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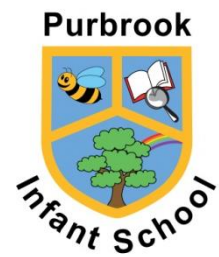


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Friday Flier



### Christmas Fayre

A very BIG THANK YOU to Lorraine, chair of our PTFA and her small (but growing) enthusiastic band of helpers who worked so hard to ensure this was a great success and a really enjoyable and less crowded event than last year for many families. I would also like to say thank you to everyone who supported this event by either helping with the preparations, running a stall or attending on the day.

### Thank yous

- ❖ I would like to say a "BIG" thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and read a story to the children. They had a fabulous time. If you have not already done so, why not take a look at the pictures of some classes on our Facebook Page
- ❖ To the PTFA who purchased sweets for the children as a little Christmas gift
- ❖ The Co-operative Southern for donating 90 oranges needed for the Year 2 Christingle Service
- ❖ Thank you to the Wright family for their kind donation our lovely Christmas Tree
- ❖ Thank you to staff for donating a big box of presents to the WAVE 105 Mission Christmas



### Message from Governors

The Government, through Hampshire County Council, require each school to have a Governing Body. The structure and membership are regulated by a document called an Instrument of Governance. Ours allows us to have 12 members who are the headteacher, an elected staff member, a local authority appointed member, three parent members and six co-opted members. Each governor serves for a period of four years when they can stand for re-election. The headteacher remains a Governor during their employment at the school. Parent Governors are elected by the parents and if there are more applicants than vacancies, which does not often happen. Have a peaceful Christmas and in the new year we will explain the governing body's committee structure.

### Message from the PTFA

It has been a busy time in the school the last few weeks and your children have handled it really well. A big thank you to them from the PTFA for having us in and out of classes and around the school. We hope they enjoyed their advent calendars and sweeties.

Thank you as always for supporting the school when we arrange our fundraising events. It's been great to have some extra helpers getting involved and your help has not gone unnoticed and been very much needed and welcomed!

We have held our Christmas Market, which was so wonderful to watch all of your children carefully choose all of the presents for their family and friends! I'm sure those who helped on the day will agree that they were all so beautifully mannered and a credit to you all.

The Panto that was arranged was a fun morning and we hope the children enjoyed it.

With the Wreath Making Workshop, the Christmas Market and the Christmas Fayre a fantastic **£2,545.12** was raised!

A huge thank you again to you all and the incredible staff for mucking in and getting involved.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.

### Staff Changes

Today we said a temporary goodbye to Miss McKelvey as she will be starting her maternity leave in the New Year. We will of course inform you when baby arrives. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Pleshette who will be working alongside Mrs Cooper. Mrs Pleshette has already been in school a few times and met the children.

### Busy Bees

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

**Year R:** Arlo Wells. **Year 1:** Errol Atkins, Ezmae Cousins, Ernie Jay Donohoe-Marsh, Forrest Harwood and Ronnie Picton.

### Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Wagtails' Class
- Woodpeckers' 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:

A new timetable for next half term has been sent out with this Flier. Please note that Year 1 and Year 2 Forest School and PE sessions will now be alternate Wednesday and Thursdays (as per the attached timetable).

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](#)

### Lunch Menu

The menu when we return after the Christmas break will be: Week 2. 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.

I should like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you and the children on Wednesday 03 January at the start of the new term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A de Carteret  
**Headteacher**





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