



# PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It is difficult to believe that this is the final Purbrook Post for this half-term. Where has the time gone! Its scary to think that it is only 66 days until Christmas! Following the half-term break, the children are due back in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for the second part of the autumn term.

Next half-term, our Year 6 children will commence their swimming lessons (Thursday afternoons) and Year 5 will be preparing for, and attending, their residential visit to Calshot Activities Centre.

On Tuesday this week, our Year 5 children enjoyed what seems to be the last of the beautiful weather, on their visit to The Mary Rose in Portsmouth Dockyard. This is in preparation of their Tudors topic starting after half-term. The visit included the 4D 'Dive the Mary Rose' experience, Henry's Heroes workshop and visiting the upper deck viewing platform for the wreck itself. An amazing day!

As this newsletter is being finalised, our Year 4 children are visiting the Southampton Art Gallery as part of their theme work on Identity. I am sure that they will have had a great day.

Please can I remind you that the car park by the Doggy Centre (along Elizabeth Road, between the playground entrance and Cunningham Road) should not be used by parents when dropping off or collecting children. Please can I also remind pedestrians to be mindful of cars entering and exiting this car park on your walk to and from school. Thank you

HC3S will be launching their new menu when we return after half-term. The new menu is attached with this newsletter.

I am sad to say that Nikki Brown, the Unit Manager for HC3S, will be leaving Purbrook Junior School today. She been amazing and I would like to thank her for all she has done for us over the past couple of years. We will miss you Nikki! HC3S are currently recruiting for a new Unit Manager.

I would like to thank Mrs Sherwood for organising and running our recent Book Fair (Travelling Books) and for so many of you for coming and purchasing books. We sold books totalling £699.71 which in turn gives the school £279.88 commission to spend on books for our classrooms and library.

Please ensure that your child knows who is collecting them at the end of the school day and where you will meet them. If arrangements have to change (in an emergency) please ensure that you telephone the school office before 3pm so that we can let your child know the new arrangements. Please do not email the school as email accounts are not always monitored throughout the whole day.

For those children who attend our After School Care Club, please be aware that the collection point for the children will be moving back to the Mary Rose Suite (room next to the hall) after half term. If there are any changes to the collection arrangements for after school club please ensure that Mrs Baker is informed in good time (preferably before 4pm) by either calling the school office, or emailing Mrs Baker on [a.baker@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:a.baker@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk). Thank you.

Year 6 Parents – please be aware that the last day for applications for your child's Year 7 Secondary School place is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Please make sure all applications are made before the deadline.

I hope that you all manage to have some rest and relaxation over the half-term break. I also hope that the weather will be kind to us all and we can enjoy some time in the great outdoors.

Kind regards

Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

DREAM BIG!



**RESPECT  
TEAM  
ACHIEVE**

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
October – Half Term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November –  
School Photographers

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November –  
Year 3 visit to London

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November –  
INSET DAY – School Closed  
to all children

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup>  
December – Year 5 Calshot  
Residential Visit

### INSET DAYS

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 23**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 24**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 24**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 24**

### HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House  
Points total at:  
<http://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/school-houses/>



Time to 'Empty your mind...'  
Use half-term as a time to recharge  
your batteries!



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