



# Purbrook Infant School



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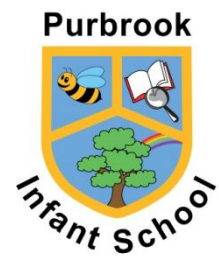


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## Friday Flier



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### Harvest Festival

I would like to thank parents for their generous donations. Particularly in this very difficult financial climate. I have also been asked to pass on the thanks of the Waterlooville Food Bank to the parents who kindly donated items which will be distributed to people in the local area who, because of a crisis in their lives are struggling to provide for themselves and/or their families.

### A Huge Thank You to Mr Merefield

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Richard Merefield for everything he has done, and continues to do, for our school community. Richard has been a governor since 2009 and has kindly taken on the role of Chair of Governors for over 12 years, guiding us with wisdom, patience and dedication.

After much thought, Richard has made the difficult decision to step down as Chair, but we are delighted that he will remain an active governor, Chair of the Finance Committee, and of course continue running the ever-popular after-school Lego Club.

We are so grateful for Richard's commitment and the countless hours he has given to support our school. We know many of you will join us in saying a huge thank you and in appreciating just how lucky we are to have him still so involved.

### A Welcome from Diana Hutchins – New Chair of Governors

As we start on a new school year, the governing body would like to extend a warm welcome to all Purbrook families, both returning and those who are joining us for the first time. We look forward to getting to know you and your children as they begin their educational journey with us at Purbrook Infant School.

Our governing body is dedicated to supporting our school toward its strategic goals. Collaboration with staff, parents/carers, and the community is key to our approach. Our governors are keen to engage with the school community through visits, events, and parents' evenings, strengthening our connection and working together toward shared goals.

Each month we will share more information about the governing body on the Friday Flier but if you wish to contact us you can do so using [governor@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:governor@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk) or if urgent through Mrs Dean in the school office.

### Fond Farewell

Yesterday we said a very fond farewell to Mrs Gray, who has been such an important part of our school community for over 10 years. While we will all miss seeing her in the school office every day, we are delighted that she won't be leaving us completely. Mrs Gray has kindly agreed to return on a temporary basis to support our Beehive After School Club until a new member of staff is appointed.

We are so grateful for everything she has given to the school and are glad that we will continue to see her around the school in this new role.

### Before and After School Library

I am delighted to inform you that the library will be opening on the following times:

- ❖ Monday: 3.30pm – 4.00pm
- ❖ Tuesday: 8.15am – 8.45am
- ❖ Wednesday: 8.15am – 8.45am

Library prefects have not been chosen so it will just be me for a little while so please be patient!

### Taster Lunch: Thursday 03 October

Thank you to our cook, Claire Hardy, and her staff for making this a very successful event and for parents in supporting this. The children seemed to enjoy their lunch. We will be having another one in January!

### Unpaid Breakfast and Beehive Invoices

All invoices should now have been settled in full (today was the last date to make a final payment). A late payment fee is due on all overdue accounts.

### Makaton Marvels

This week our Year 1 and Year 2 Makaton Marvels were awarded their badges in assembly. They have been chosen by their class teachers to learn the sign of the week and share it with the rest of the school in assembly. They will also be taking part in our Makaton advent calendar later in the year. Year R Makaton Marvels will be announced soon! The children chosen were: **Year 1:** *Ivana Abilash, Ann Binu, Dhyllen Johnson, Oliver King, Jesse Larder and Victoria Soueidan.* **Year 2:** *Royhana Abiola, Matteo Harris-Richichi, Cash Morley, Thomas Stoyles, Lula Coleman and Arlo Wells.*

### Busy Bees

Due to the Harvest Festival Assembly event taking place today, we will roll over all the children who received a Busy Bee this week to next week's assembly.

### 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

Timetables for this half term have already been sent out and the timetable for next week is shown below. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Additional PE sessions will take place on Tuesday for children in Year 1 and on Friday for children in Year 2. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following links:

[Year R Autumn A Forest and PE Timetable](#)

[Year 1 and Year 2: Autumn A Forest and PE Timetable](#)

Year R		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 09 October	Robins	Kingfishers
		Wagtails

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 08 October	Blackbirds	Doves

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 09 October	Eagles	Kestrels

### Lunch Menu

This is available for parents to view and order online. Please go to <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/> where you can view and order a lunch for your child.

**Ordering in Advance:** You can order in advance for the whole week (possibly longer). If you do this but then your child is not in school before 9.15am because you are late or are taking them to an appointment but you haven't informed us of this, **their lunch request will be cancelled** and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. Whilst lunches are free to parents, the school has to pay for these.

If your child has an appointment and will be in late but requires a lunch that day, please let us know by leaving the school a voicemail. We have set up a designated telephone option – option 4. You can pre-order a lunch or leave us a message (before 9.15am). We just need you to let us know that your child will be in later that day. Please do not leave a message on the normal absence line as staff may not get to your message in time and your child's lunch will be cancelled.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L A de Carteret', written over a horizontal line.

Mrs L A de Carteret  
**Headteacher**