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Tuesday Tribune



What a year it has been! It has certainly been a busy, exciting and very successful one, finishing with some of the hottest few weeks many of us can remember. Despite the soaring temperatures, our children have continued to show resilience, enthusiasm and smiles, while our staff have gone above and beyond to keep everyone safe, comfortable and happy.

As another wonderful school year comes to a close, we have been truly overwhelmed by the thoughtful cards, kind messages and generous gifts we have received. Your kindness and support mean so much to us, and I would like to say a heartfelt **thank you** to each and every one of you. It is a privilege to work alongside such a caring and supportive school community.

Thank yous!

Year 2 Leavers' Disco

Despite the hot weather, our **Year 2 Leavers' Disco** was a fantastic success. Thank you very much to Miss Parris on behalf of the Year 2 children for organising this fabulous event. The children enjoyed themselves and were thrilled by the magic show and thoroughly enjoyed the fun games and dancing provided by Adam the Magic Music Man. The children were even more amazed (and amused!) when Mrs Pennell and I decided to re-enact the famous Patrick Swayze and "Baby" lift from Dirty Dancing. Unfortunately, despite our total faith in our athletic abilities, we didn't quite manage to pull it off! Who knows, perhaps with a bit of practice, we will do better next year!

PTFA: Although your membership may be small, you more than make up for it with your enthusiasm, energy and determination to raise as much money as possible for our school. Your commitment to providing enriching experiences and resources for our children is truly appreciated.

You continue to come up with imaginative and exciting fundraising ideas, the latest being our fantastic **Colour Run**. Not only did it raise much-needed funds for the school, but it also provided an afternoon of laughter, fun and unforgettable memories for the children (and staff!).

For the third consecutive year, you also organised the hugely popular **Wonky Bar Golden Ticket** event, which has become a firm favourite with the children. The excitement on the faces of our lucky Golden Ticket winners was priceless!

As a special end-of-term treat, the PTFA also kindly provided a **Mr Whippy ice cream** for every child and member of staff today – which was very welcome, especially in the recent hot weather.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Amy Ashby**, who is stepping down from her role as PTFA Vice Chair after three years of dedicated service. Amy has given countless hours to supporting the PTFA and our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has done.

On a lighter note, Amy has also been a very good **"friend" of the Easter Bunny** over the years, helping to ensure some very special Easter magic arrived at school each spring! We now have the important task of finding a new "friend" for the Easter Bunny next year!

Thank you, Amy, and thank you to Lorraine, our Chair, and every member of our PTFA. Your hard work, generosity and unwavering support make a real difference to all of the children at Purbrook Infant School.

Parent Helpers: I should like to thank all those of you who have given up your time to assist the staff in classrooms across the school, and by accompanying the children on trips which have supported their learning in the classroom and in the forest.

Governors: Thank you too, to all members of the school's governing body who work hard behind the scenes to ensure that all the children at Purbrook Infant School make the best possible start to their formal education.

Goodbye and Good luck to Year 2 children

Today we say goodbye to our Year 2 children. We wish them happiness and success as they transfer to their junior schools and the next stage of their learning. Many of them will continue, I am sure, to be regular visitors during their time at Purbrook Junior School and the staff look forward to their visits and hearing of their progress.

Medication held for Year 2 Children

Any inhalers/medication we hold and which have not been collected will be taken to Purbrook Junior School. They will however require you to complete a medical consent form prior to administering the inhaler/medication.

Medication Expiration Date

If we hold medication for your child, including inhalers, please can you pop into the school office to check the expiration dates when we return in September.

Collection Arrangements

A reminder that we will start dismissing the children ten minutes earlier for the first five school days to allow for passwords to be given to staff. Please refer to the letter that was sent out: [Collection Arrangements](#)

Forest School Sessions: Children moving into Year 1 and Year 2

There will be no Forest School the first week back and we will share the timetable for the Autumn term with you on Friday 04 September.

Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 in September - arrival arrangements for the first day of the Autumn Term

Year 2 children should arrive between 8.45am – 8.55am, entry into school is via their designated door.

Year 1 children should arrive between **8.55am – 9.00am on the first morning only**; entry into school is via their designated door.

Reminder of Drop off and Collection Arrangements For all Classes in September

Year 1 and Year 2 Children

Class	Morning Drop Off Door	Collection Door
Blackbirds	Door adjacent to Owls' Class. (Known as the North Door.)	Main playground outside the Year R enclosure.
Doves	Door nearest to the main gate. (Known as the South Door.)	External ICT suite door. This is the door adjacent to Robins' Class door.
Woodpeckers	Door nearest to the main gate. (Known as the South Door.)	Door nearest to the main gate. (Known as the South Door.)
Eagles	Door nearest to the main gate. (Known as the South Door.)	Door nearest to the main gate. (Known as the South Door.)
Kestrels	Door adjacent to Owls' Class. (Known as the North Door.)	Door adjacent to Owls' Class. (Known as the North Door.)
Owls	Door adjacent to Owls' Class. (Known as the North Door.)	Door adjacent to Owls' Class. (Known as the North Door.)

Lunch Menu

There will be a new Autumn menu when we return in September. A copy of this is available on our school website, please note that this could be subject to change. Please click on the following link to view: [Autumn Term Menu](#). Please go to <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/> where you can view and order a lunch for your child.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I should like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break with your children after another very busy and successful school year. Following the fantastic recent hot weather, the forecasts are predicting plenty more sunshine ahead for the holidays. I hope this beautiful weather stays with us so that we can all make the most of being out and about over the break, wherever you are spending them.

The school closes today, 21 July at 3.15pm (6.00pm for children attending Beehive) for the summer holidays and will reopen on **Wednesday 02 September** (INSET day on 01 September). If your child attends our breakfast club, this will be open at the normal time of 7.45am.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L A de Carteret', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher