



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

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TEAM
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Issue 2

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a successful second week of the school year, with the children settling back into the routine of school really well.

We always try our very best to have an open door policy and to work in partnership with parents and carers. In general, we feel this works well and is successful. We are always looking to improve with your help so if you have any suggestions then do please let us know. On most mornings I am on duty around the school as are other members of staff. Please do speak with us if you have anything you wish to discuss...this is one of the reasons we are out and high profile in the mornings. I appreciate that it is not always possible to speak to teachers at the beginning or end of the school day. If you need to speak to your child's class teachers, then please make an appointment through the school office. The teachers will be more than happy to meet with you.

If you need to email the school, general emails can be sent to adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk. If you have a specific query for your child's teacher or year group please email:

Year3@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk
Year4@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk
Year5@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk
Year6@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk

Please do not email urgent messages – email accounts are not always monitored throughout the day.

Breaktime Snacks

Please can I ask that you provide a healthy breaktime snack 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. No chocolate bars or crisps please.

Our tuck shop is open every day and provides:
Cartons of milk shake – 40p
Cartons of fruit squash – 40p

Nature Valley bars – 50p
Alpen bars – 30p
Go Ahead bars – 30p
Fruit Bakes – 30p
Frubes – 25p

Arrival at school

The classroom doors will open for children from 8.40am to 8.50am. Any child arriving at school after this time should enter via the school office. Please note that children should not be on site prior to 8.40am unless they are attending our breakfast club as there is no supervision for them. Children arriving before 8.40am may be taken into our breakfast club for which there is a £3.50 charge.

Drum Lessons

We have Mr Say from Hampshire Music Service who comes into school on a Tuesday to provide drum lessons. We have some spaces available if your child would like to take part. The cost is £150 per year. If you are interested, please collect a letter from the school office. Thank you.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

We have signed up for the Cashpot for Schools being run by ASDA until 30th November. Here's how to help raise the school some money:

1. Download the ASDA Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
2. Choose Purbrook Junior School
3. Shop in store and scan your ASDA Rewards app at the checkout
4. Shopping on-line? Simply log into ASDA.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account

As of Wednesday 11th September, we already have £218.64 in our account. How much can we achieve by 30th November??

Please see page 2 for an update on our new caterers, Dolce and the system for ordering school meals, SchoolGrid.

Kind regards
Mr C Williams
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd October –
Year 5 Calshot meeting for
Parents at 5.15pm
Monday 7th October – Year
5 Harvest Assembly for
Parents at 2.30pm
Tuesday 8th to Tuesday 15th
October – Book Fair
Thursday 17th October –
Year 4 trip to Southampton
Art Gallery
Thursday 24th October –
PJSA School Discos
Monday 28th October to
Friday 1st November – Half
Term
Thursday 7th November –
PJSA Fireworks Evening

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th November 24
Friday 6th December 24
Friday 14th February 24
Monday 2nd June 24

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House
Points total at:

<http://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/school-houses/>



SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you will no doubt be aware, we have welcomed Dolce into Purbrook Junior School as our new catering service. So far, I am really impressed with what I have seen (and tasted!).

The price of our meals have remained at £3.00 (Hampshire Catering Service have increased their meal prices to £3.20). The portion sizes are much better, and now seem appropriate for junior school children. There are more menu choices and the food is cooked from fresh ingredients daily. There is a good choice of puddings each day – my favourite has to be the sponge and custard! If you have ordered using the SchoolGrid system, you may be aware that all the recipes are available for you to try at home.

Here are some comments from the children this week:

They taste really nice,
my favourite so far is
the beef chilli
Dulcie-Mae – Year 3

There is a completely better
taste and the touch screen at
the counter make it so much
easier
Oscar – Year 4

It is a bigger portion.
They are hot and fresh
and the puddings are
better.
Max – Year 6

It was really good
chicken today – it was
perfect. I like the
choice on the menus
Emily – Year 4

School Grid – ordering of school lunches

We are now two weeks into the new system for ordering school meals and on the whole, the transition has gone really smoothly. As from Monday, the kitchen will only be able to cook meals that have been ordered (they have very kindly cooked a few extra over the past couple of weeks to allow for children who have forgotten to order). **Therefore, if no order has been placed, parents/carers will be contacted to bring in a packed lunch for the child.**

It is really easy to pre-order meals from home – why not choose together with your child? You can order daily, weekly, half-termly – whatever works best for you.

Thank you for your help with this.