



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have now completed 4 school weeks since the beginning of the new school year. The weather is definitely becoming more autumnal. As is usual at this time of the year, children are presenting with the usual seasonal ailments – coughs and colds, etc. Please note the following:

- There remains a lot of absences for common coughs and colds. Please treat with some paracetamol/Calpol prior to the school day. A top-up can always be provided during the day by the school office, then if your child becomes worse after this, contact can be made with yourselves to arrange collection.
- Hampshire County Council guidance states if your child has no temperature but has a cough, cold, headache, earache, sore throat, then as with adults, the medical advice is to give them paracetamol and send them to school. We are likely to challenge an absence if these are given as reasons. We will always contact you if your child's condition worsens or if we believe their illness is contagious such as Chickenpox, vomiting, etc.
- A polite reminder that Government guidelines state that the authorising of any absence from school is at the discretion of the individual setting and not an automatic right.



On Tuesday this week, I was delighted to welcome Will and the Art of Brilliance back into school. Will worked with our Year 3 children to introduce them to 'The Art of Being Brilliant'. It's all about being your best self. Staff who have joined our school this academic year (and missed the previous sessions) attended the training as well, so everyone at Purbrook Junior School is trying to be brilliant too!

Parents Evenings

Our Autumn term Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October. Bookings (via ParentMail) are open now. A letter with further details was sent via ParentMail on 18th September. We look forward to seeing you.

School Lunches

Please can I remind you that our kitchen is only able to cook meals that have been ordered. It is really easy to pre-order meals from home via your SchoolGrid account – why not choose together with your child? Children are also able to order at school during morning registration time, but if they forget and no meal has been ordered, parents/carers will be required to bring in a packed lunch.

Water Bottles

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.

Parking

I am sorry to have to remind you again of the importance of parking considerately in the vicinity of the school. Please can I ask you all to adhere to the zig-zag lines and the single yellow lines outside the school (Elizabeth Road/Woodlands Grove) so that children crossing the road are able to see traffic approaching. **It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safeguarding of our children. This includes responsible driving and parking too in and around the school community.**

Thank you

Kind regards

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

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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

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October – Parents' Evenings

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 25
 Monday 2nd June 25

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total at:

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

