

# Purbrook Infant School

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## Friday Flier



### Thank You

We really do have the most amazing parents. Whenever we ask for help you always come to our aid. Last week we asked if anyone would be able to get us a discount for a shed and we received a very kind offer from a family who wish to remain anonymous for a donation of £500 towards the cost of a shed. Thank you so much.

### Year R Breakfast Club: Change to drop off arrangements

A reminder that from Monday 12 October breakfast club will be taking place in the school hall and not in Year R. Please note that there will not be breakfast club staff available to receive your child at the Wagtails' Class door. Please drop off your child off at the hall entrance. This is the door furthest away on the back path. Full details have been provided in the ParentMail email that was sent out on Thursday 08 October.

### Beehive Club: Change of Telephone Number

As we are now operating out of the school hall, if you need to contact the club between the hours of 3.00pm and 6.00pm please telephone the main school number and when prompted dial 205. If you need to leave a message for the club outside of these times, please contact the main school office staff and they will pass on any messages.

### School Photographs will be taken on Friday 16 October (individual)

Please ensure that your child is in school uniform with their hair etc as you would like it for their photograph. Unfortunately, this year the photographic company's **default procedure is that sibling photographs will not be available, this is to avoid the risk of contamination of "bubble" groups.**

**Family sibling 25% discount:** To support parents wishing to purchase the 2020 individual photographs of their siblings they have introduced a "Family discount" which provides a 25% reduction on their individual photographs purchased

For example, a sibling family purchasing two individual Pack 7 (10x8) at £12 each would cost £24, but after applying Family 25% discount the lower price will be £18. This reduction will automatically be applied at checkout.

### Library Grand Opening

We were very lucky that the Mayor of Havant officially opened our newly refurbished school library. This was not quite the way we would have liked this to happen but in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic we had to make alternative arrangements. If you have not yet seen the video, please go to the school's official Facebook page. To see the photographs which appeared in the News of this opening, please click on this link. [News Photos](#)

### Busy Bees

These children got their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in assembly. **Year R: George Bayfield, Harry James and Josselyn Tiley. Year 1: Ava Elsbury, Isabella Izzard and Mason Saunders. Year 2: Joseph Murray** completed his Busy Bee certificate and he will be coming home with a Busy Bee motif which can be sewed onto his jumper.

### Christmas Card Artwork

If you would like to purchase any of the items your child has created all artwork must be returned to school by **Monday 12 October** as this has to be sent off to the company.

### Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Robins' Class
- Doves' Class
- Eagles' Class and Kestrels' Class – joint winners

### **Facebook Comments (unofficial page)**

We have been made aware that there were quite a few negative comments being posted on this page regarding our request that you wear a face covering whilst on the school site. We have not made this mandatory, we have requested it. Unfortunately, it is not possible to social distance at all times and some parents are congregating together. The school office receives daily complaints about the behaviour of other parents and due to the increased level of infection rates people are very worried.

Some families live with people who have serious and complex medical issues which would make them very vulnerable if they were to contract the virus. Our priority is to keep everyone as safe as possible whilst providing high level teaching to your children. We would therefore appreciate your understanding when we have to implement any changes which may prove unpopular. If you have concerns regarding this request, please can I urge you to call and speak to me so that we can resolve these concerns together rather than sharing it on social media.

I am sure you will agree that these measures are some small, easy steps we can all take to try and avoid the closure of our school again.

### **Harvest Festival**

This year we are once again supporting Waterloo Food Bank. We would be grateful to receive donations of **non-perishable** food items from **Monday 19 October – Friday 23 October**. As with everything, we are having to change how we do things. Instead of the children bringing the food into their classrooms, we will have collection points along the main pathway every morning of that week.

Food items will be collected by Waterloo Food Bank and will be distributed to people in the local area who, because of a crisis in their lives are struggling to provide for themselves and/or their families.

On Tuesday 20 October the Reverend Matt Grove from Christ Church will be providing all the children with a virtual assembly.

### **Flu E-Consent Form**

South East Hants Immunisation Team are due to visit the school on Wednesday 25 November 2020. If you have not already done so, please click on the following link below to access the online consent form <https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

The unique code for our school is SH115937. Please submit your form by Friday 20 November to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, telephone 0300 003 0323 and the team will be happy to help.

### **Nearly New Uniform**

We have lots of items in stock if you are running low. A rail of clothing is located in the reception lobby with an honesty box.

### **Reporting Absence please inform us as early as possible**

We would be grateful if parents could please inform us if their child will not be in school due to illness **before 10am**. One phone call on the first day of absence is sufficient. Further consecutive absences in that week will be assumed to be for the same reason. We currently have a lot of parents who are not reporting their child's absence and we are having to make contact with them. We currently have to make a daily absence report to the Department for Education so need a reason for every child's absence in a timely manner. You can inform us by telephoning the school office and when prompted by pressing 1. Or you can do this via StudyBugs (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

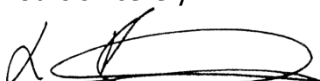
### **Forest School Sessions:**

Timetable for this half term has been sent out. 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: [Autumn A Timetable](#)

### **Lunch Menu**

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**