

# Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. The weather seems to be quite unpredictable at the moment – ranging from quite warm to scraping the ice of our cars in the morning! We do try to get the children outside at playtime and lunchtime (dry weather permitting), to get some fresh air, so please ensure that your child has a coat to wear each day.

I would like to thank the Parents/Carers of our Year 6 children for attending Parents' Evenings this week – it was lovely to see so many of you in school. For those parents due to see Miss Yates yesterday, we will rearrange a new date as soon as possible.

Parents' Evenings for Years 3, 4 and 5 are being arranged for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March. You will receive a letter regarding this next week, giving details of how to book your appointment(s) on the Arbor Portal.

### **New Teacher for 3H**

I am pleased to share some exciting news with you! Mrs Daley will be joining our teaching staff at Purbrook Junior School starting after the Easter Holidays. Mrs Daley will be teaching in 3H.

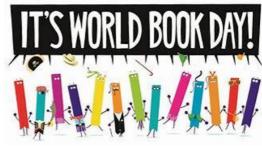
Mrs Daley is delighted to join our school community, having previously been a pupil here herself!

We believe that Mrs Daley's skills and passion for teaching will be a wonderful addition to our school and will further support our mission of providing high-quality education to all our pupils.

Mrs Daley will be spending a day with us later in March so that she can work with our current Year 3 team, finding out what the children have been learning so far and what they need to be learning next. There will be time during that day for her to meet the children in 3H and for them to get to know her a little prior to her starting in April.

#### **World Book Day**

World Book Day will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. During the day we will be celebrating the love of reading and enjoyment of books. We encourage children to dress up as an age appropriate book character or to wear something comfy when enjoying a book e.g. onesie, pyjamas.



Dolce, our school caterers are celebrating with us with a special menu for the day – check out the menu on your SchoolGrid account!

Please help support this wonderful day in an appropriate manner. Thank you

#### **Arbor Update**

We are now up to 94% of parents/carers registered on the Arbor Parent Portal. All communications are now being sent out using Arbor. We are now in the transition period with regards to payments. There are a couple of outstanding payment items (trips) on ParentMail:

- Year 3 Lyme Regis
- Year 3 Peter Ashley Activities Centre Residential

All new payment items (trips) will be set up on Arbor.

If your child attends our Breakfast or Afterschool Care Club, the accounts for these will remain on ParentMail until the Easter Holidays at which point all balances (debit or credit) will be transferred across to Arbor.

Thank you for your help and patience during this changeover period.

Mr C Williams, Headteacher

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

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 3F visit to Lyme Regis

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Zoolab

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Anglo Saxon visit

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 3H visit to Lyme Regis

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 3B visit to Lyme Regis

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Years 3, 4 & 5 Parents' Evenings

# **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.purbrookjun.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'