



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year to you all. Well done for everyone returning to school on Wednesday so soon after the New Year!



Our Inset Day on Tuesday 2nd January marked my 10-year anniversary as Headteacher of Purbrook Junior School. We celebrated in style by working on our curriculum provision, led by Miss Yates and Mrs Barnes, having started with a couple of team building challenges set by Mrs O'Hare and Mrs Ashton (to wake us all up!). I have no idea where the time has gone, but I have truly loved every minute leading this school. As Ofsted have acknowledged, this is a 'Happy School' and it is a pleasure to work here, with a great staff and amazing children.

♥ Thank you everyone for making Purbrook Junior School such a special place.

I would like to welcome Mr Clarke who has joined our school as a teacher in Year 5. The children in 5B have given him a warm welcome this week. We will be renaming 5B to 5C from now on.

During the holidays, we replaced all our classroom desks – this was long overdue and hopefully makes much more inviting working spaces for the children. As you will probably have seen on the news over the past few years, school budgets are under ever-increasing pressure, and we have had to save up for several years to enable this purchase. We are also hoping to complete some work on our outdoor spaces as our grounds are looking increasingly in need of some love and attention! Watch this space ...

Year 4 kicked off 2024 with a robot workshop on Wednesday this week. Using Lego Mindstorms the children designed, engineered and built their

own robots, in both simple and complex forms. The children incorporated a range of motors, touch sensors, colour sensors, ultrasonic sensors and more into their designs to build robots that were capable of taking on a range of challenges. The workshop was designed around their new Iron Man topic and combined the elements of science and computing. The children were fully engaged throughout the workshop and had a really great time.

Tuck shop – please can I request that children are given the correct change for tuck shop purchases. We do not hold much money in school and are struggling to find sufficient change. Thank you



Please can I remind you that the school doors are open between 8.45am and 8.55am. Children arriving after this time need to enter via the school office, where they will be marked as late. Any unaccompanied children arriving on the school grounds before 8.45am will be taken into our Breakfast Club (for which there is a charge) as there is no general supervision for the children before 8.45am.

Thank you, and once again, Happy New Year!

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

DREAM BIG!



**RESPECT
TEAM
ACHIEVE**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 10th January –
Year 5 Mobile Planetarium

Wednesday 24th January –
Year 4 visit to St John's
Church

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

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

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/>

