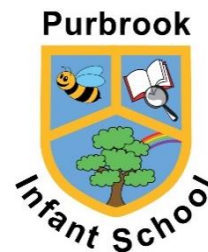


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Dear Parents/Carers

Subject: In-school “home” visits

We have recently been discussing the power of home visits in Year R and how essential these meetings are for building strong relationships between home and school. It is regrettable that we do not have the same opportunities when your child transitions into Year 1 and Year 2. While we cannot release class teachers for an extended period to enable individual home visits—logistically it would be impractical to reach every household—we would nevertheless like to offer a practical alternative that preserves the intent of those early conversations.

We are offering each class a designated day when parents and carers may book a ten-minute appointment, with times available during the school day and into the evening (up to 5.00 pm). During this slot you will be able to have an informal, focused conversation with your child’s new class teacher: to share your child’s likes and dislikes, what helps them to learn and feel secure, and any concerns or questions you would like addressed. Morning drop-off and end-of-day conversations are often too brief to allow for the quality of exchange we value; these short appointments are designed to ensure a calm, unhurried dialogue that supports personalised learning and care.

Dates as follows:

- Monday 14 September: Blackbirds’ Class
- Tuesday 15 September: Doves’ Class
- Wednesday 16 September: Woodpecker’s Class
- Thursday 17 September: Owls’ Class
- Friday 18 September: Eagles’ Class
- Monday 21 September: Kestrels’ Class

When you are asked to enter your name, please put your child’s name – NOT your name
Please ensure you select the correct class

On each designated day, our new cover supervisor, Mr Griffiths, will be in the classroom so that the class can continue their learning while you meet with the teacher. Please be assured that these appointments do not replace our normal Autumn Term parents’ evening; those meetings will still take place later in the term. The purpose of these “home/school visits” is not for the teacher to report on how your child has settled or to review their learning progress, but rather for you to share information you consider important so that teaching and pastoral support can be tailored to your child from the outset and a positive partnership can be established early.

We will shortly send out a link to a booking system which will enable you to book a ten-minute slot. If you feel an appointment is unnecessary because you are satisfied with existing contact and relationships, there is no obligation to attend—these meetings are entirely optional.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher