

SATs evening

New SATs tests were introduced last year. They were significantly harder than previous tests and national data showed that only 53% of the country's year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics. Whilst we celebrate the achievement of our last year 6 cohort achieving 100% at the expected standard (which will put us in the top 10% of schools nationally!), we must build on this and help to prepare our current pupils as successfully as we did the previous group. Later in the term we will offer a SATs information evening to year 5/6 parents and share resources

Christian value and CWC

This term our Christian value is 'Cooperation' and will be the focus of our collective worship until November. We are delighted to welcome back the Collective Worship Crew who will continue to deliver a collective worship every other Tuesday. Dates will be posted on the website shortly and parents are very welcome to join us for the CWC sessions. Thank you to the parents who have already done so.

School dinners

A lot of work has been completed by Mrs Birks, Mrs Pegg and Mrs Horobin to try to improve our school dinner hour. The menu-system appears to be working well and we are very pleased that the children have managed to finish their lunch and get on to the playground earlier. If you have feedback on the school dinner hour please let the office know.



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Mugginton News

The newsletter of Mugginton C E Primary School

Message from Mr Green

A warm welcome back to everyone connected with our school. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready for the new academic year. It has been lovely to meet our new starters and to welcome all of our pupils into their new year groups. We promise to look after your children and make sure their school experience is a rich, happy and rewarding one.

All staff would like to thank parents for the many cards and gifts we received last July and I would like to thank all parents and governors for the support you give the school to make it the special place it is.

We are all excited for the new academic year and for the new opportunities it presents. The newsletter contains details of some of the work we are doing to further improve our school as well as key dates for the year ahead. I would also invite you to explore our school website. A lot of work has gone in to making it more accessible and we would welcome suggestions on how to make it reflect better what makes our school such a special place to be.

Our School Vision

An important part of my role as Headteacher is to prepare and articulate a clear strategic vision for the future of our school. I believe strongly that a school succeeds or fails based on the relationships between its key stakeholders: the children, staff, governors, parents and the wider community. I would like to ask the Mugginton community for your thoughts about how to further improve our school. In the next few weeks a letter and questionnaire will go out which will invite you to share your thoughts about how we can improve. The governors and I intend for this process to lead to a vision which shapes us as a school, builds on our many strengths and continues to drive forward school improvement.

FOMS

'The Friends of Mugginton School' is a group of parents that raise money for the school to provide 'extra' items for the pupils, that the school would not otherwise be able to buy. In the past we have raised funds for everything from playground equipment to the interval ice-creams on the pantomime trip.

For this group to continue, we need volunteers to come forward and help. Our next meeting will include the AGM and will be held after half term. I will let you know more details when they have been confirmed. Everyone is very welcome.

Many thanks for any support you can offer.

Beth Wilson
(Jack Wilson's mum)

Infant Learning for Term 5

English

Stories in familiar settings, Poetry, Non-fiction

Maths

Number and place value

Science

Everyday materials

Topic

History - Toys

RE

What is an inspiring person?

PE

Games skills, Tag rugby

PSHE

Rules & belonging

Music

Toys

French

Greetings

Computing

E-safety

Mugginton Mile

The fantastic efforts of our sports men and women at the Rio Olympic Games are a real example of what determination, practice and hard work can achieve. At Mugginton we are keen to promote more participation in sports and greater awareness of what it means to live a healthy life. As a result, we are excited to introduce the Mugginton Mile! This term, the children will walk or run a mile every Wednesday. With the help of local parents, we have identified two mile-long routes for use. For safety reasons they are both almost completely off-road. The children will be under no pressure to run all of the course but will complete it in their own time. Our ambition is for the Mugginton Mile to become a more regular feature of the school week and for pupils to use stopwatches to track their times and recognise when they have improved, celebrating personal bests! Once established, we intend to invite parents to join us for the walk/run later in the school year.

Holiday School Improvement

I would like to thank our staff (and certain of their relatives!) for the time they have given to the school during the summer holidays. A lot of work has gone in to improving the classrooms and it has been lovely to hear the children's positive reactions to the changes we have made.

Forest Fridays

We are grateful to you for the positive feedback we have received regarding our Forest Friday work and look forward to getting outside as Autumn arrives. The intention is to be outside regardless of the weather (excluding extreme downpours etc), and we would be grateful if you could continue to supply your children with outdoor clothing for each Friday. Please check the Twitter feed and website for photographs and updates.

Birthdays this term

Happy Birthday to: Fahren, Jack R, Lucy, Jack W, Freya M and AlexB who all have birthdays this term.



Safeguarding

Our most important job is keeping your children safe during the school day. We used the Monday Inset day to review and improve our school safeguarding procedures. A particular focus this year will be online safety. Later in the year we will work with the children to help them understand how to stay safe online. Additional resources will be available for parents.

