



# The Moggy Messenger

A little school with big ideas

Issue No 15 Friday 25th September 2020



## Message from our Executive Principal

Dear Parent/Guardians,

It is so lovely to have the school full with children from all year groups, and to listen to their joy at being back in school. It has been a real pleasure to welcome them back after such a long period of absence and they have adapted brilliantly to the new routines and expectations. They have shown how resilient and flexible they are and it is a pleasure to see them in lessons, enjoying learning and being together. I would like to thank all parents/guardians for also adapting to our new systems and procedures and I thank you for supporting us through this time, as these measures will need to continue to be in place for some time.

This term we would normally have **Harvest Festival**, **parent consultations** and of course **Christmas celebrations**, which we would usually invite parents/guardians to. Unfortunately this will not be possible this year due to the restrictions and to ensure we keep everyone safe. We are looking at alternatives means to be able to still hold these events in school for the children and then to post the videos of these events on our Facebook page for parents/guardians to see. We will also still be having parent consultation, but this is likely to be a telephone interview which we will ask you to book an appointment for, I will write to you closer to the date with arrangements for this event.

I do also have to forewarn you that should we have to shut down a bubble or the whole school due to **Covid-19**, you will need a contingency plan for child care and this may happen very quickly, so I would advise that you have this in place as soon as you can, as we will not be able to keep children in school, even if you are a key worker.

We will now be putting homework on **Classs Dojo**, unless you have asked for a hard copy, this again is to support both the children and staff to not spread the possible infection between home and school, but also to help get all the children to use **Classs Dojo** regularly so they are familiar with its functions. Should we have to go into a full or partial lock down, or a child is having to self isolate, work will be set on **Classs Dojo** for them, this will be a mix of taught sessions that we will be using from **BBC live lessons** and the **Oak National Academy**, as well as Powerpoints and worksheets. We will not be creating live lessons ourselves, as this goes against union regulations and brings many possible safeguarding issues, this is also the reason we choose not to do this before the summer.

On Monday we had a visit from **Alistair Patrick-Heselton**, he came to the school to talk about his journey from **semi professional footballer**, to **Paralympic sporting hero**. He was inspirational in his talk with the children and they loved the sporting activities he did with them. Thank you to Mrs Robbins for organising this and to you parents for supporting this fantastic charity by collecting sponsorship money.



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Now the weather is on the turn, please can I ask that you ensure your child(ren) have an appropriate **hooded coat, gloves, scarf and hat**, as we do spend time outside when it is cold. We would also ask that on PE days they wear tracksuit bottoms which are plain blue or black, to keep them warm.



I would like to thank the **Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School (FOMPS)** for the wonderful donation of picnic benches out the back of school, for the children to sit on, please see picture further in this edition. Without this continued support and donation, we could not continue to buy resources like this that all the children can enjoy. I know that FOMPS are always looking for members to help in their fundraising activities and they do have an annual general meeting coming up. If you would like to know more about the group and what it does and how you could get involved, please see the information they have provided further in this edition of the Moggy messenger.

**Thank you** for your wonderful support of us, in raising money for **Macmillan**, it was fantastic to see all the children coming in non-uniform and having their doughnut or an alternative in support of **Macmillan** who desperately need the funding to continue their excellent work across the country.

Have a good weekend,



**Miss K Hayward**  
Executive Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have enjoyed coming back to school in my new role as Deputy Head, and seeing the children come back with such resilience, positivity and enthusiasm. I have loved being greeted by so many smiling parents, carers and children on the gate each morning, ready to see their friends, teachers and get started with their learning. I'm especially impressed by our youngest children in Chicks Class (Pre-School) and Robins Class (Reception) who are coming in so well every day. This just shows how hard our Early Years team work to ensure that their transitions are as smooth as possible. We have welcomed lots of new children into Chicks and Robins, and I know that their older siblings are really enjoying having them here, as we all are.

I would just like to remind you all to join our Facebook group as we often use this to post helpful reminders and updates on what the children have been doing at school. We would love for all parents/carers to be members of the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/moggerhangerprimaryschool/>



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs L Robbins**  
Deputy Head teacher

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On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September we were so privileged to receive a visit from **Alistair Patrick-Heleston**, a retired professional athlete, whose story is one of **perseverance** and **determination**. Alistair had so much fun with the children doing circuits on the playground, and then visiting each class to talk about his life story and encourage the children to give **100% effort** to everything they do, and to **enjoy** everything they do. I hope that the children were able to recall some of the events in his life, there is a summary below taken from his biography in the **National Football Museum Hall of Fame**.

