



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

DREAM BIG!



**RESPECT
TEAM
ACHIEVE**

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Issue 1

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. I would like to welcome Year 3 to our school and any new children who have joined us in other year groups. They have all really impressed me this week with their behaviour, presentation and attitude to learning and are looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Please help us continue this wonderful start as we move through the year. Welcome back to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children. It is lovely to have you all here at Purbrook Junior School.

At Purbrook Junior School we have agreed values that are understood and shared by every member of the school community. Values are principles that guide behaviour. Our school values are **respect, team and achieve** and are at the heart of our school ethos '**Dream Big**'.



We aim to provide a rich, meaningful and purposeful curriculum that inspires and motivates children to dream big. Our values are integral to all aspects of school life and underpin everything we do.

I would like to welcome Miss Griffiths (Year 6 Teacher) to Purbrook Junior. I have no doubt she will be a wonderful asset to our school and we look forward to working with her.

Please ensure that your child knows who is collecting them at the end of the school day and where you will meet them. If arrangements have to change (in an emergency) please ensure that you telephone the school office before 3pm so that we can let your child know the new arrangements. Please

do not email the school as email accounts are not always monitored throughout the whole day.

Please see additional information on pages 2 and 3.

Over the summer holidays we have had some work completed on the school grounds. 3 projects have been completed:

Project 1 – social seating area:



Project 2 – seating outside reception:



Project 3 – adventure playground:



I am sure you will agree that these are great improvements to our school grounds and I would like to thank our PJSa for providing funding to complete the adventure playground project – this has proved a great hit with the children.

Kind regards
Mr C Williams
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th September –
PJSa Purbrooklicious Bars
for sale – will you find a
Golden Ticket?

Thursday 24th October –
PJSa School Discos

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/>



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

School Office

The school office is open from 8.30am to 3.45pm Monday to Friday. If you have any queries, please do pop in or call us – the office staff will be happy to help you. If you telephone outside of these times, please leave a message on our answer machine and someone will get back to you. Alternatively, for non-urgent enquiries, you can also email the school on adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk. (Please allow 2 working days for responses during term time – emails are not monitored during school holidays).

Parent Communication

This newsletter, the Purbrook Post, is issued weekly on a Friday. This newsletter will be sent to you via ParentMail, or a paper copy given to your child (for those who are unable to access ParentMail). If you do not receive these newsletters, please speak to a member of the school office team. Please take the time to read this newsletter each week, so that you do not miss out on exciting news and important information.

Information about the school can also be found on our website (www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk), via Twitter @Purbrook_Junior and Facebook via Facebook.com/Purbrookjunior

Morning Arrangements and Appointments to see Class Teachers

Children can enter the school between 8.40 and 8.50 in the morning. It is not possible to meet with the class teacher at this time in the morning as they are required in their classroom to supervise their children. If you need to make an appointment to see the teacher please do so via the school office. Thank you for your understanding with this.

School Lunches / Packed Lunches

I should like to remind you that school meals are priced at £3.00. Dinner money must be paid in advance and can be paid via your SchoolGrid account. Our new caterers (Dolce) provide at least 3 meal options per day – check out SchoolGrid for menu options. You can pick options at home with your child, or your child can pick in school during morning registration – the choice is yours.

Drinking water is available for all children. For those children having packed lunches, will parents please check that lunch boxes or containers are clearly marked with their child's name and class. Please do not include fizzy drinks as part of a packed lunch. We are a nut free school. We have children in school with allergies to nuts. Therefore, please do not include any items in lunchboxes that contain nuts (including, for example, Nutella chocolate spread). Thank you

Water Bottles

Every child should have a water bottle in school which can remain in their classrooms. This bottle should contain water only (juice is only allowed in packed lunches). We have a supply of water bottles for sale for £1.50 each – these can be purchased via your ParentMail account and will be delivered to your child.

Healthy Snacks at Break Times

As a healthy school we encourage children to eat healthy snacks at break. If you are providing your child with a snack please ensure it is healthy e.g. fruit, yoghurt, raisins, yoghurt coated raisins, etc. Please do not send in crisps, chocolate, crackers or cake for break. Also, please do not send in food containing nuts – thank you. The Year 6 children run a tuck shop at break time – drinks are priced at 30p and cereal bars at 50p.

Inhalers and other Medication

If your child suffers with asthma, please ensure that we have an inhaler in school at all times, so that it can be administered as and when necessary (you will be asked to complete an Asthma Card for your child). Inhalers are kept securely in our medical room and children are advised that they can have access to them at any time they feel they need them. Any other medication requiring administration during the school day must be handed in to the school office. An Administration of Medicines & Treatment Consent Form must be completed in all cases and these are available from the school office

Message from our Home School Link Worker (HSLW), Mrs Teresa Ginn

Firstly, I'd like to say a warm welcome back to Purbrook Junior School to all children, parents and carers. These first few weeks back after the summer holiday can be a difficult time for both adults and children. There's where my job is key to assist parents and children in any way I can to make the transition into a new school or year group, a happy and successful time for all. I operate an open door policy so please feel free to contact me via the office if you would like to pop in for a coffee and have an informal chat to raise any concerns, no matter how small.

How can I help you? I am here every morning (Monday to Thursday). I can listen to your concerns and offer as much support to you as I can and signpost other agencies to you if appropriate. I am also a Thrive practitioner.

For example I can support with:

- Attendance
- Working alongside your child in school
- Emotional or friendship concerns
- Managing difficult behaviour
- Helping to get children in school on time
- Anybody just needing a listening ear

School Uniform, PE Kit and Jewellery

I am certainly very impressed with how smart the children looked upon their return to school and I would like to thank all of you for sending your child to school in uniform. I have also noticed that almost all pupils have come to school wearing appropriate footwear. Shoes should be black or brown in colour. Trainers, if worn, should also be completely black or brown. Uniform can be purchased from Skoolkit in Havant (please ask in the school office if you are unsure of the location). Please make sure that your child's clothing is clearly and indelibly marked with his/her name. We frequently end up with numerous sweatshirts in lost property, none of which are marked. We have a clothes rack in reception containing nearly new uniform. Please do come in and help yourselves – all we ask for is a small donation if you are able to.

Our Code of Conduct states that the wearing of jewellery is discouraged. If children wear earrings (studs only) they must be able to remove these themselves for PE lessons and games. If they are unable to do so, then the earrings should not be worn on the days these lessons take place. The school is unable to provide plasters or tape to cover earrings. May I also remind you that nail varnish should not be worn at any time. Thank you

Wraparound Care

The School operates a Breakfast Club (7.40am to 8.40am) and an After-School Care Club (3.20pm to 4.30pm). If you would like details of these clubs, please ask in the school office. The following clubs will also be taking place at Purbrook Junior School, although these are run by different providers:

Primary PE (please book via <https://primarype.co.uk/product/purbrook-junior-school/>)

Football Club – Tuesdays after school (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Basketball Club – Wednesdays after school (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Cross Country Club – Fridays after school (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

CM Sports (please book via www.cm-sports.co.uk)

Football Club – Wednesdays after school (3.20pm to 4.30pm)

Southern Karate Association (please book via email: ska.heather@gmail.com or text: 07738 914291 or message via Facebook @SKA.MAIN)

Kids Karate Club – Thursdays after school (3.20pm to 4.20pm)