



# Purbrook Infant School

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## Friday Flier



### Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our cook, Claire Hardy and her team, for providing all the children who wanted one with an excellent Christmas Lunch and for making this extra special with decorations and Christmas music. They all thoroughly enjoyed it.

### 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](#)

### Christmas Colouring Competition

Templates were sent home on Tuesday and these can only be entered into the competition if they are returned on entry to the Christmas Fayre. Entries should not be sent into school before this date.

### Reminder - Santa Fun Run: Monday 11 December

All schools in the local area will be taking part individually in this event. Each class will do a couple of laps of the playground. Please can they come to school wearing trainers. They may, if they wish, come in with a Christmas Jumper, Santa Hat, or other Christmas head decoration which they can wear on the run.



### Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 December: Year 2 Christingle Service: Church of St John the Baptist

If you have requested a place at one of these performances, please note that these are **NOT** taking place at school but are taking place in the Church of St John the Baptist.

### Wednesday 13 December: Last day to post Christmas Cards

Please note that this is the last day for "Christmas Post". The post boxes are closed on Thursday 14 December.

### Change of Lunch options: Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December

Please note that due to the Christmas Fayre taking place next Thursday the children will need to eat in their classes. The menu will be swapped as follows:

Wednesday: Sliced beef and Yorkshire pudding or Quorn chicken pieces and Yorkshire pudding

Thursday: Pizza or vegetable goujons.

### Year 2 Victorian Immersive Day: Thursday 14 December

A reminder that this is taking place for Year 2 children. Please click on the following link to access the letter [Victorian Immersive Day](#)

### Refreshments Needed for PTFA Christmas Fayre: Thursday 14 December

Unfortunately, the diary does not allow us to put on another mufty day in exchange for cakes etc that can be sold at the refreshment stand at the Christmas Fayre. However, items would still be gratefully received and as a thank you all the children will be given an extra playtime. Packaged refreshments can come into school from Monday 11 December.

### Reminder re **VERY** Important Date: Thursday 14 December – SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1.15PM

As previously advised, this year we are having our annual fayre on a Thursday at 1.45pm which is resulting in the school closing at 1.15pm. We have done this as it has become increasingly difficult 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. The children will therefore have lunch at school and we need you to collect them at 1.15pm. The Christmas Fayre will start at 1.45pm.

**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.**

### Reminder: Class Parties and Santa Visit – Friday 15 December

Once again, we have not asked for requests for individual food items. Instead, we have asked that parents donate £1 which will be used to purchase items for the parties. Party clothes can be worn on these days.



**Children should still order a school lunch or bring in packed lunch**

### Friday 15 December Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa will be coming to school to read a story to all the children. This year the school were very lucky to once again receive a substantial anonymous donation. This money was used to buy a present for each child from Santa. So, we would like to say "a big thank you" to whoever our generous benefactor may be. Thank you also to Lesley Parris, the previous Chair of the PFTA and member of staff for sourcing and wrapping the Christmas presents.



### Forest School Update

This half term we have been enjoying the beautiful autumn leaves at Forest School. The children have been very inventive, using them for artwork, cooking in the mud kitchen and making kites and flags to name just a few! The weather has been challenging at times meaning we have had to adapt our sessions at short notice but we have still been able to do lots of discovering. Mrs Garrett and myself have been particularly impressed with the perseverance the children have shown, particularly with knot tying and making things independently! We would like to thank all of our parent volunteers for helping out at our sessions this half-term. Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Garrett.

### Does your child struggle with Anxiety? Do they worry about everything?

Lots of children have worries and anxieties that make their lives difficult. TIMID TO TIGER is a seven-week parenting course that looks at different ways and strategies to reduce and manage these feelings, helping everyone to overcome their fears and worries. Starting Wednesday 24 January, 9.30am-11.30pm at **Purbrook Infant School**. If you would like to know more or to reserve a place, please contact: Angie Seddon-Ellis, our Parent Support Adviser on **07545 415266** or via email: [a.seddon-ellis@morelands.hants.sch.uk](mailto:a.seddon-ellis@morelands.hants.sch.uk)



### Busy Bees

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

**Year R:** Isabelle Casson, Anastasia Crockford, Tommy Foster, Nellie Green, Devlin Harris and Lyra Link. **Year 1:** Bella Edser, Aurelia Lowe and Vinnie Serjent. **Year 2:** Aubin Ellis, Freddie Gibbons, Mason Gilbrook, Hallie Hayes, Seth Haywood, Aubrey Ings, Bryce Johnson-Ferguson, Franki Mengham, Molly O'Connor and Willow Sherville.

These children finished their busy bee certificates and have received a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers/cardigans: Emma Amin, Oscar Clayton, Oscar Pearce and Albie Picton.

### Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Kingfishers' Class
- Woodpeckers' Class
- Eagles' Kestrels and 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.

### Found: Lost Property

There were a pair of ladies' gloves left in the library one day last week. They are black leather.

### 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.

School closes next Friday, 15 December at 3.15pm or 6.00pm if your child attend Beehive for the Christmas break. **Tuesday 02 January is an INSET Day** and the school will reopen on Wednesday 03 January 8.45am. Breakfast club will be open at the normal time of 7.45am for those children attending.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L A de Carteret'.

Mrs L A de Carteret

Headteacher