I organised this event as I had met Alistair before in another school, and his story had always stayed with me. I am sure this event and Alistair's **inspirational message** will stay with the children. Thank you all for supporting this worthy charity by **collecting sponsorship money**, and we will of course update you with the final total and let you know when we receive our voucher for sports equipment. Please could we have all sponsorship money in by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Thank you,  
Mrs Robbins



*Starting out at Wycombe Wanderers as a schoolboy, Alistair showed great potential from an early age, and was soon snapped up by Queen's Park Rangers. The forward was prolific at Under-17 level, and featured a number of times of the reserve side before suffering a severe cruciate ligament injury.*

*After stints at a number of different clubs, in 2006, Alistair was involved in a car accident which claimed the life of his best friend Simon, also a promising footballer. Alistair fractured his skull and spent months in a coma. His parents were asked to switch the life support machines off, but they refused.*

*He later resumed consciousness but was informed that he may never walk again, seemingly ending his football career. Alistair did not let this stop him, and he was determined to get back on his feet and be the best he could be. Four years on, Alistair was contacted by then-England and Team GB Paralympic coach Lyndon Lynch, who convinced the former prospect of trying out for the CP team, consisting of players with cerebral palsy and other brain injuries.*

*Since making his Team GB debut at the 2011 CPISRA Championships alongside Hall of Fame inductees Martin Sinclair and Matthew Dimbylow, Alistair became a shining star for his country, playing a crucial role in the lead-up to the 2012 BT Paralympic World Cup final. He led the fightback in the final against Brazil, pulling back England's second goal in a courageous 4-2 defeat.*

*He went on to represent Team GB at the Paralympic Games four months later, laying on three assists and finding the back of the net against Argentina. Alistair was mentored by David Beckham and has worked alongside many of his own football heroes.*



*Alistair now acts as a mentor and speaker for the next generation of footballers, working with the PFA, Premier League and regional FAs to guide and inspire children across the country.*

*Alistair Patrick-Heselson was chosen by The FA to be inducted to the National Football Museum Hall of Fame 'Football For All' category in 2017.*

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## Some pictures of our visit from Alistair Patrick-Heleston







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Well done to all the children

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## Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School (Also known as FOMPS)



We are a group of parents and staff raising money to provide extra resources and facilities in school. We are a registered charity, something we achieved this year. Since forming we have raised enough money to purchase the pirate ship in the playground and most recently 9 new picnic tables. We've mostly done this through holding fun events and after school sales although we know this year is going to be very different!

You can keep up to date with our activities on our Facebook page –

**Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School.**



**Dates for your diary so far this year are:-**

**AGM** – Wednesday 14th<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom 8pm

**Halloween FOMPSY day 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – come in your spookiest outfit for £1 donation.

**Christmas FOMPSY day 18<sup>th</sup> December** – come in your festive wear for £1 donation.

If you would like to find out more or how you can join in then feel free to message us via Facebook or on [friendsofmoggerhangerprimaryschool@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofmoggerhangerprimaryschool@hotmail.com). We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and this year more so than ever!

Thanks for reading

Nicky Jones (secretary)

AKA Freya's (owls) Mum

Jo Griffiths (treasurer)

AKA Dylan (kites) and Chesters (owls) Mum.



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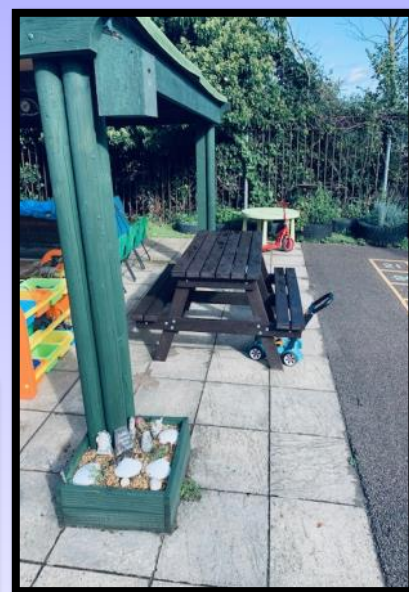
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**Please see some pictures of our lovely new benches, which were bought with monies raised by Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School events.**



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### Moggerhanger Primary School Academic Calendar 2020/2021 (Set final)

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

Training Day

September 2020							October 2020							November 2020							December 2020									
			7	14	21	28				5	12	19	26				2	9	16	23	30				7	14	21	28		
		Mon						Mon							Mon										Mon					
		Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue	6	13	20	27		Tue										Tue	1	8	15	22	29
		Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed	7	14	21	28		Wed										Wed	2	9	16	23	30
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		Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	2	9	16	23	30		Fri									Fri	4	11	18	25	
		Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	3	10	17	24	31		Sat									Sat	5	12	19	26	
		Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29					Sun	6	13	20	27	

January 2021							February 2021							March 2021							April 2021						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26		
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue	2	9	16	23		Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27		
Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	3	10	17	24	31		Wed		7	14	21	28		
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Sun		3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	7	14	21	28			Sun		4	11	18	25		

May 2021							June 2021							July 2021							August 2021						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31		Mon	7	14	21	28		Mon	5	12	19	26		Mon	2	9	16	23	30			
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Sun	2	9	16	23	30		Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun	4	11	18	25			Sun	8	15	22	29		

Term 1 - 73 days Term 2 - 55 days Term 3 - 68 days = 195 days.  
Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on five of the 195 days. These five days will enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service.  
Training days set as follows:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.