



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

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TEAM
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Issue 3

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now fully into the new academic year and the children have settled well to their new year group and classes. As part of your child's ongoing learning, I wanted to take a moment to emphasise the importance of your continued support in your child's academic journey at home.

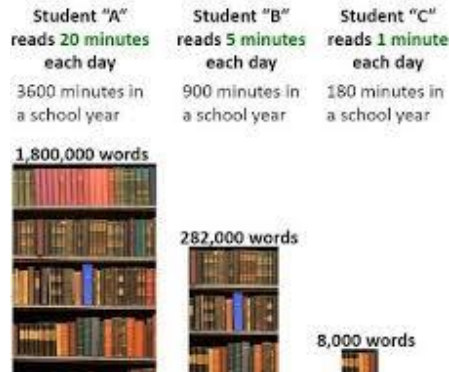
The foundation of our curriculum is built upon the fundamental skills of reading, times tables fluency, and spelling proficiency. These core competencies are essential for your child to access and engage with the full breadth of their learning experiences.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of making reading a regular part of your child's daily routine. Whether it's through, for example, Storyline Online, where they can enjoy captivating stories read aloud, or by you listening to them read with expression and fluency; this practise will have a profound impact on their overall academic success. Furthermore, regular practise of times tables through the TT Rockstars platform can significantly improve your child's mathematical fluency, a vital component of their overall academic success through the maths curriculum.

As a parent, I fully understand the demands of daily life, but please try to make time for these home learning activities. By working together, we can ensure that your child has the necessary tools to thrive in their educational journey with us and into later life. Your commitment to supporting these foundational skills will pay dividends in their ability to access the full breadth of the curriculum.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



Contact Details

Please don't forget to let us know if you have changed your contact number, email address or moved house. Having up to date contact information for all parents and carers is vital, especially in an emergency. Thank you.

End of day arrangements and messages to children

Please ensure you make your child aware of their arrangements for the end of the school day before they leave you in the morning. In an emergency, we will be happy to pass messages on to children (i.e. last minute change of person collecting the child from school), but due to the disruption this causes to the whole class and their learning, we would like to keep these messages to a minimum.

Please do not email urgent messages to the school. Email accounts are not always monitored throughout the day – please telephone the school and speak to a member of staff or leave a message on the answer machine if no one is available. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23rd September –
Year 3 Residential meeting
for Parents at 3.30pm

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

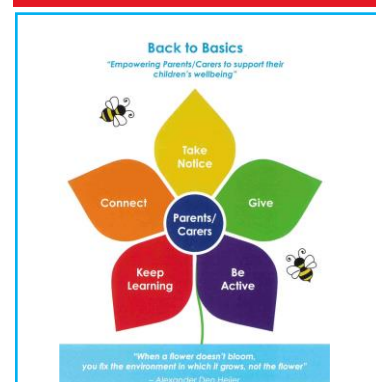
INSET DAYS

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/>



Adventure Playground

We welcomed the contractors back into school on Monday to complete the transformation of our playground areas and the seating area at the front of the school. They were joined by Mrs Murray and Mrs Barber from the PJSa, Mrs Ginn and some of our keen school gardeners (Danielle, Dhaksha, Emily and Margarita) to plant the grasses and shrubs to enhance the new areas.



Once again, I would like to thank Mrs Murray and the whole of the PJSa for their dedication over the years, raising funds for the school to enable us to complete projects such as this for the benefit of all the children at Purbrook Junior School – THANK YOU!!

Use of the Adventure Playground Equipment

I would like to remind all children and parents of the rules for the use of our Adventure Playground Equipment:

- The playground equipment can only be used under the strict supervision of school staff during the school day.
- The playground equipment must not be used before or after school, even under the supervision of a parent, unless your child is attending our Breakfast or After School Club (where they will be supervised by a member of school staff).
- The playground equipment must not be used when visiting the school site for any other reason (for example holiday club or football matches).
- When children arrive for school between 8.40 am and 8.50 am, they should proceed straight to their classrooms and not stay on the playground or use the playground equipment.

Keeping children off the playground equipment before and after school is, for everyone's safety. Children get opportunities during play times and lunchtimes to access this equipment. Please support us in keeping your child/children safe and respecting the wishes of the school. Thank you