



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Thursday edition of the Purbrook Post as we reach the end of this half-term.

Our Year 6 children undertook their mock SATs tests this week, a crucial step in their preparation for the upcoming national assessments. Well done Year 6 for your hard work and determination this week. I would like to thank our Year 4 children for their flexibility and understanding in relocating to the hall during the mornings, thereby allowing the tests to be administered in their classrooms.

I would like to thank our PJSA who organised the discos last week. The children had a great time! However, I must address a matter of concern that arose during these events. We have received complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking during drop-off and collection times. I kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful and respectful of our local community when attending after-school events. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and essential in maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours. Thank you.

Arbor Parent Portal

I am pleased to report that the Arbor Parent Portal is now fully operational, with an impressive 88% of parents and carers having successfully accessed their accounts. Following the half-term break, we will be sending all general communications (emails and in-app messages) via Arbor and introducing the payment functionality. Our use of ParentMail payments will be phased out during the remainder of the academic year.

Reminders

- Please can I ask that you provide a healthy breaktime snack for your child. Some children find the gap between breakfast and lunch too long and a quick snack can help boost their concentration for the rest of the morning. Options can include: fresh fruit, raisins, muesli bars, Frubes (yoghurts

in tubes), cheese strings, etc. I have seen children eating crisps, chocolate and lollies this week – none of which are appropriate. Please be aware that children will be asked to put these away if trying to eat them at break time.

- If your child walks/rides/scoots home alone, please can you remind them how important it is to cross roads safely. I have received a few reports of 'near misses' recently where children have not looked when crossing the road. Luckily the vehicles were able to stop in time – there could have been very different outcomes!
- Please can I remind parents that all children should be wearing school uniform (including school shoes) whilst inside the school building. Coloured jackets, etc can be worn during outside play, but only burgundy jumpers or cardigans form part of school uniform. PE kit is to be worn on PE Days. To form part of our uniform, we ask that shoes be black or brown in colour. School shoes should be purchased with the demands of school and running around on the playground in mind. **Trainers, if worn, must be completely black in colour.** Thank you for your help in ensuring all our children are suitably dressed for school.

I have also received a request from the Infant School – please can you tell your children not to play on the Infant School playground in the mornings. One morning this week, a toddler got hit with a football. Thank you.

As we look ahead, please note that Friday, 14th February 2025 (tomorrow), is an Inset Day, and the school will be closed to all children and then next week is the half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 24th February 2025.

Thank you

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14th February – INSET Day – school closed to all children

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February – Half Term

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February – Year 6 Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 5th March – 3F visit to Lyme Regis

Thursday 20th March – 3H visit to Lyme Regis

Friday 21st March – 3B visit to Lyme Regis

INSET DAYS

Friday 14th February 25
Monday 2nd June 25

HOUSE POINTS

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

Did you know?

You can log your child's absence directly onto the Arbor App!

From your Arbor home screen, select 'quick actions', 'attendance' and then 'log absence'