



The Moggy Messenger

A little school with big ideas

Issue No 4, 8th November 2019



Message from our Executive Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back after half term, I hope you all had a good holiday and have kept safe during Halloween and Fireworks night.

I very much hope you found the parent consultation event informative and if for any reason you were unable to attend, please let us know so we can make arrangements for you to have an update on your son/daughter's progress.

Please be aware we have a phonics workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 1, as well as any parent who's child did not meet the benchmark in Year 2, on **Thursday 21st November at 3.30pm**. We are looking at introducing phonics into Nursery from December, so this will be a good opportunity to see how phonics are taught and how you as parents can support at home with sounds and blending.

On **Monday 11th November** we will be holding a small remembrance service at the back of the school and holding a two minute silence. The children are also producing some artwork this week to display for this event.

Forest School - please can I remind you that it is essential that children from Nursery to Year 4 have appropriate clothes for Forest School. I would advise you to provide old clothing that you don't mind getting, dirty and wet. This clothing needs to be brought into school at the beginning of every term and kept in school.

School uniform - it is great to see the majority of the children wearing the school uniform. However, I am concerned about the number of children who do not have jumpers or cardigans to wear in class, or outside coats, hats, scarfs and gloves.

The winter is upon us and although we do have the heating on across the school, we are also outside a lot and external doors are open and closed continually, which can send a chill through the air. I do not want children getting cold and then feeling unwell, **so please can you ensure they are appropriately dressed for the weather outside.**

We are launching a new timetable of **lunchtime activities**, please see further in the newsletter what these are and when your child can access them.

Budding young artists - Mrs Fordham has come up with a unique Christmas present your child can produce for you or other family members, which is explained further in the newsletter. I think this is a brilliant gift idea that can be kept forever as a memory of their development.

Please see the key dates for this term. This is an extremely busy half term and due to numbers we will be restricting the amount of seats available for our **Christmas performances**. We will be holding two sessions of our carol concert by Years 3 to 6 and our nativity play by Nursery to Year 2.

Have a good weekend.

Miss K Hayward
Executive Principal

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Reading Reward incentive scheme

The reward scheme has proved to be a real success, with the majority of children from all year groups reading three times or more at home. I would like to thank you for your continued support. Please can I remind you to write in your child's reading record book, with brief feedback and/or initials. Your child may read books other than their reading scheme book at home, as long as this is recorded.

Children in Need

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 15th November 2019**, in aid of BBC Children in Need.

The School Council have decided that the theme for this year's Children In Need will be to wear yellow or spots. We are asking pupils for a £1.00 donation to come into school in non-uniform.



Children can also wear their Pudsey accessories and if they wish to, they can 'Pudsify' their bear and bring it into school. We will also be doing fun activities

Reminders

If your child is not going to be in school, please phone the school office **before 9.30am** for every day of their absence. The school has a legal requirement to make sure the register is accurate every day.

Homework folders for Year 1 to Year 6 need to be returned every Monday morning, ready for the new homework to come home.

Please can Forest School and PE kits be kept in school ready for your child to take part each week.

Key Dates

Friday 15th November 2019 —Children in Need

Tuesday 19th November 2019 —Tempest photography

Thursday 21st November 2019 —Phonics Parent meeting for Nursery to Year 2

Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th December — Artwork Exhibition in school hall—3.15—5.00pm

Friday 29th November 2019 —Training day

Wednesday 11th December 2019 — Christingle Service at Moggerhanger Church—9.30am

Wednesday 11th December 2019 —Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 11th December 2019—Nativity for Nursery, Reception and Woodpeckers—1.30pm

Thursday 12th December 2019 — Nativity for Nursery, Reception and Woodpeckers—1.30pm

Monday 16th December 2019 — Christmas Carols at Moggerhanger Park for Owls and Kites class (more details to follow shortly) - 10.30 am and 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th December 2019 —Pantomime

Friday 20th December 2019—Last day of term

Monday 6th January 2020 —Staff and children back to school

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School Admissions

A reminder that applications for Reception need to be made by 15th January 2020. You need to apply through your own Council, e.g. if you live in Bedford Borough you have to apply through them, link below

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/schools-and-collegescadem/school-admissions/>

If you live in Central Bedfordshire the links are below.

