

# Purbrook Infant School

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## Thursday Tribune



### Christmas Productions

I am sure that those of you who attended one of the year group productions and Christingle Services will join me in congratulating both the staff and children on their fabulous efforts. It was lovely that so many parents and other friends were able to attend. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collections.

### Thank you

I would like to say a "big thank you" on behalf of all the staff for the lovely cards and presents you have sent in to school. These are very much appreciated. This year, once again, instead of buying class or individual presents, the staff have brought presents which will be given to a charity who will distribute these to children in the local area who are unlikely to receive a Christmas present this year. I would also like to thank you for supporting our various fundraising activities.

### PTFA Christmas Fayre Competition winners were as follows:

**Colouring Competition:** **Year 2:** Florence Berry in Eagles' Class and Abigail Barber in Owl' Class. **Year 1:** Elsie Baker in Blackbirds' Class and Maddison Payne in Woodpeckers' Class. **Year R:** Regan Weight in Kingfishers' Class and Keira Seymour in Kingfishers' Class.

**Christmas Treasure Hunt:** Leo Walsh in Blackbirds' Class won the Treasure Hunt. Santa was looking for Mistletoe.

**Name the Snowman:** Blake Bridgeman in Woodpeckers' Class won by guessing the name "Matt".

**How Many Crackers?** Ewan Garrett in Owls' Class won by guessing 252. There were 263 crackers in the box.

### Bird House Raffle

The winner of the birdhouse raffle is June Davey.

### School hall and hot lunches

Thank you to our cook, Nicky Brown and her team, for providing a cold lunch to all the children who wanted one at very short notice, and to our parents for being so understanding. I am delighted to say that the repairs have now been undertaken and we are able to resume the normal lunch options when we return after the Christmas break.

### Choir

There will be no choir on Monday 07 January. This club will recommence the week commencing 14 January.

### Year 2 Concert: Tuesday 08 January at 2.15pm

This mini concert involves **every** child in Year 2. Children who attend, ocarina, ukulele and recorder clubs will also feature. Children must have their instruments in school on this day. We do hope that you will be able to attend.

### Attendance Awards

87 children have managed to achieve full attendance this term with no more than three late marks. Achieving full attendance means that children maximise their opportunities for learning. Obviously there is an element of luck in this too as we do not all always enjoy good health! However, it would be lovely if we could increase the number of children achieving full attendance next term.

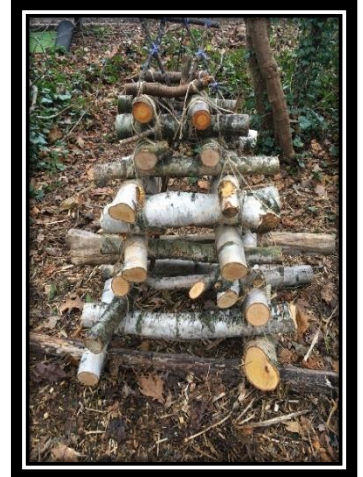
A prize was also awarded to Elliott Simmons in Kestrels' Class for achieving a 100 percent attendance for this year and last year with no late marks.



## Forest School Report



Over the second half of the Autumn term we have seen a huge change in the forest environment, we began with lots of beautiful coloured leaves and have ended with bare branches! The children have enjoyed activities that have explored the Autumn colours as well as learning new games, making stickmen, den building, wreaths and constructing a wooden Christmas tree.



Thank you for your continued support with sending your children in with their Forest School clothing, it is particularly important as the weather gets colder to ensure that they have gloves, hats and warm socks as well as waterproofs. Thank you also to our volunteers

who come along and help during the sessions, even in the rain and wind!

We are looking forward to continuing Forest School adventures in the New Year and wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas!

If you are out and about walking over the holidays why not try an easy listening activity that we enjoy at Forest School.

### Listening Hand

Stand still and hold up your fist. Listen to the world around you and every time you hear a different noise extend a finger until you have heard five. Discuss with your children what they heard, are they natural or manmade?

### Year 2 children transferring to junior school in September 2019

There are still a few children whose parents have not applied for a place at their preferred junior school for September 2018. The deadline for your application is 12 o'clock midnight on 15 January 2019. To apply online please go to: [Admissions Link](#)

Please note that if you pay your Council Tax to West Sussex or Portsmouth, you should apply to that authority, even if you are applying for a place at Purbrook Junior School.

**Please be aware that every year some children are not allocated a place at their first preference school because their parents miss the deadline!**

### 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.

### Forest School Sessions: Week 3

When we return after the Christmas break Woodpeckers' Class will have forest school on Wednesday afternoon and Wagtails' Class on Thursday Morning and Owls' class on Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that you send in their forest school clothing. A reminder that we have aligned your child's class with the lunch week menu.

I should like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday 07 January at the start of the new term.

### Lunch Menu

When we return after the Christmas break the 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs L A de Carteret'.

Mrs L A de Carteret  
Headteacher

