



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

You may or may not be aware that Hampshire County Council are currently running a public consultation to understand people's views across Hampshire on options to change and reduce some local services and help the Authority address a £132 million budget shortfall faced by April 2025. The consultation is looking at several services across the council including:

- Social care
- Highways maintenance
- Homelessness support
- Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Library stock
- School crossing patrols
- Street lighting

We feel very strongly here at Purbrook Junior School that the school crossing patrols provide an invaluable service to our children and families in helping to keep our children safe. If you feel the same, please do take the time to respond to the consultation by visiting www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation.

Parents' Evenings

For your information, we have set the dates for the spring-term Parents' Evenings. Year 6 Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st February (this earlier date is to allow for parent consultations in sufficient time to discuss the upcoming SATs tests). The Parents' Evenings for Years 3, 4 & 5 will be taking place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Further details will be sent in a separate letter giving details of how to book an appointment (the letter for March appointments will be sent out after the February half-term).

Snacks

Please can I ask that you provide a healthy breaktime snack (not crisps) for your child. Some children find the gap between breakfast and lunch too long and a quick snack can help boost their concentration for the rest of the morning. Options can include: fresh fruit, raisins, muesli bars, Frubes (yoghurts in tubes), cheese strings, etc.

Our tuck shop is open every day and can provide apples, oranges, muesli bars, fruit juice and milkshakes. Prices range from 20p to 50p per item.

Calshot meeting for Year 4 Parents/Children

This is a reminder that Year 4 Parents are invited to attend an information meeting at 2:45pm on Thursday 25th January 2024 in the school hall. The purpose of this meeting is to share information regarding the planned residential visit to Calshot Activities Centre in December 2024 to enable families to make informed decisions about whether they'd like their child to attend and to have opportunity afterwards to ask any questions.

The meeting will be attended by all Year 4 pupils, Year 4 teachers and Mrs Ashton (SENDCo). Information will be shared by Mrs Hotchin (Year 5 lead) and you will also hear from current Year 5 pupils who attended Calshot last term.

Online Safety UK

We were pleased to welcome Online Safety UK into school again this week – here is their feedback from the sessions:

"Online Safety UK came into school this week to talk with Years 3 & 4 and will be back next week for Years 5 & 6. The focus of the conversations was to understand the capabilities of technology and apps, to better inform pupils to make responsible decisions when using any technology, apps or games. This was a very positive conversation, where knowledge has been retained from previous visits and the enthusiasm to protect themselves online is high."

Our thanks go to Online Safety UK for continuing their work with the pupils and staff here at Purbrook Junior School.

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 25th January – Year 4 visit to St John's Church

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

Thursday 1st February – Year 6 Fire Safety event with Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February – Half-Term

Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st February – Parents' Evening (Year 6 only)

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 22nd March – Parents' Evenings (Years 3, 4 & 5)

INSET DAYS

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/>

