

# Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, it was great to see our Year 6 and Cross Country Club children taking part in the Dale Cup last Friday. Due to COVID restrictions, this is the first time the race has been run using the full course (heading out of the school grounds, up Elizabeth Road to the park, and back again) since 2019.



The 2023 Dale Cup results were: Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Tilly G – Southwick (overall winner)

2<sup>nd</sup> Anva B – Widlev

3<sup>rd</sup> Abigail B - Widley

**Boys** 

1st Isaac C - Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup> Frank R – Nelson

3<sup>rd</sup> George P – Nelson

Well done to everyone who took part – an amazing achievement by all.

We are starting to look at arrangements for the next academic year. We will be holding three internal transition days for our Year 3, 4 and 5 children. These will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. This will provide a great opportunity for the children to meet their new teacher and work with their new classmates. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July Year 2 children will be invited to spend the day with their Year 3 teachers.

Year 6 transition arrangements will vary depending on which school your child will be moving to. The secondary schools will have contacted parents directly. If you haven't received details of your year 6 child's transition arrangements, please can I suggest that you contact their school directly.

We have recently said farewell to Mrs Barfoot, one of our Learning Support Assistants in Year 5, who has left the school to pursue a career elsewhere. We would like to thank Mrs Barfoot for everything she has done for the children and staff at Purbrook Junior School over the past 6 years and wish her all the very best for the future.

I have met with Mrs De Carteret from the Infant School this week and we have agreed the inset days for the next academic year. Please see the blue box on the right of this newsletter for the dates. Thank you

On Wednesday this week Year 4 welcomed Paul Ullson, our Viking visitor into school. The children re-enacted the great battle between the Anglo Saxons and the Danes. They also learnt about the story 'Ragnarok' from Norse Mythology foretelling the end of the world. A great experience for the children and very much enjoyed.

Here is a brief snapshot of what the year groups can look forward to next half-term:

Year 3 Carrying on with their Romans topic including a visit to Fort Nelson Plants (science)
DT/Art

Year 4 "Crunch" topic focussing on teeth and healthy eating Making sandwiches (DT) Finish Viking topic with a visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Year 5 Start new Forces topic
Use forces knowledge with levers and mechanisms (DT)
Music

Year 6 The Monarchy (history)
Transition activities
Leavers trip to Paultons Park
Year 6 Production

I would like to wish everyone a very happy half-term. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr C Williams, Headteacher

## **DREAM BIG!**



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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY – school closed

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – start of summer term 2

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sports Day (weather permitting)

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

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 3A visit to Royal Armouries Museum, Fort Nelson

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers trip to Paultons Park

## **INSET DAYS**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 23

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 23

Monday 27th November 23

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 24

Thursday 28th March 24

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 24

#### **HOUSE POINTS**

Check out the latest House Points total at:

http://www.purbrookjun.hants.sch.uk/schoolhouses/