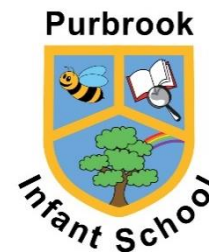


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Dear Parents/Carers

### **After School Extra Curricular Activities**

I am sure most of you have begun to notice that we have started to offer some children a range of after school clubs and may wonder why these activities have not yet been offered to all.

Offering clubs after school is always a challenging job and with 270 children in the school it is inevitable that not everyone will get the club or activity they want and as with anything it is impossible to make everyone happy all the time. I simply do not have enough staff or hours in the term to ensure that I can offer activities to everyone all the time. Running free clubs run by the teachers relies on them giving up their after school planning time as it is not an expectation they will run clubs. With these challenges in mind we are trialling something new this year.

Over the course of the year we will slowly drip out new clubs, with new activities being offered each term. So far this term we have introduced Lego, football, long distance running, choir, bedtime stories, art and the school newspaper. Some of these clubs are a paid club and are run by outside agencies and are therefore offered to all within the age range they cater for. Lego club was open to Year 2 only and everyone who applied is getting a 6 week block over the course of the year. (This is run by our Lego loving Chair of Governors). Choir will be open to all the children in Year 1 and 2 who have a love of singing. This will run all year and new people may want to join as they become more confident.

Some clubs, especially those run by teachers, link directly to a national curriculum subject such as bedtime reading/art etc. These clubs will be run for a shorter period of time and we are treating these as extracurricular times; using the time to target children who may have a talent in this area or who may require extra time in this subject to catch up with their peers and therefore we are inviting these children to come along to these clubs rather than offering them to all.

Please be assured that I am keeping a very detailed record of every club offered and every child who participates or who has been invited. This way I can ensure that every child across the school is offered an activity. Year R pupils will be offered more opportunities later on in the year as they become more confident and may find they take up clubs when they enter Year 1.

Clubs already in the pipeline for this year are:

Sewing (fine motor/DT)	Board Games (Maths)	Funky Fingers (Fine motor)	Bedtime stories (Reading)	Art	Legacy (Sport)	Gardening	News paper (Writing)
Football	Language and communication	Performing arts	Tennis	Lego	Long distance running	Cooking (Maths)	

We are constantly looking to increase these and looking for new ideas... Watch this space!

I hope our vision and rationale for running clubs this way will be supported by our community. Following many years of disrupted learning by the pandemic we are working hard to close academic, social and emotional gaps so that all children at our school succeed.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to pop in and have a chat with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L A de Carteret', written in a cursive style.

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**Headteacher**