

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 –  
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In order to keep everyone in school safe, please remember that we are a nut free school.



This includes chocolate spread which contain nuts (i.e. Nutella). Thank you

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
March 2021**



Our theme at school will be Superheroes. Children and staff can dress as their favourite superhero for the day.



## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It is wonderful to have all the children back in school. Once again the school is filled with laughter, smiling faces and children working really hard! I am incredibly proud of the way the children have returned to the school routine so quickly and so resiliently – well done to everyone for this amazing achievement.

Whilst it is good news that the COVID infection rates are continuing to drop, we still all need to be vigilant and play our part in keeping our school community safe. Thank you for all those who are wearing their face masks, maintaining social distances and following the government guidance. We look forward to times when we may return to a more normal school life, but in the meantime we will continue to do all we can to keep your children safe whilst providing them with the best educational opportunities.

The atmosphere in school this week has been amazing. There has been a whole school theme around climate change.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, the whole school participated in a virtual workshop hosted by Wicked Weather Watch. We were fortunate enough to be joined by their patron, Professor Terry Callaghan.



For Over 50 years, Professor Callaghan has worked in every arctic country in the world. He is an adviser to the UK All Party Parliamentary Group on Polar Regions. Professor Callaghan has published over 430 scientific papers and is included as a “Most Cited and Influential Researcher” for the period 2002-2012 on the Web of Science and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to IPCC in 2007.

The children listened intently as Professor Callaghan explained what was happening in the Arctic because of climate change and the impact it was having on humans and animals.

They had great fun asking him questions including, "have you ever eaten Polar bear!"

Professor Callaghan told the children, “It is my generation’s responsibility to pass on to the next generation the love and respect of those natural environments most vulnerable to change and to give children the scientific tools to understand how to protect the world now and in the future.”

Here is a snapshot of what each of our year groups have been getting up to:

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### Year 3

What a wonderful week it has been in Year 3. The children have settled in so well and have really engaged with our learning on climate change. We have thought about the Arctic region and how the Polar Bears are suffering due to the warming of our planet. We have learnt that we can make some small changes which can lead to a big difference! We have enjoyed some art activities this week in preparation for an art exhibit including totem poles, bunting and some bubble Earth pictures. Did you know that Polar Bears could be extinct by the year 2100? Ask your child to share with you some things that we could all do to prevent this.

### Year 4

We are so proud of the Year 4s and how well they have settled back into school and how they have thrown themselves into our whole school climate change project. In Year 4 we have focused on plastic pollution. Through research and science investigations, they have discovered the impact that plastic pollution has on the planet. They have worked incredibly hard on some wonderful art work to share their message with others as well as writing explanation texts. They are looking forward to sharing these with people at home very soon. They should all be extremely proud of not only their work this week it also their wonderful attitude towards their learning,

### Year 5

What an exciting return to school we have had this week! This half term's topic on rainforests has enabled Year 5 to focus on deforestation in relation to the whole school climate change project.

Highlights of this week have been:

- Deforestation information run.
- Virtual workshop with Professor Callaghan.
- Rainforest artwork
- Learning about the inspirational role model Sir David Attenborough.

Please ask you child about these things and be prepared to be amazed!

### Year 6

Taking inspiration from Greta Thunburg, Year 6 have spent this week creating their very own LIGHT BULB moment. Inspired by the workshop from Wicked Weather Watch, combined with their own desktop research, the children chose a simple message they wanted others to hear. They created their own light bulb from paper mache and then, using art techniques learnt throughout the week, created a thought-provoking visual which conveyed their own climate change message. Extremely creative and very effective, the lightbulbs will be displayed in school to inspire others to make one simple change.

As you can see, it has been a truly amazing week at Purbrook Junior School!

Yours sincerely



Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

