

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday this week, I was delighted to welcome Will and the Art of Brilliance back into school.



Will worked with our Year 3 children to introduce them to 'The Art of Being Brilliant'. It's all about being your best self. Staff who have joined our school this academic year (and missed the previous sessions) attended the training as well, so everyone at Purbrook Junior School is trying to be brilliant too!

Attendance

Monitoring of children's attendance at school has always been important and is also a legal requirement. When reporting an absence for your child, please give the specific reason – the reason "unwell" is not sufficient. We have also noticed an increase in the number of children who have sustained an injury whilst playing football (for example). An injury, unless serious, is not a reason for a child to be absent from school. We can ensure that your child remains inside at break/lunch times, is able to elevate their leg whilst in class and even administer pain relief (with your permission). It is really important for your child to attend school, if they are well enough to do so.

If your child's attendance falls below 95% (even if the absences are authorised), you may receive a letter from me outlining the importance of regular school attendance. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the 'Every Day Counts' – A Guide to Attendance Expectations.

I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to notify the school if your child is absent. Absences can be reported via ParentMail, StudyBugs or a message left on the school absence line. Please be aware that if you do not report your child's absence by 9.25am (unless in an emergency), the absence, for whatever reason, will be recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you for your help with this.



We will be having our school Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December. As usual, the children will be served their Christmas Dinner by the staff and we will enjoy the festivities together. The menu is:

Red – Turkey Breast and Cocktail Pork Sausage or Green – Vegetable Wellington and Meat-free

Sausage

Served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Ball, Garden Peas, Baton Carrots, Brussel Sprouts and Gravy

To finish: Crispy Christmas Cracknel Pudding Iced Biscuit

Please be aware that there will not be a jacket potato option on this day.

HC3S have informed us this year that children do not need to pre-order this lunch (the lunch will be ordered by the children on the morning of 13th December). If this changes, we will let you know.

Thank you

Mr C Williams Headteacher





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 24th November – PJSA Pantomime 'Cinderella'

Monday 27th November – INSET DAY – School Closed to all children

PJSA Christmas Shop – 29th Nov – Year 5, 6th Dec – Year ³⁄₄, 7th Dec – Year 4/6

Monday 4th to Friday 8th December – Year 5 Calshot Residential Visit

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December – Year 3 Christmas Extravaganza

Friday 15th December – last day of autumn 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.purbrookjun.hants.sch.uk/schoolhouses/



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