

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Please can I remind you that children should have a water bottle in school at all times. These bottles are kept in their classrooms and are available all day – this ensures that the children stay hydrated throughout the day. These bottles should contain water only. A separate drink (e.g. squash) can be provided for lunchtime. Please note that fizzy drinks and energy drinks (including Prime) are not permitted in school at any time. Thank you

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week our Year 6 children will be heading to Selborne for their Rivers Trip. This coincides with trips being undertaken by Purbrook Infant School. There will be 4 coaches picking up children from outside the school on both these mornings. If you usually park along Elizabeth Road or Woodlands Grove please be aware that there will be limited parking available and a lot more congestion. It would be helpful if you could park a little further away from the school on these mornings. Thank you

I am really excited to inform you that we will be having a change of catering supplier for next academic year. Dolce Catering will be providing school meals from September 2024.



A couple of other local schools are already using Dolce and several others are, like us, moving across to them. I have visited one of the schools and sampled a school dinner – I was very impressed. Dolce use the best British produce and in-season ingredients and produce freshly cooked meals every day.

Dolce uses a system called SchoolGrid, whereby Parents/Carers pay for meals on line. For those children entitled to free school meals, these will continue to be paid for by the school. Parents order meals from home (there is an emergency option to do this at school during morning registration if you forget!). This allows children to discuss their food options at home. Meals can be ordered weekly, monthly or even termly

in advance. There are lots of advantages to moving across to Dolce. These include:

- Better value for money (for the school and parents)
- More appropriate portion sizes
- More choice for the children
- Children and Parents can choose and order meals at home
- More flexible options for the school, i.e. theme days and menu choices

We will shortly begin the transition process during which time parents/carers will receive logon details for SchoolGrid. For children with credit balances on their lunch accounts, we will either transfer these across to Dolce at the end of the summer term, or issue Parents/Carers with a refund. Further details will be provided during the summer term.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Year 3 had a visit to Lyme Regis. They stepped into Mary Anning's shoes and became fossil hunters!! They made the journey to Lyme Regis beach and explored the Lyme Regis museum where many fossils are exhibited that Mary Anning had uncovered.



They then scoured the beach in order to make their own finds. Many of them were successful and they even found a fossilised vertebra of a plesiosaur!

I was lucky enough to accompany the children on the Thursday and we all had a great time. Once again the children behaved impeccably and were true ambassadors for Purbrook Junior School. Well done Year 3!

Mr C Williams Headteacher



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March – Year 6 Rivers Trip

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March – Parents' Evenings (Years 3, 4 & 5)

Monday 15th April to Friday 3rd May – Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 17th April – Year 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Wednesday 1st May – School Photographers (class photos)

Tuesday 7th to Friday 24th May

– Year 4 Swimming

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs tests

INSET DAYS

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/



Attached to this newsletter is a flyer detailing upcoming PACE (Parent & Carer Professional Events) run by the Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services



2024 PACE Events

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents, carers & professionals who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION	
Friday	Gosport	
26 th January	St Vincent College,	
2024	Mill Lane, Gosport, PO12 4QA	
Thursday	Basingstoke	
22 nd February	Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Rd,	
2024	Basingstoke, RG21 3HF	
Monday	Andover	
11 th March	Testbourne School, Micheldever Rd,	
2024	Whitchurch, RG28 7JF	
Friday	Waterlooville	
19 th July	Oaklands Catholic School, Stakes Hill Rd,	
2024	Waterlooville, PO7 7BW	
Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Winchester Winchester United Reform Church, Jewry ST, Winchester, SO23 8RZ	
Monday	Havant	
7 th October	Trosnant Federation of Schools, Stockheath Lane,	
2024	Havant, Hampshire, PO9 3BD	
Thursday 21st	New Forest	
November	Lyndhurst Community Centre,	
2024	Main Car Park, Lyndhurst, S043 7NY	

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	TIME	WORKSHOP 1	WORKSHOP 2
	9:30 - 10:30	Supporting a child with eating difficulties including AFRID This workshop solely focuses on eating disorders as a mental health disorder for young people. This will cover Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder is a feeding and eating disorder. People with ARFID find it hard to eat enough for healthy growth, development and functioning.	Supporting trauma recovery Understanding the Impact of trauma on children and young people and how together we can help them to recover.
	10:45 - 11:45	Introduction to managing ADHD - ADHD Team What is ADHD? Spotting the signs and symptoms from 5 years to 18 years. How to support a young person with symptoms of inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity with or without an ADHD diagnosis.	Supporting a young person in crisis & managing self-harm Supporting a young person in crisis & managing self-harm.
	12:00 - 13:00	Coping and resilience strategies to support children & young people Exploring the terms coping and resilience - what are they and how might we build coping and resilience into our lives. This workshop uses easy to understand metaphors that can be shared with children to help them to explore their own coping and resilience.	Introduction to autism What is Autistic Spectrum Condition? Spotting the signs and symptoms Diagnosis: the process and things to know about the diagnostic assessment How to support a young person with ASC.
	13:30 - 14:30	New Understanding and supporting a young person with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) This workshop aims to give an introduction for parents and carers supporting a young person with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). It will provide information regarding what OCD is, how this develops and what keeps it going. It will give an overview of the treatment options for OCD and ways family members can support a young person at home.	Looking after yourself to support your child This workshop will focus on the needs and challenges for parents and carers, as well as provide a range of practical advice and strategies around how to look after yourself in order to better support the wellbeing of your child.
	14:45 - 15:45	New Disability, difficulty, SEND & mental health An awareness session to offer a space for Q&A around Learning needs and how Mental Health issues can present; difficulty with language used when children and young people have varying learning needs with or without formal diagnosis.	Understanding & managing anxiety What anxiety is and how to spot the signs and symptoms of anxiety in children and young people. How to support a child and young person who experiences anxiety with practical strategies.
•	16:00 - 17:00	Coping and resilience strategies to support children & young people Exploring the terms coping and resilience - what are they and how might we build coping and resilience into our lives. This workshop uses easy to understand metaphors that can be shared with children to help them to explore their own coping and resilience.	Supporting a young person in crisis & managing self-harm How to recognise crisis and how crisis develops. How emotional regulation difficulties can lead to mental health crises such as becoming suicidal or self-harming.
•	17:15 - 18:15	New Introduction to managing & supporting a young person with Tics and Tourette's This workshop aims to give an introduction for parents and carers supporting a young person with Tics & Tourette's. It will provide information regarding what Tourette's is, how this develops and what keeps it going. It will give an overview of the treatment options and ways family members can support a young person at home.	to thrive
	18:30 - 19:30	Introduction to managing ADHD What is ADHD? Spotting the signs and symptoms from 5 years to 18 years. How to support a young person with symptoms of inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity with or without an ADHD diagnosis.	that can be made in all the areas and give example of what these look like in real life. We will support you to think about the specific needs of your child and develop the beginnings of an individualised plan, providing the opportunity for discussion with other group members and the facilitators.