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Christmas Chronicle



Autumn Term at Forest School

At Forest School this half term we have had a go at using our tying skills to make Stickmen, snowflakes and wands. The weather has been changeable - sometimes crisp and cold and at others very wet so over the winter we try to have lots of physical challenges to try, for example, obstacle courses, balancing and 'laser' ropes; these activities are great for keeping us warm in the Forest! We are now looking forward to the New Year at Forest School and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Garrett.

Thank yous

I would like to say a "BIG" thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and read a story to the children. They had a fabulous time. If you have not already done so, why not take a look at the pictures on our Facebook Page.

I would also like to thank the Co-Op for their kind donation of oranges for the Year 2 virtual Christingle Service, popcorn and other treats for the children.

I would like to say a "big thank you" on behalf of all the staff for the lovely cards and presents you have sent in to school. These are very much appreciated. I would also like to thank you for supporting our fundraising activities.



Goodbye and Welcome

Today we say a sad farewell to our site manager Mr Ruddock. He has made the difficult decision to retire. We will all miss him (and his DIY skills) but hope that he will be a regular visitor to the school once Covid allows. In January we will be welcoming Mr Loan who will be taking over from Mr Ruddock

Busy Bees

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

Year R: Roman Bell, Beau King, Evelyn McBride, Benjamin Robertson, Kharn Soueidan, Arthur Sumbler, Erin Sugrue, Caleb Tier and Charlie-Jai Wright. **Year 1:** Cusin Joseph, Hugo Powell and Lauren Stevenson. **Year 2:** Mylah-Rose Greenhalgh. Brayden Potter and Jack Brandon completed their Busy Bee certificates and they will be coming home with a Busy Bee motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers.

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
- Kestrels' 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.

Reminders

When we return in January we will continue with the safety measures we have put in place regarding Covid-19. The one-way system, staggered start times and the wearing of face coverings will still be implemented.

Reporting Covid Cases During the Holiday Period

Reminder: Please may I ask you to inform me of any positive test results that arise up to and including 23 December. Please e-mail covidabsence@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk Please provide your child's name and class, the symptoms they had/have and when these began, their last day in school, the date of the test and the end date of their quarantine period.

Beyond 23 December there should not be any need to report cases to school as we would not have any action to take, however if your child has symptoms, a member of your household has symptoms or your child has already been asked to isolate beyond 04 January please report their absence in the usual way.

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: [Spring 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.

I should like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday 04 January at the start of the new term. Please click on the following link from Hampshire County Council regarding Christmas bubbles [HCC Facebook re Christmas Bubble](#)

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

