



# Purbrook Infant School



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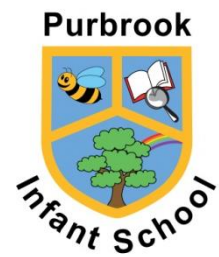


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**Friday Flier**



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## Children in Need Day

Thank you for supporting this appeal. Altogether we raised an amazing £242.47 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you very much for helping us to make a difference.

## Year 1 Extra Forest School Session

We are delighted that we are able to offer the children in Blackbirds' Class an additional Forest School session on the morning of Wednesday 22 November. Please can they come to school wearing their forest school clothing.

## Year R Starting School Next Year: September 2024

If you have a child who is due to start school next September, the online Admissions Portal is now open which will enable you to select a place for your child to start school next year. To apply for school place, please click on this link: [Apply for a Year R Place](#)

## Year 2 Children Transferring to Junior School Next Year

A reminder that this is not automatic and you need to make an application for your child's Year 3 place. Please go to [Apply for a Year 3 Place](#). You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for schools in another local authority.

If you do not live in Hampshire (including Portsmouth and West Sussex) you must apply through your home local authority. Please click on the link below which takes you to the letter from Hampshire Admissions which we sent out in November [Year 3 Letter](#). Failure to apply on time (the deadline for applications is **midnight on Monday 15 January 2024**) could result in you missing out on your first preference choice.

## Christmas Cards

If you ordered Christmas cards from your child's art work, these were sent home yesterday. Please notify the school office of any discrepancies as a matter of urgency.

## Individual Photographs

These were sent home today. Please let the school office know of any discrepancies as a matter of urgency.

## Parent Anxiety Workshop: Thursday 18 January 9.00am - 10.30am

As part of the Whole School Approach offer with the Mental Health Support Team, we facilitate Parent Anxiety Workshops. The workshops cover some basic psychoeducation on worry and what worry looks like for our children and young people. It also explains some basic strategies for parents to implement at home to help children and young people who have worries. If you would like to attend, please fill in the Google Form by clicking the following link: [Parent Anxiety Workshop](#)

## Breakfast Invoices

If your child attends breakfast club, all invoices should have been settled in full by now.

## Beehive Invoices

If your child attends beehive club you should by now have paid an initial payment and all outstanding balances need to be paid in full by Friday 24 November.

## Head Lice

We have had a number of reported cases across the school, particularly in Year 1. Please check your child's head over the weekend and treat as necessary. We are still advised that the most effective way of removing head lice is using the wet-combing method as described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply ample conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure that the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb
- Work methodically through the hair section by section so that the whole head of hair is combed through
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure on the wet hair
- Repeat the procedure on day five, nine and thirteen in order to clear the young lice as they hatch, before they have had time to reach maturity. It is extremely important that you repeat on the days advised above.

If you do choose to use a chemical method, your child does not need to remain at home for the whole day. They can return to school after treatment, even if slightly late.

## Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week. There was no assembly this week so we will celebrate their achievements in next week's assembly.

**Year 1:** Jasmine Dodd, Ernie-Jay Donohoe Marsh, Jenson Freeman, Victoria Lloyd, James Radice-Gomm and Teddy Townsend. **Year 2:** Sanaya Ahmed, Elias Khamellah, Molly O'Connor, Aurora Preston and Georgia Quance.

These children finished their busy bee certificates and have received a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers/cardigans: *Olivia Bakes and Franki Mengham.*

## Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Wagtails' Class   ➤ Doves' and Woodpeckers' Class (joint winners)   ➤ 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 has already 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: : [Autumn B 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.

A reminder that Monday 27 November is an INSET day and the school will be closed to the children. We look forward to welcoming back the children on Tuesday 28 November.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher