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Easter Echo



“Egg-tastic Activities”

All the children had great fun on Tuesday taking part in an Easter egg hunt and lots of other Easter related activities. Thank you for supporting the children with the writing challenge and the blown egg decorating - they look amazing. Many thanks to Reverend Matt who hosted a special assembly today and he also judged the best combined writing and decorated egg entries. He chose a winner from each class and they won an Easter egg. The winners are:

Year R: Jasmine Allen, Bobby Smith and Ezra Wiesner. Year 1: Sophia Cork, Darcie Ellcome and Isabella Izzard and Year 2 Mai Bartholomew, Alfie McAll and Arlo Stubbington.

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 04 April. 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 04 April 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 19 April please report their absence in the usual way.

New Arrival - Congratulations to Mrs McBride and Mr Bailey

We are delighted to be able to inform you of the safe arrival of Ada Rose Bailey who was born on Wednesday 21 March weighing 7lbs 12oz. We all offer our congratulations to Mrs McBride and her partner, Wayne Bailey. Mum, baby and dad are all doing well.

I will be taking over the role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator whilst Mrs McBride is on maternity leave.

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Robins' Class
- Woodpeckers' Class
- Kestrels' Class

Busy Bees

These will be celebrated after the Easter break – none of them will go uncelebrated!!

Forest School Sessions:

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

Lunch Menu

New menus were sent out earlier this week. When we return after the Easter break we will be on **Week 1**. 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.

Finally, as we close for the holidays after a busy, if very different, and successful term I should like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. I do hope that you can all enjoy spending some time relaxing with your children. Let's hope that we have some dry, warm weather so that we can all make the most of the holidays and spend some time outdoors.

That being said, and I don't want to be the "fun police", but please can I ask that you continue to follow the guidance as set out by the Government as the rules are being relaxed and do not allow children to have play dates in the homes of other children, or any other mixing that is not currently allowed. We are so close to getting back to some sort of normal and we really don't want to fall at the last hurdle. If children were to mix with other households, there is an increased risk that they will be exposed to the virus. Children are very often asymptomatic and they could easily bring the virus into school without you even being aware that they have the virus. This could then be spread to other children or adults within the school which will result in us having to close a bubble and the children being sent home for the 10-day isolation period.

I am pleased to share with you that all the staff have now received their first Covid-19 vaccination as a result of the Portsmouth Zero Waste Project. Because of this and reducing numbers of positive cases in the area, we are hoping to loosen the risk assessment to allow year group bubbles rather than class bubbles. This will enable the children to have more opportunities to play with their peers and we can more easily differentiate the learning to improve progress in the last term.

School closes today at 3.15pm and at 6.00pm for those children attending Beehive. The school reopens on Monday 19 April at 8.30am for Year 1 children, 8.45am for Year R and Year 2 children and 7.45am for children attending Breakfast Club.

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.

Yours sincerely



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