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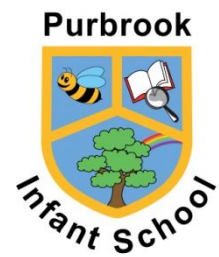


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Friday Flier



Starting School in September 2023

If your child is 4 or will turn before 1 September 2023, they can start school in September. If you have not already applied for a place, you need to do so by tomorrow, Sunday 15 January. Hampshire residents should apply via the online portal: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Other residents should apply to their own Council, for example Portsmouth City Council or West Sussex Council.

Opportunity to try a School Lunch – Thursday 19 January

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

- Chicken Nuggets or Nacho Bites with chips and veg of the day
- A chocolate brownie or shortbread

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 on the table and they can try any of the food items they wish.

Smart Watches

We are starting to see an increase in the number of children who are coming into school with Smart Watches. Please can you ensure that these are not brought into school as we cannot ensure that they will not get lost or broken as we are aware of how expensive these items are. They also pose a safeguarding risk as some of the watches have the ability to take photographs and this is not something that is allowed. Analogue watches are fine as these help the children learn to tell the time but again, please do not purchase expensive watches.

Christmas Trees

Thank you to everyone who donated their Christmas trees for our forest school. These will enrich the children's experience. We now have enough trees.

Staff Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for an early morning cleaner and a Special Needs Assistant. Both jobs are advertised on the Hampshire County Council website. Please click on the following links which will take you to the adverts. [Cleaner Vacancy](#) and [Special Needs Assistant](#). Please note that we are unable to accept CVs and all applications must be made using the corporate application form.

Borrowed Uniform in Year R

We would be very grateful if you could return any uniform that has been loaned to your child by the school washed and ironed appropriately. We are keen to ensure that "little accidents" are rectified with a minimum of discomfort or embarrassment and in order to do this, we would like to ensure that we have a variety of spare clothes. Many thanks.

Reminder of Library Drop in Times

A reminder that the library is open at the following times for you to pop in with your child and share a book:

- ❖ Monday: 3.25pm – 4.00pm
- ❖ Tuesday: 8.15am – 8.45am
- ❖ Thursday: 8.15am – 8.45am

Busy Bees

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

Year R: Isla Ferguson, and Vinnie Serjent. **Year 1:** Cosomia Bettam, Isabelle Kneller and Nyah Perry. **Year 2:** Alice Barfoot, Roman Bell, Talia Bettam, William Brown, Harrison Freer, Ellis Griffiths, Aurelia Lloyd, Evelyn Mortlock, George Page and Baye Stedman.

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Robins' Class
- Doves' Class
- Kestrels 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 [Spring A Timetable 2023](#).

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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