

# Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming towards the end of the Autumn Term, and Christmas activities have been happening all around the school.

I would like to say a massive Thank You to the PJSA for organising Father Christmas' department store 'Elfridges' this week.
Throughout the week, each year group has had the opportunity to visit the store and purchase gifts for their family and friends (and even their cats and dogs). Thank you again, Mrs Weeks and your team of volunteers – without you, we would not be able to provide events like this for our children.

Children have been busy posting their Christmas cards and there have been a small army of 'Elves' delivering these around to the correct classrooms. Please be aware that the last posting date for our Christmas post box is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Year 3 have been busy rehearsing their 'A Very Merry Christmas Tale' and are very excited to have parents/carers coming into school next week to see their performance. Admission will be by ticket only. A letter was sent home to parents/carers of Year 3 children with details of how to order your tickets (see ParentMail message dated 25/11/24).

This week the Year 6 children have been learning about and making Christingles. On Thursday they visited St John's Church in Purbrook for a Christingle service. The children sang carols and also said some prayers. I would like to thank Rev. Andy Wilson for welcoming the school community into St John's once again.



Please don't forget that it is Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper this can be worn instead of their school jumper.



I am sure many of you will have noticed last weekend's storm damaged one of our trees outside the front of the school and we had to close a section of the footpath to keep everyone safe. The dangerous parts of the tree have now been removed – please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Parents and Carers of children in 3H have already been informed, but I am also letting you know that, due to personal reasons, Miss Hale will be leaving Purbrook Junior School with immediate effect. We would like to thank Miss Hale for everything she has done for 3H both this year and last year, and wish her all the very best for the future.

We are currently advertising for a new teacher to begin in 3H and we will update you with developments on this as soon as we can.

Just one more week to go before we break up for Christmas!

Kind regards

Mr C Williams Headteacher

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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December
– School Christmas Lunch
and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – last
day of Autumn Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First day of Spring Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 Residential visit to Calshot Activities Centre

## **INSET DAYS**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 25 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 25

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Check out the latest House Points total by visiting our school website homepage https://www.purbrookjun.hants.sch.uk/

