



# PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

### Parents' Evenings

If you have not already done so, please do book an appointment to see your child's class teacher at our upcoming Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. So far 70% of parents have booked an appointment – let's see if we can get close to 100%! Parents' Evening is a great opportunity to see how well your child is doing, and also for us to see if there are any additional things we can do to ensure we provide the best education possible. If you are unable, due to prior commitments, to make either of the specified dates we may be able to make alternative arrangements to see your class teacher, please contact the school office.

Due to the limited number of appointments over the two days, we ask that where families are separated, the parent who is the main carer for the child attends. The estranged parent can request a separate meeting / telephone call with the class teacher. Please email [adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk) with any requests. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Mrs Ashton, our new SENCo, will be available at the Parents' Evenings next week to attend appointments with the class teachers. She will not be available for private appointments. If you would like to meet with Mrs Ashton (at the same time as your child's class teacher) please request this through the school office or via email ([adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk)). We will book Mrs Ashton for you, as long as she is not already taken at that time! Thank you

### Year 5 Harvest Festival

I would like to thank all the parents/carers and children for their generous donations for our Harvest Festival. In their assembly last week, Year 5 welcomed Revd Andy Wilson, Vicar at St John the Baptist Church, Purbrook and a representative from the Waterlooville Food Bank.

Following the assembly, the Harvest Festival donations were taken to the Waterlooville Food Bank to benefit families in the local area.

Year 5 have been learning, as part of RE, about the harvest and its link to the Christian faith. The children have been learning about vegetables and their seasons and as part of DT they made some vegetable soup. Year 5 were welcomed into Oaklands Catholic School to use their amazing food tech facilities to prepare and cook their soup. I would like to say a massive 'Thank you' to Oaklands for welcoming us into their school.

### Pastoral Team

This morning we welcomed Parents and Carers into school to meet with the pastoral team. We shared details of the support we provide in school, information regarding the Back to Basics campaign and other areas of support for the children. This informal session was also a great opportunity for us to get to know Parents and Carers over a cup of tea and a slice of cake!

If you were unable to make our meet and greet this week with our pastoral team, we will be holding another meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am which our Parent Support Advisor will also attend. There may still be cake!

### Hair Styles

I have noticed some children coming to school with unnaturally coloured hair recently. Please can I remind you of the section on hair styles in our Uniform Policy a copy of which can be found on the school website: (<https://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/school-uniform/>)

*'Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment. Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable at school – this would include, for example, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes. Large hair accessories or bows are not appropriate for health and safety reasons.'*

Kind regards

Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

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**RESPECT  
TEAM  
ACHIEVE**

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Book Fair

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – meet the Pastoral Team (9am)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 Mary Rose visit

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccinations

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

### 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/>



Feeling overwhelmed? Take a moment to see what you have achieved 'So far...'



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