



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have now completed 4 school weeks since the beginning of the new school year. The weather is definitely becoming more autumnal. As is usual at this time of the year, children are presenting with the usual seasonal ailments – coughs and colds, etc. As per the new 'Every Day Counts' guidance on attendance (which was sent out to parents earlier this week) please note the following:

- There remains a lot of absences for common coughs and colds. Please treat with some paracetamol/Calpol prior to the school day. A top-up can always be provided during the day by the administration office, then if your child becomes worse after this, contact can be made with yourselves to arrange collection.
- Hampshire County Council guidance states if your child has no temperature but has a cough, cold, headache, earache, sore throat, then as with adults, the medical advice is to give them paracetamol and send them to school. We are likely to challenge an absence if these are given as reasons. We will always contact you if your child's condition worsens or if we believe their illness is contagious such as Chickenpox, vomiting, etc.
- A polite reminder that Government guidelines state that the authorising of any absence from school is at the discretion of the individual setting and not an automatic right.

Parents Evenings

Our Autumn term Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October. The booking system will open at 9am on Wednesday 4th October – you will not be able to book an appointment before then. A letter with further details was sent via ParentMail earlier this week. We look forward to seeing you.

Book Fair

Between 10th and 16th October, we will be hosting a book fair with a company called Travelling Books. As well as after school, this year the book fair will also run during parents evening on the 10th and 11th October. A communication was sent via ParentMail earlier in the week giving details of how books can be purchased. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Board Games

If you have any unwanted board games we would be happy to take them off your hands for use on wet day playtimes/lunchtimes. Please drop any donations to the school office, thank you.

Lost Property

Please ensure that your child's clothing and belongings are clearly marked with their name. It is very frustrating for us and expensive for you when we get items of lost property and we are unable to return it to its rightful owner!

End of day arrangements and messages to children

Please ensure you make your child aware of their arrangements for the end of the school day before they leave you in the morning. In an emergency, we will be happy to pass messages on to children (i.e. last minute change of person collecting the child from school), but due to the disruption this causes to the whole class and their learning, we would like to keep these messages to a minimum.

Please do not email urgent messages to the school. Email accounts are not always monitored throughout the day – please telephone the school and speak to a member of staff or leave a message on the answer machine if no one is available. Thank you.

Kind regards
Mr C Williams, Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 5th October – Year 6 Height & Weight Measurement Programme

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

Tuesday 10th to Monday 16th October – Book Fair

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October – Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 17th October – Year 5 Mary Rose visit

Thursday 19th October – Flu vaccinations

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October – Half Term

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/>



Feeling anxious? Stressed? Take a moment to breathe this weekend.



Ask your child about our 'BEST SELF' strategy cards.