



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

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**RESPECT
TEAM
ACHIEVE**

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to say a massive "well done" to all Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests last week.



The children have shown real maturity in both their attitude and behaviour. It was great to see them enjoying a well-deserved ice cream on Friday afternoon!

I would like to thank Year 4 for vacating their classrooms during the mornings. I know this was really appreciated by the Year 6 children, so that they could use their classrooms and the area was nice and quiet for them to concentrate.

My thanks go to the Year 6 teachers for their passion and drive in helping the children achieve to the best of their potential. I would also like to thank the rest of the staff 'team' who have pulled together to make the SATs tests run as smoothly as possible, including provision of breakfast for the children.

All children in school were really respectful to the Year 6 children sitting the tests and are a credit to the school.

As I am writing this newsletter, the school is preparing for the Dale Cup. Year 6 have been eagerly awaiting this annual event. The Dale Cup was first run in 1978 and has been an annual tradition ever since (unfortunately a couple of years were missed during the COVID pandemic). The course is a mile long and takes the children around the field and playground, out onto Elizabeth Road up to the park and then back again, finishing on the field to the cheers of Years 3, 4 and 5. Members of the school Cross Country Team will be joining Year 6 in this race. Some children will be aiming for a medal, or maybe even a record time. For others, their challenge will be finishing the course. What's important is that they all try their best! I'm really looking forward to cheering them on.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

As per the school's Debt Policy please ensure that you have sufficient funds on your child's lunch account before they need to order a lunch.

Whilst the majority of parents keep their accounts in credit there are a few who persistently let their account fall into arrears (even by a small amount) and this creates additional work for the school office chasing payments. The last thing we want to do is refuse to provide a hot meal for your child, but if parents continue to not provide sufficient funds, then we will be left with no other choice. Please work with us on this sensitive matter.



If you have the ParentMail app downloaded, it is easy to check your child's lunch account via the ACCOUNTS tab. If your child regularly has a school lunch, why not top up their account to cover a whole week/month/term?

We aim to work with parents and would ask that if a family is having financial difficulties, please do make an appointment to discuss this with either Mrs Ginn, our Home School Link Worker or myself. The school may be able to direct you to additional services and organisations who may be able to help you. Early intervention can help avoid debts at school building up. Please be assured that any information will be treated in confidence.

School Photos

Just a reminder that the closing date for ordering photographs with Yellow is Tuesday 6th June. Any orders placed after this date will occur additional charges.

Kind regards

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June – Half Term

Monday 5th June – INSET DAY – school closed

Tuesday 6th June – start of summer term 2

Friday 16th June – Year 4 visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Tuesday 27th June – 3B and 3G visit to Royal Armouries Museum, Fort Nelson

Wednesday 28th June – 3A visit to Royal Armouries Museum, Fort Nelson

INSET DAYS

Monday 5th June 2023

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total at:

<http://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/school-houses/>