



# The Moggy Messenger

A little school with big ideas

Issue No 19, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Message from our Executive Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank You

I would like to **thank you** all for your continued support. The children are amazing and a real credit to all of you, it is such a pleasure seeing them come into school every day with such enthusiasm and a real desire to want to learn. I love the sounds throughout the school at present, as the children are practicing their **nativity plays** and **carols**, it has allowed us to keep focused on what is really important and that is to ensure all the children are **happy** and **healthy** and enjoy school. It also gives them some **normality** in a very tough world at present.

I cannot believe we only have two weeks left of this term and that **Christmas** is already getting closer and closer, time has really flown by this term.

You may, or may not, have seen the announcement by Gavin Williams, Secretary of State for Education, regarding testing for next year. **Year 1** will still have a **phonics screening** and **Year 6** will still have tests in Maths and Literacy, but all over tests will be put hold until 2022. We will prepare the children for these events, but it is most important that they do not worry about them or become over anxious—they are just tests and in the current climate, their health is our priority. We do a lot of work with the children through everyday learning to support their development and progress and we are confident they will always try their best, which is all we can ask for.

We have to say **goodbye** to **Mrs Devine** on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, as she has finally decided to retire. Mrs Devine is a wonderful member of staff who has been at the school a very long time and has taught children who now have their own children, and I am sure she won't mind me saying it! She will be **greatly missed** by all of us but I cannot wait to hear the stories of her new adventures, as I know she wants to travel when she can and do many more cycle rides and competitive events, given her love of cycling, running and fitness.



Please can I ask for your support in being considerate to our **neighbours** in The Crescent area? We have had concerns raised that children are playing in this area after school and breaking branches off the trees and are in the middle of the road, which creates health and safety issues. Therefore, please can I ask that, if you do walk past this area, you do not allow your children on the green where the trees are and that you do not allow them to walk or run into the middle of the road. Thank you for your support.

This year, we have entered into a joint venture with our sister school, **Sandy Secondary School**, to create a **charity CD** of Christmas songs, performed by the children and students from both schools. We are selling the **CD** to raise money for **St John's Hospice**, Moggerhanger, so if you would like a copy please go on to ParentMail to order one, for a contribution of £5.



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Please be aware that **Christmas Dinner** for the children will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like them to take part, please visit the Innovate website and book it in advance, in the usual way. The children will eat this in their classrooms, to remain in their bubbles.



I would like to take this opportunity to **thank** the **staff** for all their hard work. They do an **amazing** job, day in and day out, by going above and beyond for the children in their care. We have also had the pleasure of four **student teachers** for the last 10 weeks and they have been amazing so I would also like to thank **Kirsty Gadsby, Ellie Muskett, Melissa Cain** and **Matthew Shepherd**, who leave us on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, for all the work with the children and wish them **every success** in their new career. They are a real credit to the profession and the staff and children have loved having them in school.



If you have not looked at the activities on offer through **Moggies**, please do so—they have been doing some wonderful events and I know they have even more planned for January.

Thank you again for all your **support** and have a lovely **weekend**.

Miss K Hayward  
Executive Principal



## After school club

Thank you to all the children who joined us in Moggies for the cooking activity.

This week the children made and decorated Christmas cakes. You all did a wonderful job.

Well done



## Children in Need 2020

Thanks to parents and staff contributions we raised a fantastic **£171.86 !!**

Well done everyone



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## ... NEW .... Smart Boards

We are delighted to announce that we have had brand new, state of the art interactive flat panel boards installed in every classroom throughout the school to replace our old projectors and smartboards. This means that Chicks, Robins, Woodpeckers, Owls and Kites, all have access to high quality screens with the following features:

- 4K UHD resolution for stunning image clarity
  - Germ-Resistant Screen
  - Smart Eye-Care solution

This is a huge investment in ICT in our school, and one that will benefit every child in the school.

Kind regards  
Mrs Robbins





## FOREST SCHOOL





## Kites class



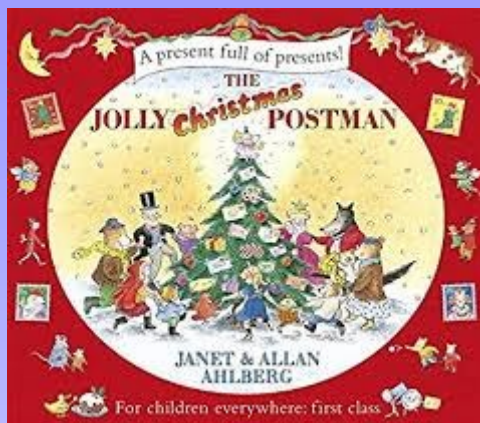
In Kites class, we have been learning about the history of our current **Christmas traditions**. Our Christmas tree represents a timeline of Christmas decorations including Sigillaria from the Festival of Saturnalia, Winter Solstice holly decorations, a black ribbon to represent Oliver Cromwell banning Christmas in the 1600's, candles to represent the Victorians (we will be looking at this more next week) and lights and tinsel for the modern era.







