



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

DREAM BIG!



**RESPECT
TEAM
ACHIEVE**

15th September 2023
Issue 2

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a successful second week of the school year, with the children settling back into the routine of school really well.

Our Year 4 children have started their swimming sessions at Horizon Waterlooville this week. Our Year 6 children will commence their swimming sessions after the October half-term, as they missed their swimming opportunity when they were in Year 4 due to COVID restrictions.

We always try our very best to have an open-door policy and to work in partnership with parents and carers. In general, we feel this works well and is successful. We are always looking to improve with your help so if you have any suggestions then do please let us know.

On most mornings I am on duty around the school as are other members of staff. Please do speak with us if you have anything you wish to discuss...this is one of the reasons we are out and high profile in the mornings. I appreciate that it is not always possible to speak to teachers at the beginning or end of the school day. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, then please make an appointment through the school office. The teachers will be more than happy to meet with you.

Parking

We have again unfortunately received a few complaints about parking and driving in Elizabeth Road, Alder Moor Road East and surrounding roads. Please can I ask you all to be considerate to our local residents, other road users and pedestrians and park both safely and legally.

I have been made aware of several instances of cars stopping/parking on the zig-zag markings on the road outside the playground entrance when dropping off or collecting children. Not only is this illegal to do so, it also endangers children, adults and the school crossing patrol. **It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safeguarding of our children. This includes responsible driving and parking too in and around the school community.**

U Chat, We Listen

Mrs Ginn, our Home School Link Worker, and Mrs Johnson, our ELSA, run a 'U Chat, We Listen' drop in session for children who want to chat about any worries or concerns they may have. These sessions take place weekly on a Wednesday lunchtime in the Mary Rose Suite (music room). Please do encourage your child to pop into a session if they have something that is worrying them or they have anything that they would like to talk about.

Breaktime Snacks

Please can I ask that you provide a healthy breaktime snack for your child. Some children find the gap between breakfast and lunch too long and a quick snack can help boost their concentration for the rest of the morning. Options can include: fresh fruit, raisins, muesli bars, Frubes (yoghurts in tubes), cheese strings, etc.

Our tuck shop is open every day and can provide apples, oranges, muesli bars, fruit juice and milkshakes. Prices range from 20p to 50p per item.

Arrival at school

The classroom doors will be open for children from 8.45am to 8.55am. Any child arriving at school after this time should enter via the school office. Please note that children should not be on site prior to 8.45am unless they are attending our breakfast club as there is no supervision for them. Children arriving before 8.45am may be taken into our breakfast club for which there is a £3.50 charge.

Pre-loved School Uniform

We have a good selection of pre-loved school uniform on the rack outside the school office. If your child needs a new jumper or other item of uniform, why not pop along to find your child a pre-loved item for a small donation.

Kind regards

Mr C Williams, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd
September - Harvest
Festival Food Donations

Monday 18th September –
Year 4 Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 19th September –
Year 6 Meet the Teacher

Thursday 21st September –
Year 3 Meet the Teacher

Friday 6th October – Meet
the Pastoral Team (9-10am)

Tuesday 17th October – Year
5 Mary Rose visit

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th
October – Half Term

Tuesday 7th November –
School Photographers

INSET DAYS

Monday 27th November 23
Tuesday 2nd January 24
Thursday 28th March 24
Monday 3rd June 24

HOUSE POINTS

**Check out the latest House
Points total at:**

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



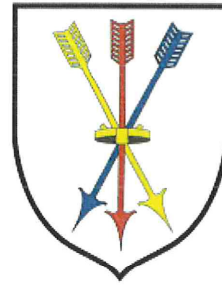
On the 6th October (9-10), we invite you to join us to meet and greet our pastoral team. Find out more about the services (such as 'U chat, We Listen') we offer as support for your child and family. *P.S – There might just be cake!* 😊



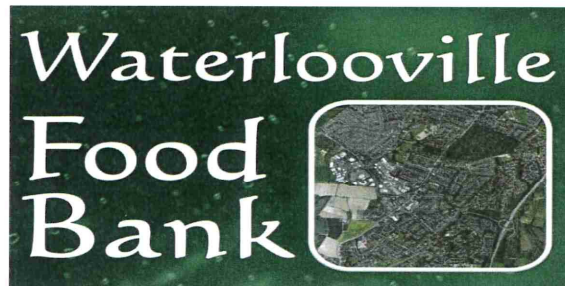
Harvest time at

Purbrook Junior School!

As part of Year 5's learning about the **Harvest Festival**, we'd like to invite the whole school community to help. We are collecting and donating items of food to the people and families of Waterlooville.



This year, we will be collecting for:



Should you be able to contribute to our collection, please send donations in to school inside a carrier bag anytime between:

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd September 2023



All donations will be gratefully received by pupils in Year 5 who will organise them into a display ready for our whole school Harvest Assembly. We are delighted to be welcoming a member of the team from Waterlooville Food Bank to our assembly who will then transport all donations back to the centre ready for

dispersal to families in need in our local community.

We understand that not all families will be able to make donations during this time. The Waterlooville Food Bank is a free and friendly service providing to all in need.

Further details can be found at:

<https://wecockchurch.org.uk/waterlooville-foodbank/>

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