

#### **Purbrook Junior School**

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

# Headteacher's message

#### Dear Parents/Carers

I am sorry to have to remind you again of the importance of parking considerately in the vicinity of the school. I was disappointed to receive two complaints last week from parents of children who attend Purbrook Junior regarding inconsiderate parking and rudeness (swearing) from a driver when asked to move. Please can I ask you all to adhere to the zig-zag lines and the single yellow lines outside the school (Elizabeth Road/Woodlands Grove) so that children crossing the road are able to see traffic approaching. 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.

If you do encounter dangerous or illegal parking then please report this to:

# https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/pa rking-contravention

Myself and other school staff do not have the jurisdiction to enforce parking on public roads, but the parking enforcement team at Hampshire County Council can take action. I can only continue to raise awareness via the Purbrook Post and other communications.



On Wednesday this week, the Winchester Science Centre brought in their mobile planetarium for Year 5. The theme of the session was 'The Solar System and Beyond'. The children were able to use the knowledge learned in the classroom to probe and question the experts from the Science Centre.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the experience and their behaviour was impeccable – thank you Year 5!



Following on from this, Mrs Hotchin has signed up for the Spaceship Earth Primary Show – a free resource being offered by the STEM Hub. This on-line show will be taking place next Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> January) at 1.30pm. This is the information from the STEM Hub:

This immersive, interactive, online show catapults Primary School children into a spacethemed STEM adventure, blending the thrill of space exploration with the crucial role the UK Space Industry is playing in combating the climate crisis. Playing the role of aspiring space engineers and scientists, the pupils decide the path of an Earth Observation mission, navigating orbiting satellites and discovering a few surprises on the way! "Spaceship Earth" is not merely a show; it's a gateway to inspire a new generation of space and climate enthusiasts, showcasing the intersection of science, technology, and climate action.

It looks as though this is going to be an amazing experience for the children which will really enhance their learning on the 'Space' topic.

As the weather continues to be rather chilly, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat to wear out at break and lunch times. Please also ensure that coats are named so that they can be reunited with their owner if they become lost. Thank you

Mr C Williams, Headteacher



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 visit to St John's Church

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Calshot meeting for children and parents in Year 4 at 2.45pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 6 Fire Safety event with Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half-Term

# **INSET DAYS**

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.purbrookjun.hants.sch.uk/schoolhouses/



#### In 2024...

You deserve to be happy and to feel loved, may all of your dreams and wishes come true. From the January to December please remember how special you are and there is nobody in the world like you.

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