

# **Purbrook Infant School**

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# **Friday Flier**



# **Harvest Assembly**

Thank you Mrs Hutchins for her Special Harvest Assembly. I have also been asked to pass on the thanks of the Waterlooville Food Bank to the parents who kindly donated items which will be will be distributed to people in the local area who, because of a crisis in their lives are struggling to provide for themselves and/or their families.

# Opportunity to try a School Lunch – Thursday 07 October:

Next Thursday the school caterers are providing the children with the opportunity to sample a school lunch. The choices available are:

- Chicken grill wrap or vegan sausage roll served with chips, vegetables and salad
- A selection of biscuits (fresh fruit will also be available)

All children will automatically be signed up for this lunch. However, they may also bring in their own packed lunch but still sample items on offer. There will be no pressure to taste the food, it will be offered and they can try any of the food items they wish. Children with special diets will be catered for.

## Walk to School Week 04 - 08 October

Today your child has brought home information about this event. Each day we will record if your child either walks the full distance to school or walks to school from a vehicle which has parked **further away than normal** (park and stride). At the end of the week all children who have participated will receive a certificate.

#### Reminder: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Change to Term Dates: Summer Term 2022

As you may already be aware, it has been announced that the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 02 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 03 June will create a four-day weekend Bank Holiday in June to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This requires adjustment to the already published 2021-22 School Year and Holidays pattern. Therefore, the summer term 2022 will finish on Thursday 21 July 2022. We have moved the INSET day from Friday 22 July 2022 to Thursday 21 July 2022. The last day the children will attend school is Wednesday 20 July 2022. *This information is especially relevant to our Year R parents who would not have received this information last year and their booklet will not show these revised dates.* 

#### **Planned Inset Days**

- Monday 01 November 2021
- Tuesday 04 January 2022
- Friday 08 April 2022
- Monday 06 June 2022
- Thursday 21 July 2022

# **Bringing Lunch Boxes in Late**

We are seeing an increasing number of parents who are coming in during the morning to drop of their child's lunchbox. We would like to see a reduction in this as the children are getting upset and confused, especially when they do not want the school lunch on offer and they have no lunchbox with them on arrival to school. I appreciate that mornings can be a rush but please can you ensure that if you are providing your child with a packed lunch, that they bring this with them in the morning to avoid upset and confusion.

#### Welcome Back Mrs McBride

We are delighted that Mrs McBride has returned from maternity leave and has resumed her role as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. There will be a short handover period where she will be working alongside Mrs de Carteret who was acting SENDCO in Mrs McBride's absence before fully taking over the reins again.

#### **Baby News**

I am delighted to inform you that Miss McKelvey has given birth to a beautiful baby girl who they have named Lillie Iris. Congratulations to Miss McKelvey and her partner and we are all looking forward to meeting her when Miss McKelvey pops in for a visit.

#### **Breakfast Invoices**

If your child attends breakfast club, all invoices should have been settled in full by now in order to avoid a late payment fee.

## **Beehive Invoices**

If your child attends beehive club you should by now have paid an initial payment or settled this in full in order to avoid a late payment fee.

#### **IGNITE**

We have been asked to pass the following information on:

Are you aged between 16-99 and not in education, employment or training? Are you struggling to find the motivation to kickstart your career path? Then our IGNITE program is for you! We offer a dedicated mentor for 3-6 months, supporting with a tailored action plan around your next career steps, alongside emotional health and wellbeing support. If you would like more information, to sign up or to refer someone to the programme, please call on 02392 525026



#### **Busy Bees**

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

**Year 1:** Ethan Bell, Florence Duffy and Amelia Walters. **Year 2:** Ruby Chadwick, Katie Collins, Isla Dalgleish, Evelyn Gray, Amelie Ferguson, Harvey Fellows, Logan Martin, Lili Pietrzyk and Krystal Semedo,.

# **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 (<a href="https://studybugs.com/about/parents">https://studybugs.com/about/parents</a>). 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: <u>Autumn A Timetable</u>

#### **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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret

Headteacher