## Chicks Class



Chicks class have been reading the story of '*The Jolly Christmas Postman*'. We have been learning what a postman does as a job and what items we send in the post.

We wrote letters to Father Christmas and will be continuing to enjoy lots of Christmas activities.

Mrs Smith





## STARTING SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2021

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start school in September 2021.

**You need to apply before 15 January 2021, even if your child already attends our Pre-School.** Please note if you do not live in Central Bedfordshire, you will need to apply to Moggerhanger Primary School through your own council's application system.

You can find out more information and apply here:

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school\\_admissions](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions)





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Dear Parents/Guardians

We have been in contact with Bedfordshire Police to ask permission to send you the information leaflet on the following page, regarding the use of E-scooters, as we know these may be on people's wish lists this Christmas.

We are not trying to spoil Christmas for anyone, only to advise before you make a costly mistake.

This is current Government guidelines and may change in the future, so the advice is to wait until such time before you purchase.

Thank you for assistance regarding the above information.

Kind Regards

Joanne Glen

Road Safety Education Team

Highways

Central Bedfordshire Council Road Safety Education Team.

**Central Bedfordshire Council** Thorn Turn, Highways Depot, Grendall Lane, Houghton Regis, LU5 6GJ

Email: [RoadSafety.Education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:RoadSafety.Education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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Protecting People and Fighting Crime  
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Creating a safer  
Cambridgeshire



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## Why am I being given this flyer?

**Because it's  
currently against  
the law to ride an  
e-scooter on a  
public road  
or pavement.**



**We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.**

## **However, the current law is clear**

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

## **Why is this?**

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements.

All details can be found on the following Government website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

## **What happens if I've been stopped by Police?**

The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

**Check out the gov.uk website or enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.**





## Christmas Cracker Football days 4cornercoaching



**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - Sandy Sports Centre - SG19 1BL – Grass**

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Dec - Sandy Sports Centre - SG19 1BL – Grass**

**Time/cost - 10am – 1pm = £15**



**Contact : Natasha – 07957980492 – [natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk)**

**Mark – 07419764033 – [mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk)**

**[www.4cornercoaching.co.uk](http://www.4cornercoaching.co.uk)**



## Football Development Centre Sandy Sports Centre – SG19 1BL by 4 Corner Coaching



**Individual skills**



**UEFA coaches**



**Team play**

**High Quality Football coaching by very experienced coaches**

**Who supplement your own club sessions.**

**Developing - Technical skills – Physical skills – Psychological skills – Social skills**

**£4 per session – Payable as a block.**

**Times/ages: 5-6pm = 5 - 9 years & 6-7pm = 10 - 14 years**



**UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding  
BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)**

**Contact: Natasha – 07957980492 – [natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk)**

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## THE NEED PROJECT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

Things are very busy at The Need Project this year as we prepare for Christmas, with the challenges of COVID-19 meaning less staff, difficult and changing circumstances and increased demand.

Many of you have been kindly asking how you can help. Due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold our 'Drop off Week' where we would normally request toys and food donations, so are asking for your help in a different way this year



### How can I help?

1. **Sponsor a Christmas package** - If you would like to sponsor a package for a needy family this Christmas, you can donate from as little as £10. A typical package costs between £50-£75 depending on the size of the family. This doesn't include the presents that go out to the children who we know, via the agencies we work with, wouldn't receive anything at Christmas. Your donation will go towards basic food items, Christmas treats and Christmas presents if needed.
2. **Choose where your donation goes** - If you would like your donation to benefit a needy family in your town/village, you can specify this when you donate.
3. **Make it personal** - You can also add a message that we will write on a card and put in with the food parcel.
4. **Create your own fundraising page** - You may wish to start your own fundraising page for the Need Project Christmas Appeal 2020. Why not hold a virtual coffee morning, a family quiz, a sponsored dog walk or a sponsored walk in a Santa hat? Just scroll to the bottom of our campaign page and click on 'Start fundraising'. We will advertise your progress on our Facebook page and encourage you along the way!
5. **SHARE THIS POST far and wide** - Please **SHARE** this post with all your friends and family so that we can help as many needy families as possible this year.



**THANK YOU!** (To donate please click on the link below):

[virginmoneygiving.com/fund/TheNeedProjectChristmasAppeal2020](https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/TheNeedProjectChristmasAppeal2020)



## SCOOT TO SANTA CHALLENGE 2020

This year the Scoot to Santa Challenge will run from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** to **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

For anyone not familiar with the challenge, we are encouraging children to cycle, scoot or stride to Santa. It's a virtual trip to Lapland, where we count up pupil journeys (including park and stride) to and from school to see if we can travel the 2,000 miles from


Bedfordshire to Lapland.

