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Friday Flier



Forest School Sessions

This half term Year R has been very busy exploring our Forest School area. They have found some interesting insects and spiders which inspired us to start building a bug hotel, this will be an ongoing project. We have been very impressed with how well the children have taken on board the ethos of Forest School which has enabled us to be able to teach them how to whittle wood, which we made into charcoal on the fire. The charcoal has been used for artwork back in the school. We hope that the children have enjoyed their sessions and we look forward to exploring the Forest with Year 1 children again after Easter.

Reminder: Year 2 Music Concert to Parents: Tuesday 20 February at 2.15pm

This concert will include **all children** in Year 2 showcasing their learning in music with Ms Twite on the violin. Choir, Ukulele, Ocarina and Recorder Clubs will also feature. Please can you ensure that the children bring their instruments to school on this day. We do hope that you will be able to come along and see all the learning the children have done this half term.

Year 1 Choir invited to concert: Thursday 20 February at 2.15pm

If your child is a member of the school choir you are welcome to attend the Year 2 concert to parents as the Year 1 children who attend choir will be singing.

Year R refurbishment during half term

During the half term break the Year R unit is being refurbished. We are hopeful that it will be completed by the end of the half term break. However, if they encounter a problem, we have a plan in place for the children on Monday which will not impact on their learning.

Shingle/stones required for our new role play area

We are creating a new role play area for our Year R children and we would be grateful to receive donations of shingle or stones. If you are able to help us, please can you either speak to your child's class teacher or leave your details with the school office.

Illegal Tobacco Roadshows: 9.00am -3.30pm

Come and see how sniffer dogs, Scamp, Yoyo and Phoebe are working to protect our communities in Hampshire find hidden tobacco. Roadshows will be taking place during the week commencing 12 February at locations across Hampshire. The roadshows are being organised by Hampshire County Council to raise awareness about illegal tobacco and the harm it causes in our communities. Advisers will also be on hand if you want to talk about stopping smoking.

- Monday 12 February at Tesco Extra car park, Havant
- Wednesday 14 February at Portchester Market



PTFA Meeting: Tuesday 20 February at 3.30pm

The next meeting of the PTFA will take place on the above date immediately after school in our ICT suite. Children are welcome and a film will be provided to keep them entertained whilst this meeting takes place. We do hope that you will be able to attend.

Book Week – 26 February to 2 March 2018

Our theme for Book Week this year will be “Let’s Share A Story”. Each year group will have a focus author for the week – Year R – Eric Carle, Year 1 – Julia Donaldson and Year 2 – James Mayhew. During the week the children will be sharing stories by their focus author as well as looking at books with moving parts for example pop-up books, lift the flap books and books with sliding pictures.

On World Book Day – Thursday 01 March we are inviting the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character.

Year 1 Trip to Hillier Gardens: Wednesday 28 February

As previously advised, children in Year 1 will be visiting Hillier Gardens to support their topic work on how plants grow. A letter will be sent out when we return from the half term break but we thought it would be helpful to let you know in advance the cost of this trip, this will be £12 per child.

Facebook Page

We need to boost our numbers, please search “Purbrook Infant School” or click on the following link [Facebook](#) to see what’s happening! Don’t forget to follow and like our page.

Reporting Absence

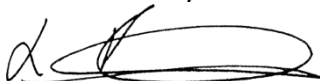
A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child’s absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child’s absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Half Term Holiday: The school closes today Friday 9 February at 3.15pm for the half term break. **School will reopen on Monday 19 February** at 8.45am.

Lunch Menu

The Menu when we return after the half term break will be: Week 3. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails’ Class window.

Yours sincerely



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