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Friday Flier



Reminder: Before School Library

A reminder that the library will be opening on the following times:

- ❖ Tuesday: 8.15am – 8.45am
- ❖ Wednesday: 8.15am – 8.45am

Library prefects have not been chosen yet, so it will just be me running things for a little while. Please bear with me during this busy transition period! I would also ask for your extra patience as we have just upgraded our entire computer system. This will be the first time I am using the new setup live, so checkout times might be a tiny bit slower than usual while I get to grips with it. Thank you so much for your understanding and support!

A Welcome from Diana Hutchins - Chair of Governors

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 or if urgent through Mrs Dean in the school office.

Taster Lunch: Thursday 01 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!

Informal Parental Drop-ins: Wednesday 07 October 3.30pm – 4.00pm – change of date (Wagtails' Class Tuesday 06 October)

Please note that the date for the **Informal Parental Drop-ins** has changed from our previously published date of Thursday 08 October, due to staff attending training courses. The new date for this event will be **Wednesday 7th October from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm**. (Please note: **Wagtails' Class drop-in will be held on Tuesday 06 October instead**).

As per the planned diary dates, we sent out, we are offering parents the opportunity to drop in to their child's class and have a look at their books and visit their new class. Class teachers will also be available for a brief chat. Please note that it is likely to be very busy at 3.30pm.

Year R parents: Please enter and exit via your child's normal door.

Year 1 and Year 2 Parents: Please enter and exit via either the North or South Door.

Please can we request that you do not exit using the main school entrance as we do have children on site who are using the after-school club and their parents are required to remain outside until staff are able to safely hand over their children to them.

Harvest Festival: Non Perishable Goods from Monday 05 October/Fresh Food Friday 09 October

We are once again supporting Waterloooville Food Bank. Non-perishable foods can be brought in for Harvest Festival from Monday which the children should take into their classes. Please do not take items to the school office. Fresh fruit and vegetables can be brought into school on Friday. Food items will be collected by Waterloooville Food Bank and 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.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: Monday 12 October

A friendly reminder that our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon is coming up soon! There is still plenty of time to sign up to come along, with or without your child. You can read all the details in our original letter here:

[Macmillan Coffee Morning Letter](#)

How you can support the event:

- **Donations (all welcome):** Whether you can attend or not, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations. Non-perishable items can be dropped off from Wednesday 07 October (please check best-before dates)
- **Fresh Bakes:** We look forward to receiving any delicious "fresh bakes" on the morning of Monday 12 October. Please remember to check the original letter, as a full list of ingredients must be provided with all baked goods.

If you are unable to attend in person but would still like to support this wonderful cause, dropping off a donation beforehand is a fantastic way to help us reach our fundraising goal. The letter also contains a link where online donations can be made.

Year 2 Bread Making: Friday 09 October at 2.30pm

A reminder that this event is taking place. If you are able to come but have not yet filled in the Google Form. Please click on the link to the original letter: [Year 2 Bread Making Letter](#)

School Gates & Car Park Reminder

You may have noticed that our automated school gates are currently out of order. Unfortunately, we have noticed that some parents are taking advantage of this situation to drive onto the school premises.

We would like to kindly remind all families that the school car park is strictly for **staff use only**. Vehicles must not be driven onto the school site at any time unless a prior agreement has been made with the school office. Please note that this rule applies to everyone, including parents dropping off or picking up children at our breakfast and After School clubs.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in helping us keep our children and community safe.

Diary Dates For the Remainder Half term (please note the changes)

Monday 05 October	Non-perishable goods to be brought in for Harvest Festival from today please
Tuesday 06 October	Wagtails' Class: Informal Parental drop ins: 3.30pm – change from previously published date
Wednesday 07 October	Cakes to come in for the Macmillan Coffee afternoon (please check best before date)
Wednesday 07 October	Year 1 Number Sense Meeting: 5.00pm – 6.00pm – change from previously published date
Wednesday 07 October	Informal Parental drop ins: 3.30pm – change from previously published date
Friday 09 October	Harvest Festival – service for children only Fresh fruit and vegetables on this day only please
Friday 09 October	Year 1 Number Sense Meeting: 9.00am – 10.00am – change from previously published date
Friday 09 October	Year 2 bread making in school with parent: 2.30pm
Monday 12 October	Individual School Photos

Monday 12 October	Macmillan Coffee afternoon with children see letter for times – Cakes and donations required
Wednesday 21 October	Year R Magic Day. Six weeks in meeting at 1.45pm followed by parents visiting class £2.50
Friday 23 October	Year 1 Art gallery event: 2.00pm

Busy Bees

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

Year 1: Jude P and Tommy W. **Year 2:** Halle de B, Mila E, George E, Reenie F, Bambi G, Dorsey H, Olivia P, Tobias R, Jessica W and Oakley Y.

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
- Eagles' Class

Makaton Star of the Week is: *Jasmine S*

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 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 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 08 October	Wagtails	Robins
		Kingfishers

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 07 October	Doves	Blackbirds
		Woodpeckers

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 08 October	Kestrels	Eagles
		Owls

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