Primary (Reception)

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions/496/apply_for_a_lower_or_primary_school_place

Library lunch time activities

Monday: Art for Owls and Kites

Tuesday: Quiet time (Year 5 and 6 only)

Wednesday: Art for Robins and Woodpeckers

Thursday: Board games

Friday: Chess club



Cold Weather Warning

As the weather is getting colder could we please ask that your son/daughter is fully prepared for outside play.

Please ensure that all children have coats, hats, scarves and gloves so that they can wrap up well against the predicted cold weather, and still enjoy some fresh air and exercise at break and lunchtimes.

Also please ensure your child has a school cardigan/jumper and plenty of layers for P.E.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.



Save the Date

Sunday 8th December 2019

Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School Family Christmas magic show 2-4pm Moggerhanger Village Hall .



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COMING SOON

Moggerhanger Primary School Art Gallery

Over the next few weeks your children will be designing their own artwork masterpieces, it can be any design the children would like.

We will then be having an exhibition in the school hall to display all of the children's artwork on **Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th of December at 3:30 until 5 pm** where you will be able to come and enjoy the amazing creations the children have produced.

If you would like to purchase one of the children's pictures, they will be available to pre order at the cost of £7.50 per item and will come framed, mounted and printed on high quality linen card.

We feel that these will make wonderful gifts just in time for Christmas.

This week we are starting our Moggy's maths puzzle

There's something unusual about this addition table



+	3	5	10
3	6	8	1
5	8	10	3
10	1	3	8



Using these rules for addition what is the sum of 6 and 7?

The best answer is the winner, so not just the correct answer but a good explanation is needed.



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St John's Church &
Moggerhanger Meeting Place Together

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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Sat 14th December
At Moggerhanger Church
10am to 12 noon
Everybody welcome

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~ Mince Pies ~ Children's Crafts & Activities ~
~ Tea & Coffee ~ Christmas Raffle ~
~ Tombola ~ Games ~

For more info contact Judith 01767 640124



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Friends of Moggerhanger Primary School

Family Christmas Magic Show with

MAGIC CARL

Followed by our MEGA Raffle

**And Irish Bingo Game
Sunday 8th December**

2—4 pm

At Moggerhanger Village Hall

Kids & Adults Welcome

Tickets £5 in Advance

Under 2's free

From Jo—07977121938 Or Nicky—07771657736



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CHRISTMAS BINGO

Family Christmas Bingo

At Moggerhanger Village Hall

Friday December 6th

Eyes down 7.30

Doors at 7pm

All Welcome Bring your own Drinks

Raffle & Mince Pies

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Academic Calendar 2019/2020 revised version June 2019

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

Training Day

September 2019							October 2019							November 2019							December 2019						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30		Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24			Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25			Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26			Thu	3	10	17	24	31		Thu		7	14	21	28		Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27			Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29		Fri		6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28			Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30		Sat		7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24		Sun		8	15	22	29			

January 2020							February 2020							March 2020							April 2020						
Mon		6	13	20	27		Mon	3	10	17	24		Mon	2	9	16	23	30		Mon	6	13	20	27			
Tue		7	14	21	28		Tue	4	11	18	25		Tue	3	10	17	24	31		Tue	7	14	21	28			
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Sun	5	12	19	26			Sun	2	9	16	23		Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26			

May 2020							June 2020							July 2020							August 2020								
		4	11	18	25				1	8	15	22	29				6	13	20	27				3	10	17	24	31	
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Term 1 - 75 days Term 2 - 61 days Term 3 - 59 days = 195 days.

Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. School will be closed on four of the 195 days. These four days will enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service.

Training days set as follows:

Monday 2 September 2019, Tuesday 3 September 2019, Friday 29 November 2019, Monday 20 April 2020, plus 4 twilight sessions.