**Lets see if we can do it!!**

**More details to follow**



## HOW YOU FEEL MATTERS. GETTING HELP IN BEDFORDSHIRE

 **0- 18 CAMHS SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY**  
A CAMHS clinician will respond to enquiries relating to accessing CAMHS, as well as CHUMS. They can also provide self-help resources and psychoeducation. For enquiries, please call 0 1234 893362

### Information ?

**YOUNG MINDS**  
Mental health charity with a wide range of resources and information  
<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

**CHAT HEALTH**  
Service for young people to confidentially ask for help on a range of issues.  
Talk to a school nurse <https://chathealth.nhs.uk/> TEXT: 07507 331 450

**SCHOOL NURSES**  
Providing support on a range of issues, 1-1 virtually or in school.  
[www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/BedsSchoolNursingService](http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/BedsSchoolNursingService)  
TEL: 0300 555 0606

**EARLY HELP (BEDFORD BOROUGH)**  
The Local Offer holds a wide range of information regarding services and support available, including early help support  
<https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/kb5/bedford/directory/home.page>  
TEL: 01234 718 700

**EARLY HELP (CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE)**  
[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)  
The HUB Email: [AccessReferral@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:AccessReferral@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)  
The HUB Tel : 0300 300 8585 Out of Office Hours: 0300 3008123

### + Getting Help

**KOOTH**  
Your online mental wellbeing community  
Access free, safe and anonymous support. [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

TALK TO YOUR SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH LEAD OR COUNSELLOR  
TALK TO YOUR GP

**VOLUNTARY SECTOR COUNSELLING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**  
Bedford Open Door [www.bedfordopendoor.org.uk](http://www.bedfordopendoor.org.uk) : 01234 360 388  
Sorted [www.sortedbedfordshire.org.uk](http://www.sortedbedfordshire.org.uk) : 01582 891 435  
Relate [www.relate.org.uk](http://www.relate.org.uk) : 01234 356 350

**CHUMS**  
Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing  
Service for Children and Young People  
[www.chums.uk.com](http://www.chums.uk.com) TEL: 01525 863924

### = Need More Help

**CAMHS - Emotional & Behavioural Team**  
For further information, please visit:

Bedford Borough:  
[https://camhs.elft.nhs.uk/service\\_detail.aspx?ID=201](https://camhs.elft.nhs.uk/service_detail.aspx?ID=201)

Mid Bedfordshire:  
[https://camhs.elft.nhs.uk/service\\_detail.aspx?ID=189](https://camhs.elft.nhs.uk/service_detail.aspx?ID=189)

Dunstable:  
[https://camhs.elft.nhs.uk/service\\_detail.aspx?ID=113](https://camhs.elft.nhs.uk/service_detail.aspx?ID=113)

### Urgent Support !

**YOUNG MINDS Crisis Messenger**  
<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/youngminds-crisis-messenger/>

**OR Call 111 Option 2 - 24/7 ALL AGES**  
Young people can talk to a CAMHS professional directly who can arrange additional support.

**IN AN EMERGENCY,  
DIAL 999**



## Coronavirus information for Parents/Carers in Central Bedfordshire (18.09.20)

For general advice about COVID-19 and the symptoms to look for go to: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Young person or someone in your household, develops symptoms of COVID-19: new continuous cough (coughing frequently for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If the young person is at home, do not send them to their education setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting.

If the young person develops symptoms at their education setting, they will be separated from others and sent home.

If the young person, or anyone in your household has symptoms they must isolate at home for 10 days (from date of onset of symptoms). If the young person does not have symptoms but someone in the household does, the young person, and all other household members without symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days.

Book a test as soon as possible for anyone in your household with symptoms. This can be done online at: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).  
Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without the internet.

Your closest test location will be offered when you book, and both drive-in and walk-in tests are available. You may need to visit the website regularly for more slots to be released. If you are not able to walk or drive to the test centre, and no-one you live with can take you, you can request a home test kit. Do not take a taxi, use public transport or ask anyone outside your household to take you.

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message).  
It is important you inform the setting of the test result as soon as possible.

**Negative**

Young person/staff member can return to setting once well.

If the young person is identified as having been in close contact with a confirmed case, they will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless the young person/close contact develops symptoms.  
**ONLY GO FOR A TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC.**

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

**Positive**

Inform setting of positive test result as soon as possible.

Ensure positive case completes remainder of 10 day isolation period (from date of onset of symptoms). Household members without symptoms should complete 14 day isolation even if they have received a negative test result.

NHS test and trace service will send you a text, email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If a young person is a confirmed case they can return to school after 10 days. However if they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait a further 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If a household member is a confirmed case, but the young person does not develop symptoms, they can return to the setting only after completing the 14 days household isolation period.

## Message from our Executive Principal

### 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									
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30		Mon		7	14	21	28			
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24			Tue	1	8	15	22	29			
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	18	25			Wed	2	9	16	23	30			
Thu	3	10	17	24			Thu		1	8	15	22	29		Thu		5	12	19	26			Thu	3	10	17	24	31		
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri		2	9	16	23	30		Fri		6	13	20	27			Fri	4	11	18	25			
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat		3	10	17	24	31		Sat		7	14	21	28			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									
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May 2021							June 2021							July 2021							August 2021									
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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.