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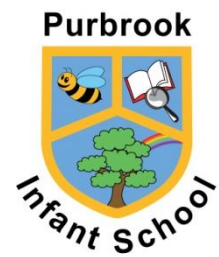


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Friday Flier



A very warm welcome back to all our families, and a special greeting to our **Year 1 and Year 2** children as they step into their new year groups!

First, a huge thank you for your patience and support at dismissal times while staff get to know parents and passwords at collection are required. These extra safety checks will continue until **next Tuesday**.

From **next Wednesday**, we will return to our standard end-of-day classroom door opening time of **3:15pm**, as by then our teaching teams will be familiar with faces. Please note that passwords will still be strictly required if a different adult is collecting your child, or if an alternative staff member is dismissing the class.

It has been an incredibly positive, vibrant start to the term! The children look wonderfully smart in their school uniforms, and the school has been buzzing with happy smiles all week. There is a calm, enthusiastic learning atmosphere across all classrooms. Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have settled back into school routines beautifully, rekindling old friendships, making new ones, and getting to know their new teachers' expectations for learning and behaviour.

A quick reminder regarding uniform: With everyone looking so smart, jumpers and cardigans can easily get mixed up. Please ensure **every single piece of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled with their name** so we can quickly return any misplaced items to their rightful owners.

We would also like to extend a wholehearted welcome to all our new Year R families, especially those joining the Purbrook community for the very first time. We are so excited to get to know you and your children over the coming weeks and months ahead.



A Special Welcome to a Four-Legged Friend!

We have also welcomed a very special new face to our team this week—Poppy, who is Mrs Dean's dog! Poppy is a lovely, older Cockapoo who is incredibly calm, gentle, and completely hypoallergenic (non-shedding), so she is very friendly for anyone with allergies.

Poppy has been a little unwell recently, so she is spending her days resting up and receiving some extra care. Her main base is a cosy spot inside Mrs Dean's office (stair gate fitted), though when the school corridors are completely quiet and calm during lesson times, she might occasionally stretch her legs for a gentle wander.

I verbally introduced Poppy to our Year 1 and Year 2 children during our very first assembly this week. We talked about how we look after animals, and the children were wonderful at understanding how to be quiet and gentle around her. Our new Year R children will also get to hear all about Poppy in an upcoming assembly once they have fully settled into their classroom routines.

We know that some children can feel a little nervous or fearful around dogs. Please be reassured that Poppy will always be fully supervised by an adult, and she will never be allowed to wander into classrooms or playground areas unexpectedly. If your child is particularly anxious around dogs, please feel free to let their class teacher know so we can ensure they feel entirely safe and comfortable. She is a very sweet-natured addition to our school family.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we begin this exciting new school year.

Diary Dates

We have been busy planning dates for this term and we are hoping that these will be ready to send out next week.

Water Bottles

We will again be sending the bottles home every Friday so that parents can clean these. Please can you ensure that these are sent into school every Monday. These will be rinsed and refilled daily.

Date for your Diary: Jeans for Genes Day Friday 18 September

Friday, 18 September is Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans for Genes is run by a charity called Genetic Disorders UK and is an event that we support annually. The charity carries out important research into genetic disorders which affect many children and their families. We ask that children wear their jeans to school on this day, with their normal school shirts and sweatshirts and suitable school shoes. In return for wearing their jeans, we ask that children bring in voluntary contributions. The money will then be collected from classes and sent off to help support the important work that this charity carries out. As a school we can, together, help to make a real difference.

Breakfast and Beehive After School Club Invoices

On Thursday Mrs Gibson emailed invoices to parents and a payment should be made against your account shortly.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk in the morning whilst they are at school and you have not yet ordered this for your child, please go to www.coolmilk.com. Please be advised that orders take some days to be processed before we are made aware.

Library Summer Reading Challenge: Finishes Saturday 12 September

If your child hasn't completed the challenge yet, visit the library and tell them about the books your child has read to get a medal and certificate.

Forest School Sessions: Years 1 and 2

Timetables for this half term have been sent out today 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 Monday for children in Year 2. Please note that Forest School/PE sessions take place on an alternative week's basis. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link:

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

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 09 September	Blackbirds	Doves
		Woodpeckers

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 10 September	Eagles	Kestrels
		Owls

Year R: We will send out the Forest School Timetable in due course

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.

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. Please ignore the paper/electronic copy that we provided you with as this does not actually align with SchoolGrid.

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.

Year R children – lunches will be ordered in class until all children are attending full time.

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