



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a week since we introduced Medical Tracker into school. I hope it has proved useful for those parents who have children that have visited first aid this week. We have been tweaking the system as the week has progressed using feedback from parents to try and make the information sent to you as informative as possible. Important – email messages are sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

Please be assured that if we have any concerns related to your child's injury or illness (or in an emergency situation) we will contact you via telephone.

In recent days, we have had an increase in the number of children falling on muddy areas of the school grounds. We do regularly remind the children that certain areas of the grounds should not be played on during the winter months. We are struggling to provide enough clean clothes for the children when they are covered in mud. If your child comes home in spare school clothes, please wash and return them to the school for the next child to use. Perhaps you could remind them not to play on the mud too! Thank you.

Pastoral Support – HSLW (Home School Link Worker) and ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Mrs Ginn, our HSLW is here to assist parents and children in making school a happy time for everyone. She can:

- Support parents, families and children on a wide range of issues, including managing difficult behaviour.
- Help children and families to increase school attendance and punctuality.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships between the home and school.
- Empower, support, signpost and advise parents/carers on a wide range of family needs.

- Work with children to ensure they achieve their full potential.

Mrs Ginn is also a Thrive practitioner.

Mrs Andrews is currently undergoing ELSA training.

ELSAs understand the barriers to learning that some children and young people might have and can help them with this.

They can support the children and young person's emotional development and help them cope with life's challenges. ELSAs will also help children and young people to find solutions to problems they might have.

An ELSA is not there to fix problems but to help the children find their own solutions and offer that important support to a child or young person. Relationships are key in helping children and young people to feel safe and nurtured. ELSA is about creating a reflective space for the child or young person.

ELSA support for children is based on a programme of 6 sessions (spread over 6 weeks).

As you will appreciate, with nearly 400 children in school, Mrs Ginn and Mrs Andrew are kept extremely busy. **If you feel that your child (or yourself) would benefit from support, there is a Pastoral Referral Form available from the school office to request this.** These will be triaged in order to determine the urgency of the need for assistance and the nature of support required. Please rest assured that you will receive a response, however it may not be immediate.

Please remember that next Friday (6th December) is an Inset Day and the school will be closed to all children.

Kind regards
Mr C Williams
Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6th December – Inset Day – school closed to all children

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December – last day of Autumn Term

Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January – Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January – First day of Spring Term

Monday 6th January to Friday 10th January – Year 5 Residential visit to Calshot Activities Centre

INSET DAYS

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/>



ASDA Cashpot for School closes on 30th November. We will announce our final total next week!