

# Purbrook Infant School

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## Friday Flier



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### Year R Starting School Next Year: September 2021

The online Admissions Portal is now open which will enable you to select a place for your child to start school next year. We are really sad that this year we have not been able to have parents in for our normal Open Mornings as we love the opportunity to show off our lovely school and amazing children. As with everything, we have had to adapt and do things differently. On our website you will find a new tab: New Entrants 20/21 and it is here that you will find a presentation, a virtual tour of the school and a question and answer session with the children. We would be grateful if you could share this information with any family and friends who have children who will be starting school in September. To apply for school place, please click on this link:

[Apply for a Year R Place](#)

### Year 2 Children Transferring to Junior School Next Year

A reminder that this is not automatic and you need to make an application for your child's Year 3 place. Please go to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions). You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for schools in another local authority.

If you do not live in Hampshire (including Portsmouth and West Sussex) you must apply through your home local authority. Please click on the link below which takes you to the letter from Hampshire Admissions which we sent out in October [Applying for a Year 3 Place](#). Failure to apply on time (the deadline for applications is **midnight on Friday 15 January 2021**) could result in you missing out on your first preference choice.

### Reporting your child's absence

Due to the current pandemic, please can we ask that you provide us with more detailed reasons as to why your child is absent from school as we are having to follow up some messages. Together, with you, we are working so hard to try and keep the school as "Covid Free" as we possibly can and we need the help of everyone to do this. Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms or they live with, or have been in close contact someone who is showing symptoms. These are a high temperature, a cough or a loss or change to sense or taste. Please then call 111 for advice and to arrange a test. **ANY PARENT WHO HAS SYMPTOMS AND/OR IS AWAITING A TEST RESULT SHOULD NOT BE ON THE SCHOOL SITE AND THEIR CHILD SHOULD BE AT HOME UNTIL A RESULT IS KNOWN.**

If your child self isolates due to a close contact showing symptoms and they subsequently test positive for Covid-19, please can you inform the school as soon as possible. If a child test comes back as positive outside of normal school hours, we have a designated email inbox as we would like you to inform us so we can act on this information before school starts. This is: [covidabsence@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:covidabsence@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk). It is really important that we are informed as soon as possible if a child were to test positive for Covid-19 as we need to take immediate action to stop the virus spreading.

If we have to close a bubble, we will ideally phone parents. Where this is not possible, due to the time of the day we are notified, an email will be sent out via ParentMail as this is a quicker way of contacting parents and would be helpful first thing in the morning so you do not get to school, only to be sent home again. If you have not already done so, why not download the free ParentMail App so you can see notifications immediately.

If you do need to speak to your child's class teacher it is mandatory that you wear a face covering. If you are not wearing a face covering, the teacher will postpone the conversation until you are wearing one.

### **Christmas Cards**

These were sent home earlier this week for children in Year R and Year 1. Please check your child's book bag. Children who are in Year 2 will take these home on Monday. If you ordered a mug, these were sent home last week. Thank you for supporting this fundraising project. We raised £203.50 which will go towards our library refurbishment as there are still things we want to purchase.

### **Busy Bees**

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

**Year R:** Jasmine Allen, Saffron Brett, Sophie Chandler, Hallie Pittman, Benjamin Robertson, Madison Topliss, Willow-Jane Upton-Shaw and Jack Ward. **Year 1:** Billy-Mae Bailey, Sophie Blower and Alfie Wilkinson.

### **Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners**

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

- Kingfishers' Class
- Doves' Class

### **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.

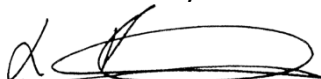
### **Forest School Sessions:**

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 B 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**