

Purbrook Junior School – Mr C Williams, Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 –

INSET DAY

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 –

INSET DAY



## Headteacher's message

Hi all

What an amazing week! I am so proud of all of our children and families for the level of engagement shown via online learning or in school. I have had the privilege of joining Zoom meetings or Google Classroom in different year groups and have been really impressed with the level of engagement of children and the quality of learning that is being provided by our staff. It has been a sharp learning curve for all of us and we should think about all of the brilliant things we have achieved in such a short space of time – well done everyone.

The online learning experience will never be able to replicate a real classroom. However, there are some rules and regulations that we would like children to adhere to whilst working online. Please could you help your children understand the importance of this and reinforce our high expectations at home? Your support as parents through these incredibly challenging times has been phenomenal – thank you and please keep doing the best that you can. We completely appreciate the immense pressures and challenges you are under as families at home. Keep up the great work and please get in touch with us if we can help in any way.

### Expectations for Online Learning

- Be ready
- Be appropriate
- Dress appropriately – are you ready for learning?
- Speak properly – not in text style – please use the chat bar facility appropriately
- Behave virtually as you would in class
- Be the best you can be...



### COVID Update

Unfortunately we have had another positive case of coronavirus in school this week. Please can I ask parents to be especially vigilant and **not to send their child to school** if they (or anyone in their household or support bubble) are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or tastes

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If you (or any one in your household) have any of the main symptoms **you must**:

1. Get a test to check if the person with symptoms has coronavirus
2. The person with symptoms (and all members of the household) must stay at home and not have any visitors until you get the test result – only leave the house to have a test. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.



## Postponement of Inset Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Further to the communication sent to you on Tuesday, I can confirm that we have postponed the INSET day originally planned for Wednesday 27th January. The school will now continue to be open on this day for critical workers and vulnerable children. The teachers will also continue to provide home learning on this day. We will liaise with the infant school in due course to set a new INSET day in the summer term.

## Accessing Google Classroom through a PS4/5 or Xbox One

On the school website there is an 'Advice and Tips' page under 'Purbrook Learners'. Here, parents and children can find handy guides, tips and year group emails:

Each year group has an email address that you can contact. Alternatively, you can contact teachers on Google Classrooms.

**Year 3** – [year3@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year3@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk)

**Year 4** – [year4@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year4@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk)

**Year 5** – [year5@purbrook-jun-hants.sch.uk](mailto:year5@purbrook-jun-hants.sch.uk)

**Year 6** – [year6@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year6@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk)

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide for Adults – a new service from Hampshire County Council

A new Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide for Adults is now live. It provides information and links to help those aged 18+ in Hampshire find the right support and advice if they, or others around them, are struggling right now. To download the Guide go to <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/adultservices/HCC-WellbeingGuide-Adults.pdf>

Yours sincerely

Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

### DAILY ZOOM SESSIONS EVERY WEEKDAY

YEAR 3 - 10:00 - 10:30am

YEAR 4 - 9:30 - 10am

YEAR 5 - 9:00 - 9:30am

YEAR 6 - 8:45 - 9:15am



## How can we make the most of Zoom?

### Your teachers will:

- Start the Zoom meeting **promptly at the allocated time**.
- Go through the **learning for the day** by talking through it and sharing images, screens and tips.
- **Model** any processes where helpful.
- Provide opportunity for **questions** to be asked and time to answer these.

### We ask that you:

- Join the meeting ready to start **promptly at the allocated time**.
- Where possible, plan other activities that you'd like to do for other points in the day as the messages and learning shared in Zoom is very important.
- Add your **name to the chat bar** at the end of the meeting so we know who is attending.
- Set yourself up with **a pen and paper** to make any notes necessary during the Zoom meeting.
- Make sure you are **listening** and not distracting others on screen.
- Make sure you are **not trying to complete other tasks at the same time** as this will impact your ability to take information in (e.g.: eating breakfast, communicating on other devices).