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Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an eventful week, especially for me. I am sure that the children have told you that on Tuesday I had a fall from the top field onto the walk way at the end of the Year 3/5 classrooms. I just wanted to reassure you that I am ok albeit a bit battered and bruised. I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes.

Swimming Pool

As you will be aware, we had a pop-up swimming pool at the school during the first half of the summer term. We were really pleased with the provision and we have now received the data showing the improvements the children in Years 4 and 5 have made during this programme:

- Children able to swim at least 25m increased from 35% to 69%
- Children able to use a range of strokes effectively increased from 23% to 60%
- Children were able to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations increased from 30% to 77%

We are really pleased with the progress the children have made and look forward to working with ActiveMe360 again next year as we believe swimming and water safety are really important life skills.

Year 3 visit to Fort Nelson

On Tuesday, our year 3 children visited Fort Nelson as part of their Romans topic. The day included 3 workshops, learning about Celtic food and using evidence and artefacts to discover more about the Roman people. Teachers enjoyed throwing 'rocks' (made out of sponge) at the children when they were acting as Roman soldiers! The weather was stunning, but all enjoyed investigating the tunnels under the Fort to escape from the heat for a while. By the end of the day, the majority of children thought that the invasion of the Romans was good (the positives outweighed the negatives).

ELSA

Mrs Johnson our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Johnson has worked at Purbrook Junior School since January 2000 in a variety of roles: Special Needs Assistant, Learning Support Assistant, Higher Level Teaching Assistant and ELSA. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Mrs Johnson for her passion, enthusiasm and caring approach in all things Purbrook Junior School, and wish her a very long and happy retirement!

We are delighted that Mrs Andrews will be taking over from Mrs Johnson in the ELSA role from September. Mrs Andrews has been a member of our Pastoral Team for the past 12 months in her capacity of Nurture Assistant. She will be undertaking her ELSA training shortly and I am confident that she will provide the children of Purbrook Junior School with the support they need in their journey through our school.

Parking

I am sorry to have to remind you again of the importance of parking considerately in the vicinity of the school. I was disappointed to receive a complaint this week from a local resident regarding inconsiderate parking.

I would like to remind you that any parking areas marked as 'Residents Only' must not be used when parking to drop off or collect children.

Our local residents are advised to contact the Traffic Enforcement Team at Havant Borough Council if they believe cars are parked illegally.

Water Bottles

Lastly, please can I remind you of the importance of every child having a water bottle in school. We all need to keep properly hydrated in this hot weather. Thank you

Mr C Williams, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July – Internal Transition Days

Tuesday 9th July – Sports Day

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Production

Tuesday 16th July – PJSA Happy Circus

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 visit to Paultons Park

Monday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Awards Event

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of summer term

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Friday 6th December 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total at:

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

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"When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower"
...Alexandra Dotti Heller