



# Purbrook Infant School

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**Friday Flier**



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## Class Photographs: Thursday 17 May

Please could you ensure that your child is in **appropriate school uniform** on that day and with their hair etc as you would like it to be for their class photograph.

## Reminder: Royal Wedding Special Lunch and Tea Party: Thursday 17 May

To mark this event the PTFA will be providing the children with the opportunity to decorate cakes which they will eat at their tea party in the afternoon. We would be grateful to receive some picnic blankets for this event. If you are able to provide one, please send this in with your child on this date. Please can you ensure that it is named so that it can be returned to you. **Help is required with both the cake decorating and the tea party. If you are able to help, please can you let your child's class teacher know or speak to a member of staff in the school office.**

The school's caterers, HC3S will also be providing the children with a special buffet style lunch on this day. All children will automatically be signed up for this lunch. However, they may also bring in their own packed lunch but still sample any items on offer. There will be no pressure to taste the food, it will be on the table and they can try any of the food items they wish. The menu will be:

- Mini cold pizza slices
- Mini sausage puff
- Variety of mini sandwiches
- Cold sausages
- Variety of biscuits and cakes
- Selection of fruit
- Fruit Juice or water

## Welcome Back

Next week we will be welcoming back Mrs Keay following a period of absence. Initially she will be working alongside the Year 2 team. Miss Richardson will remain in Eagles class for this transition period.

## Reminder Year R Trip: Friday 18 May: Arundel Castle

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their permission slips together with their voluntary contributions. If you have not already done so, please can you ensure that you do so on **Monday 14 May**. All consent forms **must** be returned in order for your child to take part in this visit. Without your consent, your child will be unable to go on the trip and will remain in school.

Please can you ensure that your child arrives for school by 8.50am so that we are able to discuss with them the importance of listening to instructions; staying with their adult, and also have time to remind them of our expectations regarding behaviour. We will return to school in time for **normal collection at 3.15pm**.

The children should wear their school polo shirt and jumper/cardigan/fleece, however, they may wear suitable non school uniform below their jumper, e.g. jeans, tracksuit bottoms and suitable footwear, such as trainers. There will be a lot of walking, so please make sure that your child's shoes are comfortable. All children should all have a coat with them and this should be waterproof and have a hood if the forecast is poor.

## Water Bottles, Sun hats, Sun Cream

With the arrival of the hot weather we are currently enjoying, if you have not already done so, please can you support us to protect your child from the sun by providing them with a sun hat to wear in school and a water bottle so they have regular and easy access to water throughout the day.

A high factor sun-cream should also be applied thickly before school. Children may bring sun-cream into school in their book-bags to apply before lunchtime play but must be able to do so independently.

### Taking action on plastic...

Each year millions of tonnes of plastic find its way into our oceans polluting the seas and harming the creatures that live in it.



Plastic doesn't decompose, it just gets smaller. Over time a single plastic bottle can break up into over 10,000 pieces of micro plastic, these very small bits of plastic can be poisonous to our marine life. This poor turtle thinks it's about to have a nice lunch but it will be his worst meal ever.

As a result, Portsmouth Water has reduced the number of water bottles we are able to order this year. They say their bottles are "built to last" and are therefore giving us some free replacement lids instead. These new bottles and replacement lids will be with us shortly. As we are expecting to sell out of these bottles very quickly, we have managed to source another supplier. Unfortunately these bottles are at the higher price of £1 each.



### Year R Banquet Friday 25th May at 2:30pm

Year R will be having a celebratory banquet in the hall for their parents on this day. They will be serving fruit and homemade bread, singing a dragon song and performing a castle country dance. Please do come along.

### Hay fever and other allergies

If your child is affected by this ailment, please can you give them the appropriate medication prior to coming to school as we are unable to administer hay fever remedies to a potentially large number of children. The school office is seeing an increase in the number of children who are suffering from this ailment this year, many of whom have not previously had hay fever in the past. If you notice that your child has a runny nose or itchy eyes, then please can you give them the appropriate medication before they come to school. There is a variety of once a day medications that can be given morning or evening; we would be grateful for your support in this matter.

### Inconsiderate Parking and Driving around the school site

This week we have been concerned and disappointed to both learn of, and witness a number of incidents of inconsiderate manoeuvring and parking close to the school site and to our school entrances which has put our children, families and other pedestrians at risk and, in some cases it has caused considerable inconvenience to our local residents where entrances to their properties have been blocked. We would request that when parking, please do not block driveways.

A reminder that you should not be driving/parking in road leading up to the main gates. The cul-de-sac provides access to driveways for residents and direct access to the car-park for staff. The signage clearly states that it **should not** be used for picking up or dropping off children. Please support us in making every effort to keep all our children safe by parking sensibly, a safe distance from the school and accessing the cul-de-sac on foot. This message is supported by the Police who periodically support us by making visits close to the beginning and ends of the school day. This also applies to taxi/private hire vehicles. If using this method of transport, please ask the driver to park away from the school entrance.



We will once again be contacting the parking enforcement officers and the local Police Support Officers who are supporting us to ensure that all drivers consider the safety of everyone.

### 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.

### Lunch Menu

Next Week's Menu will be: Week 2. 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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Headteacher