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Friday Flier



Thank you

I am delighted to once again being able to say a big thank you. This time firstly, to the Way family for their very kind donation of 30 bottles of 100ml hand sanitiser. As I am sure you can imagine, we are using vast amounts of this and this is very expensive. Secondly, we would also like to thank Ecarlogical for their generous donation of 100 litres of soap.



Once again thank you to Luke Hounsell and his staff for supplying the materials and laying the base for our shed.

Year R

Please note that as from Monday 02 November the start time will now be 9.00am - 9:10am for all children. This is to ensure that children's learning time is maximised as they are now able to come into school fully independently. As the children have now fully settled into Year R, please can we ask that parents leave their child at the door if possible as we do still have some parents who are coming in every day to talk to class teachers and this impacts on the support we can offer the children in the morning. We appreciate that sometimes it is necessary to speak to your child's teacher in the morning, but this should be for urgent messages only. For all other queries, please can we ask that you use Tapestry to communicate with your child's class teacher.

At this time of the year we would normally be inviting parents in to attend a "six weeks in" meeting. Unfortunately, this is not possible. We will therefore be providing this meeting in a video format and this will be shared on Facebook during the first week back with information on ways to support your child at home. If parents have any questions that they would like addressed, they can message us on tapestry and they will make sure to include them, no matter how small or inconsequential they may seem as many parents are probably wondering the same things!

Parental Consultations: These will take place next half term via Zoom and information will be sent out shortly after we return after the half term break.

Year 2

Reading Books and Library books need to be returned to school every Friday so that they can be changed. This then allows for them to be quarantined for 48-hours over the weekend. We still have lots of children who are not bringing back their library books each week.

Spellings: These will come home on Thursday or Friday and the children will be tested the following Thursday to allow them more time to practise.

Forest School Update: From Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Garrett



It has been a brilliant start to our year at Forest School, the children have enjoyed their sessions and have been really good at remembering how everything works. We have welcomed our new Year R children and they have all had at least one session and we are now looking forward to continuing to explore the activities that we can do with them - fingers crossed the weather will stay dry so we can have lots of marshmallows on the campfire!



We would like to share with you some of the lovely Autumn artwork that Years 1 and 2 have been making using the natural materials that they have found in the Forest.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations for the Waterlooville Food Bank. These will be 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. Thank you to the Reverent Matt Grove for his three very successful virtual harvest assemblies.

Poppy Remembrance Day

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 and other items will be taken to each class and children should keep their money in their book bags. Please provide envelopes so money is not lost! **These will not be available to purchase through the office.**

This year we have once again been provided with a school box for each year group containing various items which the children can purchase. The zip pulls are priced at 50p, the reflectors are 50p, the wrist bands are £1.00 and the snap bands are £1.50. 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.



Reporting confirmed Covid during half term

Further to the letter that we sent out yesterday, regarding informing us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the school holidays. A reminder that you should let us know by emailing: covidabsence@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk. A copy of this letter is also on the school's website if you have mislaid your copy under the letters section or you can click on this link: [Termly Update Letter](#)

Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a virtual year group assembly:

Year R: Luca Yohannes and Evelyn Williams. **Year 1:** Elsie Goddard, Isabella Izzard and Isla-Rose Minter. **Year 2:** Tayla Crouwkamp-Morris, Callum Hounsell, Brayden Potter and Noah Powell.

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Kingfishers', Robins' and Wagtails' Class (all joint winners)
- Doves' and Woodpeckers' Class (joint winners)
- Owls' Class

Forest School Sessions:

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

Lunch Menu

HC3S have now provided us with a new cooked menu which will start after half term. This has been prepared especially for our school based on the size of our kitchen and the fact that we have young children who are eating in classrooms. We are aware that other schools are able to provide a fuller menu. We would like to be able to offer this to our children but there are other factors at play which prevent us from doing so. The junior school, for example, has a kitchen roughly four times the size of our kitchen and cooks roughly a quarter of the meals that our school does due to the fact that it is free for infant aged children. Please be assured that we always have the children's best interest at the heart of everything we do.

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.

School closes today at 3.30pm for the half term break and at 6.00pm for children attending Beehive for the half term break. The school will reopen on Monday 02 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

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

Mrs L A de Carteret

Headteacher