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Friday Flier



School Photographs will be taken on Friday 14 October (individual)

Please ensure that your child is in school uniform with their hair etc as you would like it for their photograph. Unfortunately, once again, the photographic company's **default procedure is that sibling photographs will not be available, this is both for the safety of the photographers and the quality of the pictures as the photographers will remain 2 metres away from the children at all time and posing them would be problematic.**

Family sibling 25% discount: To support parents wishing to purchase the 2022 individual photographs of their siblings they have continued their "Family discount" which provides a 25% reduction on their individual photographs purchased.

Year R Supplement: Portsmouth News Friday 14 October

On Friday the News will be visiting local schools and photographing children in their Year R classes. The children will not be named. All children will be included where we have previously received your consent. You will be able to purchase this photograph at a later date.

Novelty Lunch: Thursday 06 October

Thank you to our cook, Claire Hardy, and her staff for making this a very successful event and for parents in supporting this. The children seemed to enjoy their lunch. We will be having another one in January!

Parental Consultations

It was so lovely to see so many parents this week for their parental consultations. I hope you found these useful. The feedback we have received so far indicates that parents found these meetings very useful.

Open Mornings for Children Starting School in September 2023

We are hosting three Open Mornings for parents with children due to start school next year. These will take place on Tuesday 18 October, Monday 31 October and Monday 07 November at 9.30am. We will be offering guided tours of the school and hope to see lots of prospective parents and carers. We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to any family and friends who may be interested. Please ask them to contact the school office to book a day. Many thanks.

School Office Closed: Monday 10 October and Wednesday 12 October – 9.00am – 12.00pm

Please note that the school office will be closed on the above dates. This is so staff can attend important training. Please can you ensure that children arrive on time so as not to have to be admitted via the school office. Please can we also ask that lunch boxes etc are not brought in late as we will be unable to deliver these to the classes. An answerphone will be available for messages and these will be checked once the training has finished.

Important Date: Friday 02 December – School Closing at 1.30pm for Christmas Fayre

We are delighted that after a two-year absence we will be having our Christmas fayre on Friday 02 December which is resulting in the school closing at 1.30pm. We have done this as it has become increasingly difficult in previous years for the PTFA to get enough volunteers to run the stalls and to help tidy up afterwards. In this way all staff are able to run a stall/game. The children will therefore have lunch at school and we need you to collect them at 1.30pm. The Christmas Fayre will start shortly after this time. **Please note that the Beehive After School Club will not be running on this day and no charge will be made. This will also affect children who attend from Purbrook Junior School.**

Year R Magic Day: Contributions

Thank you to all the parents who have already made their voluntary contribution towards the visiting magician. We are reliant on voluntary contributions from parents to cover the costs as the school budget does not enable us to offer these exciting experiences without parental support. If you have not yet contributed, please can you do so. Please be aware that if a significant number of places are not paid for we will be unable to offer visits of this type in the future.

Reading Scheme/New Book Bands

Thank you to everyone who is reading regularly with their children. We have been made aware that there is some chat on the playground about the new reading scheme and want to reassure you that there will be a meeting in the near future to answer all your questions. Please click on the following link which will take you to our original letter: [KS1 Reading Scheme](#)

Cars: On and around the school site

Please keep a close eye on little ones as we have had a few near misses recently. ONLY drive up to the school gates if you have been given permission by the headteacher to access the school site.

Busy Bees

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

Year 1: Brayden Burton, Eleanor Chadwick, Jared Curtis, Sophie Hughes, Jude Humphrey, Elias Khamellah, Nyah Perry, Aurora Preston, Maddison Swift and Willow Sherville. **Year 2:** Beau King, Jokubus Lepsevicius Isla McFawn, Honie Fitzjohn and Arthur Sumbler.

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Blackbirds' Class
- Owls' 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.

Forest School Sessions

Timetable for this half term was sent out half last term. 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 [Autumn A Timetable](#).

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



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Headteacher