Re-dedication service

It has been lovely to have access to the church once again, particularly for the leavers' service last July. We look forward to Harvest and Christmas services in the church in the near future. A rededication service is to be held at the church on Tuesday 27th of September at 7pm. We plan to make a school contribution to the service and will give more details shortly.

Swimming

The juniors will have swimming lessons at Ashbourne Leisure Centre every Tuesday afternoon. Swimming begins on Tuesday 20th September. A letter with more information will go home next week.

Homework

Infants. Mrs Tunncliffe will send home a list of possible activities you could do with your child at home during the term. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will receive weekly spellings to learn at home.

Juniors. Homework will be sent home on a weekly basis from Friday 12th of September. The children will be given an A4 workbook for their homework and are expected to bring it back by the following Wednesday. Spellings will continue to be tested every Friday with Mrs Jones.

The children have told us they like using the new reading records and we would ask that you try to find the time to read at home with your child at least three times per week.

New pupils/classes

Our new starters have made a super start to their reception year. They are polite, confident and keen and we are lucky to have them. Our new year three cohort have made an equally impressive start. Their behaviour and attitude have been excellent and it is clear that they are a very capable year group. If you have any concerns about your child or about their new environment, then please contact the school via email or come in to school to speak with us directly.

Staff timetables

We are lucky to have such a hard-working, talented and committed staff. This year we have altered slightly support staff timetables for the benefit of our children. This will result in Mrs Sweeney working Monday and Tuesday afternoons in addition to her usual hours and Mrs Mckay joining the juniors for two days a week. Mrs McNab will join the infants for two days every week and will run the Friday Owls.

Key objectives – sending home

I have spoken with a number of parents about how best to support your child at home and am more than happy to share resources/ideas if required. Next week the children in years 1-6 will bring home 'Key Objectives' sheets for mathematics and writing. These list the topics we will be teaching your child over the academic year and also form the basis of our new assessment system.

Junior Learning for Term 5

English

Narrative / story writing
Class reader: The BFG

Maths

The four number operations
Times tables recall and mental arithmetic

Science

Earth and Space

PSHE

Cooperation and teamwork

RE

What do different people believe about God?

PE

Swimming (juniors)
Tag rugby

Spanish

Greetings. The colours

Topic

Aztecs and Mayans

Music

Young Voices preparation

Computing

Augmented Reality (AR) stories

Art & Design Technology

Ploughing match activities

Extended School Day

We are continuing to run the popular before-school Early Birds Club from 8am every day and a variety of structured after-school clubs each day until 4.30pm. We have 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 – Basketball **FREE** (Subsidised by Sports Premium)

Tuesday – Derby County Football

Wednesday – French

Thursday – Arts and Crafts

Friday - ICT

May we remind parents that our after school clubs finish at 4.30pm and we would ask all parents to ensure that their child/children are collected promptly as staff often have other meetings to attend.

Website and Twitter Feed

A lot of work continues to go in to the school website. If you have a moment we would like parents to have a look at the changes we have made and share any feedback you have with us. The Twitter feed will continue to be updated as frequently as possible. If you do not already follow us, our 'handle' is MuggintonCE.

Dates For This Term

- 5th Sept INSET Day**
20th Sept Swimming-Juniors every Tuesday for 10 weeks
Open Day - 8am to 4.30pm
30th Sep Harvest Festival - 2.30pm in Church -Everyone
3rd Oct Emmanuel Church - Harvest Workshop
5th Oct Ploughing Match
6th Oct Open Day
19th Oct Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5pm
20th Oct Parents' Evening 5pm-7pm
21st Oct End of Term Church Service - 2.30 in Church -
Everyone Welcome

Future Dates

- 31st Oct Return to School
9th Nov Individual & Family Photo - 1pm
17th Nov Devizes Collection
29th Nov Swimming Last Week
5th Dec Emmanuel Church - Xmas Activities
9th Dec Christingle
13th Dec Whole School Panto - Snow White - Buxton

Future Dates Continued

- 14th Dec Nativity 2pm
15th Dec Nativity 6pm
16th Dec Christmas Fayre
19th Dec Christmas Lunch - School & Friday Owls Party
20th Dec End of Term Carol Service 2.30pm in Church -
Everyone Welcome
3rd Jan **INSET Day**
4th Jan Children Return to School
10th Feb End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
20th Feb Return to School
7th April End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
24th Apr Return to School
1st May Bank Holiday
8th May SAT's Week
26th May End of Term Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone
5th June Return to School
21st Jun Whole School Photo
30th Jun **INSET Day**
7th Jul Reports to Parents
21st July End of Year Church Service-2.30pm-Everyone