelawny** to come back into our school and tell the children about how he writes his books. We will follow our author visit with a whole school special themed writing day on 9th October.

Dates for this term

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| Library Van — | Thursday 18th Sept, 2nd & 16th Oct |
| 16th Sept | Reading challenge presentations |
| 16th Sept | Five60 10 Week Programme Juniors |
| 17th Sept | Jack Telawny to visit school |
| 1st Oct | Quarndon Church |
| 1st Oct | Ploughing Match |
| 2nd Oct | Open Day |
| 3rd Oct | Harvest Festival 2.30pm in Church |
| 6th Oct | Derby Odeon Visit - Juniors |
| 7th Oct | HOW - 'Caring for our world' |
| 9th Oct | Writing Day |
| 22nd Oct | Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm |
| 23rd Oct | Parents' Evening 5pm to 7pm |
| 24th Oct | End of Term Church Service 2.30pm |

Advanced notice of dates set for some activities for the rest of the year

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| 3rd Nov | Pupils return to school |
| 5th Nov | Devizes Collection |
| 5th Dec | Christingle Church Service 2.30pm |
| 9th Dec | Nativity in Church 2pm |
| 10th Dec | Nativity in Church 6pm |
| 12th Dec | Friday Owls Christmas Party |
| 15th Dec | Christmas Lunch |
| 16th Dec | Coffee Morning 10am to 11.30am |

Advanced notice of dates set for some activities for the rest of the year continued

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| 17th Dec | Naughty Meg and the Christmas Elves, Guildhall |
| 18th Dec | Party Afternoon |
| 19th Dec | End of Term Church Carol Service 2.30pm |
| 7th Jan | Pupils return to school |
| 27th Jan | HOW 'Listening' |
| 6th Feb | End of Term Church Service 2.30pm |
| 16th Feb | Pupils return to school |
| 18th Feb | Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm |
| 19th Feb | Parents' Evening 5pm to 7pm |
| 24th Mar | Coffee Morning 10am to 11.30am |
| 27th Mar | End of Term Church Service 2.30pm |
| 13th Apr | Pupils return to school |
| 28th Apr | HOW 'Caring for others' |
| 4th May | Bank Holiday - School Closed |
| 11th May | To 15th May SATS Week |
| 22nd May | End of Term Church Service 2.30pm |
| 1st June | Return to school |
| 1st June | Bikeability |
| 15th June | To 19th June Phonics Week |
| 17th June | Whole School Photograph |
| 15th July | School Production Village Hall 2pm |
| 16th July | School Procuction Village Hall 6pm |
| 24th July | End of Term Church Service |