



# Purbrook Infant School

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## Friday Flier



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### Beetle Mania Day

I would like to say a “**HUGE**” thank you to Mrs Powell and her Year 1 Fundraising Team for organising this amazing event and to our parents for their support. I would also like to thank Emily Ward, a former pupil, for choreographing the final whole school dance. The children had a fantastic day and we raised lots of money for our library refurbishment – just over £3,000! If you have any sponsorship money still to collect, this would be gratefully received. Every child who took part was entered into a draw to win a trip out with Mrs de Carteret, one child from each class. These children have received a letter so please check your child’s book bag as we will require your signed permission.

### Summer Fayre

Thank you to all of you who supported this event by either helping with the preparations, running a stall or attending on the day. The total raised is not yet known but we will let you know this figure shortly. A big thank you to all members of the PTFA who worked hard to ensure this annual event was a great success and a really enjoyable community event. If you bought raffle tickets, please remember to check the PTFA notice board to see if you have won a prize.

### Thank yous!

**PTFA:** On behalf of the children and staff I should like to thank all members of the PTFA for their support and hard work throughout the year and particularly to our chairperson, Lesley Parris.

**Parent Helpers:** I should like to thank all those of you who have given up your time to assist the staff in classrooms across the school, and by accompanying the children on trips which have supported their learning in the classroom and in the forest.

**Governors:** Thank you too, to all members of the school’s governing body who work hard behind the scenes to ensure that all the children at Purbrook Infant School make the best possible start to their formal education.

### Goodbye and Good luck to Year 2 children

Next Tuesday we say goodbye to our Year 2 children. We wish them happiness and success as they transfer to their junior schools and the next stage of their learning. Many of them will continue, I am sure, to be regular visitors during their time at Purbrook Junior School and the staff look forward to their visits and hearing of their progress.

### Goodbye to Miss House and Mrs Powell

Today we bid farewell to Mrs Powell who is leaving us to take up a position as an advisory teacher for a chain of local nurseries. We wish her every success but we are not letting her go completely as she has agreed to remain on our fundraising committee to ensure that our new library refurbishment takes place shortly. On Tuesday we will be saying goodbye to Miss House who has made the hard decision to spend more time with her family. We do however hope that she will be a regular visitor to the school.

### Thank you to Mrs Goulty and Ms Hobson

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Goulty and Ms Hobson for all their hard work with the children during learning time in the library and hearing children read as unfortunately these roles are no longer continuing. However, they are not leaving us completely and will still be here for Beehive and on the door.

### New Members of Teaching Staff

From September we will be welcoming Miss McKelvey who will be the new teacher in Blackbirds’ Class and Miss Reed who will be working alongside Mrs Ovens in Kestrels’ Class.

### **Year 2 Leavers' Production**

Congratulations to all the Year 2 children on their super performances. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends there to watch them and I am sure all of those who saw the shows will agree they did themselves, us and you proud. Thanks to your kind donations towards our new library.

### **PTFA Leavers' Disco**

Thank you very much to the PTFA on behalf of the Year 2 children for organising this fabulous event. I am sure all the children will enjoy themselves and will be wowed by the magic and thoroughly enjoy the disco provided by Adam the Magic Musicman.

### **Medication held for Year 2 Children**

Any inhalers/medication we hold and which has not been collected will be taken to Purbrook Junior School. They will however require you to complete a medical consent form prior to administering the inhaler/medication.

### **Purbrook Freecycle**

Good quality pallets required for our courtyard area to enhance the learning environment. If you are able to help, these would need to be delivered. Thanking you in anticipation. Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

### **Reading Books**

All reading books and reading message books will be collected in for the summer holidays.

### **Carrier Bags Needed**

Please can all children bring in a named carrier bag so that they can take home their school books.

### **Clubs Finished**

All clubs have now finished for this term, dance, reading club and all music clubs.

**After School Reading Club:** Reading Club will resume on **Monday 09 September**. (It will not run in first week we return to school.)

### **Summer Term Library Reading Challenge**

This summer at your local library, your child can take part in "Space Chase", this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The aim of the challenge is to get children aged 4 to 11 to read six books from their local library (or share them with an adult) over the summer holidays.



It's FREE to join the library and FREE to take part in "Space Chase". The challenge will run from 13 July to 15 September. Bookmarks giving full details have been sent home today. Children will help the Rockets track down books that have been nabbed by aliens. Children will receive stickers along the way, some of them stinky! Please go to [spacechase.org.uk](http://spacechase.org.uk) for more information.

### **Attendance**

As long as the children continue to remain healthy for the next two days, I am pleased to be able to inform you that 102 children achieved 100% attendance this term, with no more than three late marks. There were 22 children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole year, with no more than three late marks per term.

### **Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 in September - arrival arrangements for the first day of the Autumn Term**

Year 2 children should arrive at 8.45am and go straight to their classes with all their belongings. Teachers will then direct them to their coat pegs and show them where to put their things away once they have been registered.

Year 1 children should arrive **at 9.00am on the first morning only**; entry into school is by the North and South Doors. The children should go straight to their class with their belongings and their teachers will help them to put their things away when registers have been completed.

If it is raining, then parents who have children in both year groups are invited to wait in the hall with Year 1 children after dropping off children in Year 2. Otherwise we would be grateful if you would help us by waiting on the playground.

In this way we hope to start the new academic year in a calm and positive way for both the children and yourselves.

### **Reminder of Collection Arrangements For all Classes In September**

**Year R children** through individual classroom doors.

#### **Year 1 children**

**Blackbirds:** through Robins' class door into the small playground.

**Doves:** through the ICT suite door.

**Woodpeckers:** through the door closest to main gates (South Door).

#### **Year 2 children**

**Kestrels and Owls:** through the main door adjacent to Owls' class (North Door).

**Eagles:** through the door closest to main gates (South Door).

### **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.

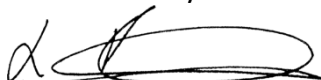
### **Lunch Menu**

Next Week's Menu will be: Week 1. 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.

On behalf of the staff and governors I should like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break with your children after another very busy and successful school year. I hope that the hot weather comes back and that it stays dry so that we can all enjoy being out and about during the holidays wherever we are spending them.

The school closes on Tuesday 23 July at 3.15pm (6.00pm for children attending Beehive) for the summer holidays and will reopen on **Thursday 05 September** (Wednesday 04 September being an Inset Day). The half term break is 28 October – 01 November.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A de Carteret  
**Headteacher**

**Please note that this will be the final Friday Flier of the Year  
there will not be one on the last day of term.**