



# Purbrook Infant School

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## Friday Flier



“Welcome back” to parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children and welcome to the families of Key Stage One children new to our school. I do hope that you have all had a pleasant summer and enjoyed the time with your children. For once we enjoyed near perfect summer weather for the majority of the holidays! The children all look so lovely and smart in their new school uniforms and there were so many happy smiles this week. It has been a very positive start for all our children and there is a calm and enthusiastic learning atmosphere throughout the school.

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled back into school routines happily and are establishing friendships in their classes and are getting to know their new class teachers and their expectations as regards work and behaviour.

We are all so pleased with how confident the children have been coming in this morning and would now ask parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children to leave their children at the outside doors as soon as the children are happy and confident to come into school on their own. Both doors have adults manning them; they are there to help and support children as they come into school. We would also politely request that prams/pushchairs **are not** brought into school as the corridors get very congested and simply are not wide enough to accommodate them. Thank you.

I would also like to warmly welcome all parents of Year R children and particularly those parents who have not previously had children at our school. We look forward to getting to know your children and all of you over the coming weeks and months and do hope that you and your families will participate in the many events and activities that the school offers.

### Thank you

Whilst the school was closed during the summer holiday our site manager, Mr Ruddock, with the help of some volunteers was working really hard to transform the school hall and our nurture room. They both look fantastic. I would like to thank Mr Ruddock for his hard work and to Graham Baker, Victoria Haynes, Alistair Hasluck and Darren Moody for giving up their valuable time to help. As you are no doubt aware, school budgets have been reduced and this work would not have been possible without the help and support we received.

### Summer School Uniform Exchange

It has been brought to our attention that during the summer holidays Mrs Read organised a very successful uniform exchange. We would like to extend our thanks to her which I am sure was very beneficial to a lot of parents

### Extreme Reading Challenge – outside Buckingham Palace

Well done to Frankie for taking part in our challenge which was published on Facebook during the summer holidays. If your child took part but you have not yet sent in their photograph, we would love to receive it.

### Summer Reading Challenge – public libraries

If your child has taken part in this challenge and has not yet completed it, a reminder that the closing date is Sunday 16 September.



### **PE Kits**

All children **must** have their PE kits in school from Monday 10 September. Please ensure that all items are named and that plimsolls still fit!

### **Uniform Policy- Large Jo Jo Bows**

Some of these are so large that they are causing an “obstruction” during lessons! They are falling down and obstructing the children’s vision as well as the children sitting behind them! They are also falling out. We are aware that these are quite expensive and would not want them to get lost. We would therefore request that children only come to school with small bows that are safely secured.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can you ensure that you send your child to school each day with a water bottle. These can be purchased through the school office and are priced at £1.

### **Cool Milk**

If you would like your child to have milk in the morning whilst they are at school and you have not yet ordered this for your child please go to [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Please be advised that orders take some days to be processed before we are made aware of them.

### **Parent Support Adviser**

Unfortunately, our Parent Support Adviser, Angie Seddon-Ellis, has broken both her wrists. She will therefore be off work for most of this term. Should you need any advice or assistance during her absence, please contact the school office in the first instance.

### **Special Best of British Lunch: Thursday 27 September**

As part of the British Food Fortnight, the school’s catering company, HC3s are providing the children with a special lunch the choices available are:

- Beef pasty or vegetarian toad in the hole served with roast potatoes and seasonal British vegetables
- Shortbread biscuit and New Forest ice cream with British strawberry fruit ripple, or a choice of fresh fruit

### **Nut allergies**

As we have a number of children in school with a wide variety of allergies, including some severe nut allergies, please could we ask that when you pack your child’s lunch you avoid obvious nut-based snacks and fillings. Thank you.

### **Lunch boxes**

May I politely advise you that sweets of any sort are not permitted to be eaten in school and children will not be allowed to eat them and they will be asked to take them home if they are in their lunch boxes. For these purposes, fun sized Milky Ways, Mars Bars etc are deemed to be sweets. We would also request that you do not send in fizzy drinks.

### **Inhalers in school**

If we have an inhaler for your child, please can you update the office as to when this should be given to your child i.e. as required or daily before playtimes, PE etc. Many thanks. If you took your child’s inhaler home at the end of the summer term, please can you ensure you provide a new one if your child still requires an inhaler. This should be taken to the school office. You may also wish to take the spacer home to clean it before returning it back to us.

### **Nightingales’ Reading Club**

This club will resume on Monday 10 September straight after school for all the children who attended the club last term and will run from Monday to Thursday each week. Please collect your child from the main entrance at 3.45pm.

### **After School Clubs**

CM Sports Football Club will start on Wednesday 12 September and application forms were sent home earlier this week. Dance will start on Monday 17 September for children in Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Year R are invited to join after Christmas. Letters to follow shortly.

### **Choir for Year 1 and 2 Children**

Please look out for letters inviting children to join the Choir. This will take place after school on Mondays, from Monday 17 September - 3.15pm until 4.00pm - details to follow next week.

### **Forest School Sessions: Week 3**

Next week Blackbirds' Class will have forest school sessions on Wednesday afternoon and Eagles' Class on Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that you send in their forest school clothing. A letter was sent out on Thursday providing further details. Please keep the letter as it shows the dates for this half term. A reminder that we have aligned your child's class with the lunch week menu.

### **Year 2 Music Tuition**

Ocarina, recorder and ukulele lessons for all those who have signed up will commence next week. Lessons will take place on Monday lunchtimes for children learning the recorder, Tuesday lunchtimes for children learning the ukulele and on Friday lunchtimes for children learning the ocarina. Children need to ensure they have their instrument in school on the day that their lesson is taking place. If you have ordered an instrument for your child, we are hopeful these will be distributed at the first lesson.

In the early stages, children will be taken to their lessons. There will be ample time for the children to eat their lunch and spend some time on the playground with their friends as lessons have been carefully timetabled.

### **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 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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**Headteacher**