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25 October 2019 Friday Flier



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations for the Waterlooville Food Bank. These have now been collected and will be distributed to people in the local area who, because of a crisis in their lives, are struggling to provide themselves and/or their families with food. We had a fabulous Harvest Celebration in which all the children took part.

Purbrook Freecycle: Request from Forest School

Do you have a large water container that you no longer require? The kind that are used for camping with 10-20 litres capacity. If you do, this would be gratefully received by Mrs Rolfe, our forest school leader. Please leave your details with the school office. Many thanks.

Poppies - Remembrance Day 11 November

Poppies and other items will be available for children to buy each day in school when we return after the half term break. The poppies will be taken to each class and children should keep their money in their book bags. Please provide envelopes so money is not lost!

This year we have once again been provided with a school box containing various items which the children can purchase. The snap rulers are £1.00 and the clip on reflectors and wrist bands are 50p and these can be obtained from the school office (the children will be able to buy these during the school day). Please note that we will only have a limited number of some of the items so these will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Lost Children

As we all know, little children can be here one minute and then gone the next. If your little one (pre-schoolers included) does disappear from your sight, please inform the school office immediately. We will be able to assist you in reuniting you with your little one. Our priority will be to deploy staff to the various gates to stop the child from leaving the school site. We will then search the school grounds from the gates inwards. Other parents are always happy to join in the search.

Repeat from 20 September Flier Important Date: Friday 06 December – School Closing at 1.30pm for Christmas Fayre

You will notice that this year we are having our annual fayre on a Friday at 2.00pm which is resulting in the school closing at 1.30pm. We have done this as it has become increasingly difficult for the PTFA to get enough volunteers to run the stalls and to help tidy up afterwards. In this way all staff are able to run a stall. The children will therefore have lunch at school and we need you to collect them at 1.30pm. The Christmas Fayre will start at 2.00pm. Please note that the Beehive After School Club will not be running on this day and no charge will be made. This will also affect children who attend from Purbrook Junior School.

Carrier Bags

We are currently very short of carrier bags. If you have some that you no longer require, these would be gratefully received. Also, if your child is prone to having the odd "accident" please can you pop a carrier bag into their book bag so we can send their clothes home to you. Many thanks.

Request from Year R: Junk Modelling

They need to re-stock their supplies for junk modelling. Please can you send in clean yogurt pots, kitchen roll middles, cereal boxes, toothpaste tube boxes, Pringle pots and any other cardboard packaging you may have. Please send boxes etc through classes and not via the school office.

Head Lice

We have had a number of reported cases across the school, particularly in Year 2. Please check your child's head over the half term break and treat as necessary. We are still advised that the most effective way of removing head lice is using the wet-combing method as described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply ample conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure that the teeth of the coomb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb
- Work methodically through the hair section by section so that the whole head of hair is combed through
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure on the wet hair
- Repeat the procedure on day five, nine and thirteen in order to clear the young lice as they hatch, before they have had time to reach maturity. <u>It is extremely important that you repeat on the days advised</u> <u>above.</u>

Reminder of INSET Days for: 2019/2020: Purbrook Infant School and Purbrook Junior School

- Monday 25 November 2019
- Monday 20 April 2020
- Monday 08 June 2020
- Wednesday 22 July 2020

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 (<u>https://studybugs.com/about/parents</u>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions:

A new timetable for the next term has been sent out today with this Flier. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: <u>Autumn B Timetable</u>

Lunch Menu

New menus have been sent home earlier this week. The Menu when we return after the half term break will be: Week 1. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: <u>menu</u>. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

School closes today at 3.15pm for the half term break **and at 6.00pm for children attending Beehive** for the half term break. The school will reopen on Monday 04 November.

I hope that you enjoy the half term break with your children and look forward to welcoming back happy and refreshed children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret Headteacher