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Friday Flier



"Welcome back" to parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children and welcome to the families of Key Stage One children new to our school. I do hope that you have all had a pleasant summer and enjoyed the time with your children. The children all look so lovely and smart in their new school uniforms and there were so many happy smiles this week. It has been a very positive start for all our children and there is a calm and enthusiastic learning atmosphere throughout the school.

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled back into school routines happily and are establishing friendships in their classes and are getting to know their new class teachers and their expectations as regards work and behaviour.

I would also like to warmly welcome all parents of Year R children and particularly those parents who have not previously had children at our school. We look forward to getting to know your children and all of you over the coming weeks and months.

Thank you

As our Year 1 and Year 2 parents are aware, we have had the painters and decorators in school as part of the total refurbishment of the Key Stage 1 Classes. They have done an amazing job and not only were they painters and decorators, they have become part of the Purbrook family whilst they were here. They accepted deliveries amongst a lot of other jobs. Today we were able to say a big thank you to Mark and Chris from M&C Decorators.

M&C Decorators 07914 424820



Busy Bees

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

Year 1: Ezra Wiesner. **Year 2:** Ruby Clark-Trigwell, Ralphy Hughes, Charlie Shepherd, Emily Way and Henley Warrington.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school These will be kept in school and will be washed and refilled daily.

Purbrook Freecycle

Have you recently had a new kitchen that included a free dishwasher in the package and you now have an old one collecting dust in your garage? If you do, our Beehive Club would love to take this off your hands. Please call the school office if you are able to help us. Many thanks.

Jeans for Genes Day 17 September

Next Friday, 17 September is Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans for Genes is run by a charity called Genetic Disorders UK and is an event that we support annually. The charity carries out important research into genetic disorders which affect many children and their families. We ask that children wear their jeans to school on this day, with their normal school shirts and sweatshirts and suitable school shoes. In return for wearing their jeans, we ask that children bring in voluntary contributions. The money will then be collected from classes and sent off to help support the important work that this charity carries out. As a school we can, together, help to make a real difference.

Parent Updates

Instead of the usual half termly curriculum reports we will be sending out weekly year group updates. Today this will be sent out via ParentMail but we are currently in the process of setting up a new App called Seesaw. This will enable us to share with you what's happening in the classroom. This is very similar to Tapestry. Once this has been set up we will send you further details and a QR code which will enable you to create an account. There is no expectation for parents to do all of the suggested activities but we wanted to keep you in the loop so you feel involved in their child's learning and have things to talk about with them at home.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk in the morning whilst they are at school and you have not yet ordered this for your child please go to www.coolmilk.com. Please be advised that orders take some days to be processed before we are made aware.

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 was sent out last term. Further details will be sent to Year R shortly. 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: <u>Autumn A Timetable</u>

Music Tuition

If your child attends recorder, ukulele club or both, invoices have been sent out and we would appreciate if these could be settled in a timely manner.

Breakfast and Beehive Fees for Children in Year 1 and Year 2

These invoices have now been sent out and a payment should be made against your account shortly. Invoices for children in Year R will be sent out next week.

Lunch Menu

Next week's menu will be: 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.

A reminder that we are now able to offer the full three weekly hot HC3S Menu as we are now able to eat in the hall now the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret

Headteacher