



# PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the final Purbrook Post for the spring term. Following the Easter holidays, school will reopen on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

It has been a challenging week here in school, dealing with the aftermath of our Ransomware Attack at the end of last week. Thank you all for your understanding with this. It is so frustrating that these criminal minds/gangs target schools and other institutions purely for financial gain, without a care for the effect their actions have on the victims of data breaches and the institutions themselves.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week our Year 6 children took part in their visit to Gilbert White's House as part of their studies on rivers and mountains. They visited the river in Selborne to calculate the velocity of water, plot the cross section of a stream and explored the invertebrate life in the river. The children looked at the geographical features of rivers, putting into practice what they had learnt in the classroom. It was a pleasure for me to accompany the children on Wednesday – well done Year 6 for your hard work and impeccable behaviour. I am so proud of the children here at Purbrook Junior School.

On Thursday, our Year 5 children walked to St John's church and met with Rev Andy as part of their RE topic on Christianity and the act of sacrifice. The children learned about the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet during the Last Supper. Jesus took the role of the servant of the house and humbly began washing the feet of his disciples, thereby demonstrating the way we should live by serving others.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs Deal, one of our peripatetic music teachers, organised a concert for parents/carers to come in and see the children who have music lessons in school perform. Unfortunately our drum teacher was unable to attend (he hopes that something can be arranged in the summer term for our budding drummers too). It was lovely for the children to perform in front of their parents and the school – not an easy thing to do! Well done to our Purbrook Junior School musicians.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Daley to our teaching team who will be working in 3H for the remainder of the academic year. I am sure she will be a great asset to the Purbrook Junior School team. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Mrs O'Hare and Mrs Griffin for teaching 3H for the spring term.

On a sadder note, I am letting you know that we will be saying farewell to Mrs Gray at the end of the summer term. Mrs Gray will be moving to a school in the north of the county which provides formal education and therapeutic input for learners aged 11-16. The school uses animals and the environment as a vehicle for learning in all subject areas. Whilst Mrs Gray is sad to be leaving Purbrook Junior School, she will be able to utilise her passion and expertise in horse riding and her love of the great outdoors – it all sounds absolutely amazing and we are all really pleased for Mrs Gray. What an incredible opportunity!

Over the Easter holidays, Mr Baines and Freedom4Kids will be running their holiday club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Check out their website for further details and booking information:  
<https://freedom4kids.co.uk/>

Our pop-up swimming pool will be installed during the Easter holidays too, ready for Year 3 starting their swimming lessons on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

It has been an exceptionally busy term and I know that the staff are looking forward to a good rest over Easter. I hope you all have a restful time too – fingers crossed that this beautiful weather continues throughout the holidays! I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Thank you

Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

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TEAM  
ACHIEVE**

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – First day of Summer Term

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 3 overnight stay – meeting for Parents/Carers

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS tests

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Dale Cup

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (weather permitting)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day

### INSET DAYS

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 25**

### HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total by visiting our school website homepage  
<https://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

