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Friday Flier



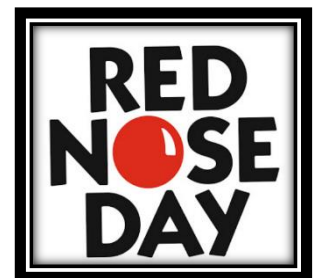
Welcome Back

It is so lovely to once again have all the children in school again. The school was just not the same without all the children attending. There have been so many happy smiles this week, from both the children and the parents who are no longer having to home school the children whilst attempting to also work from home! I would like to thank the parents for their support in getting the children to engage in the Zoom meetings and to complete the work that was set. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff. They have been amazing throughout this lockdown. We had so many critical worker children who required a place in school that it was necessary to have three classes open in each year group. This meant that we did not have any free members of staff who could do remote learning. But, they managed it, they have been flexible, inventive and all the while they have managed to keep their sense of humour and professionalism. They have supported the children and parents, both those who have been attending school and those who were home learning.

It has been a very positive start for all our children and there is a calm and enthusiastic learning atmosphere throughout the school. They have done amazingly well considering that most of them have not been in school since before Christmas. Thank you also to our parents for your support in getting your children to school at their designated time and bearing with us as we tweak our drop off and collection arrangements to make them as efficient as possible. We appreciate that nothing is going to be the perfect solution. For parents who are entering and exiting the school along the Days London Road entrances, please can we ask that you use a common sense approach and if you notice that your allocated gate is especially busy one day, that you use the other one.

Reminder: Red Nose Day: Friday 19 March

We will once again be supporting this worthwhile charity. We are asking that the children come to school dressed in sports clothes and trainers. We do not want you to spend your money purchasing something for your child to wear, anything that you have at home is acceptable. We would rather that this money was donated to the charity instead. All that we ask is that it is something that is suitable for school, that they are able to go to the toilet unaided (no back fastenings) and that they wear shoes suitable for the playground.



Year 1 and Year 2 Chance to Shine Cricket Engagement Day: Friday 19 March



On this day children in Years 1 and 2 will be able to participate in taster cricket sessions. We have already requested that they come to school wearing PE clothes as this date coincides with Red Nose Day. Please can you ensure that your child is wearing warm clothing and trainers as, weather permitting, these sessions will be taking place outside.

Covid-19 – Home Testing (Lateral Flow Devices)

A reminder that anyone with a school aged child at home are eligible for a lateral flow test that can be carried out at home. Your nearest pick up point (using the school's postcode) is Havant Civic Centre, however they can be ordered for home delivery using this link: [Order a LFD](#)

These tests are for adults and not for the children as only secondary aged pupils are being tested.

Covid-19 Symptoms

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the main coronavirus symptoms. They should also stay home if they live with someone who has symptoms or who tests positive. In this way we can keep the school as Covid free as possible and I really do not want to have to close a bubble for 10 days. It is now much easier to get a test and the results are coming through within 24 hours.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result. Please visit the NHS website where there are various links you can click on which are very helpful: [NHS Coronavirus](#)

If your child were to test positive outside of school hours, please can you use the dedicated inbox as I will be able to pick this message up instantly: covidabsence@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk

Breakfast Club and Beehive Invoices

These have now been issued and you should be making a payment against these by next week. A reminder that you should always be paying in advance, not in arrears for the session your child has already received. As a lot of admin time is spent chasing up late/non payments, we have had to introduce a late payment fee. As you are aware, due to the pandemic, the club is in a very difficult financial situation.

Masked Reader and Winter Challenge Certificates

Thank you to everyone who supported their children with these challenges. Certificates have been handed out to the children who took part in assembly. Please check your child's book bag.

Forest School and PE Clothing

A reminder that the children should be coming to school on their designated day wearing the Forest School and PE clothing.

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: [Spring 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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