

# PURBROOK

**Purbrook Junior School** 

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Mobile Phones**

We appreciate that children may need to bring their mobile phone to school for a multitude of reasons. However, I would like to stipulate the rules so that everyone is clear.

- Children need to have phones away (in pocket or bag) when entering onto the school site in the morning.
- Phones must be handed in to the teacher when entering the classroom.
- At 3.20pm, when phones are collected from the teacher, children can check if a message has been received from a parent or guardian.
- Phones then need to be put away (in pocket or bag) and not used again until children are off the school site.
- If children attend Breakfast or After School Clubs, phones must be turned off and remain in their bag.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Year 3

To launch their next topic, Year 3 had a Stone Age experience day on Tuesday. The teachers led numerous activities throughout the day including:

- Excavating fossils from plaster of Paris 'rocks'
- Creating cave paintings using sandpaper and pastel paints
- Becoming hunter gatherers
- Making paints out of natural resources (mud, foliage, etc)
- Making Stonehenge out of Jenga
- Entering our very own 'Stone Age Cave'.

A fun day was had by all and a great way to engage the children in their new topic!



The Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February is **Children's Mental Health Week.** 

On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of February**, to mark the end of this week, we'll be holding a special *Wear Your Scarf to School Day* (in addition to normal school uniform).

SCARF is a big part of our health and wellbeing/PSHE curriculum where we learn about all the things we can do to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy.

On Wear Your SCARF to School Day children are invited to wear a special or favourite scarf all day in school. We'll be doing some special activities to help us remember and celebrate SCARF's important values of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. A competition will be launched at the beginning of the week inviting children to design a well-being scarf. A winner will be selected from each year group and will receive a well-being goody bag.



## Wear Your Scarf to School Day

Friday 9th February

We'll also be using the day to raise funds for well-being resources in school (e.g. sensory bags, mindfulness colouring). To help with this we're asking for a small donation (suggested 50p-£1) if you can spare some change.

Thank you

Mr C Williams Headteacher



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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Wear a SCARF to school

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

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

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

### **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/

