



# PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

I have hijacked the newsletter this week as Mr Williams has been at home poorly. We appear to have the usual seasonal bugs in school at the moment, with sickness and diarrhoea being particularly prevalent. Just as a reminder, here is the advice from the NHS:

*Diarrhoea and vomiting can spread easily. Stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). If you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do your normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until you feel better.*

*Diarrhoea and vomiting can usually be treated at home. The most important thing is to have lots of fluids to avoid dehydration.*

- Stay at home and get plenty of rest.
- Drink lots of fluids, such as water or squash – take small sips if you feel sick
- Eat when you feel able to – it may help to avoid foods that are fatty or spicy.

On Wednesday morning Year 5 had a visit from Ben and his animal team from Zoolab. Guests included: Stevie the corn snake, a White's tree frog named JarJar, Shelob the Chilean rose tarantula, Slim the Indian stick insect and a giant African millipede named Mango. The children demonstrated respect and curiosity when viewing and handling the animals. Please check out the school social media pages as pictures of the visit have been posted there. Ben was very complimentary of our children's behaviour and enthusiasm saying that he wished all his days were this good! Well done Year 5.

Also on Wednesday, 3F visited the Mary Anning Museum in Lyme Regis. Unfortunately, we had the foggiest start to the day, which delayed their journey (along with having to change coaches at Rownhams Services). However, the weather cleared, the children had lunch outside in the sunshine and had a wonderful time on the beach searching for fossils. The children's behaviour was impeccable – a real credit to Purbrook Junior School. Well done 3F.

As part of their Anglo Saxons topic, Year 4 had a visit on Thursday from an Anglo Dane. He spoke about why he came to England, his life, family, slaves, what he eats and even how he goes to the toilet! The children learnt about ancient runes including how to write their names and solve some riddles. The children were also able to use their sketching skills to draw their own runes.

It was World Book Day on Thursday and it was great to see so many children coming to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or dressed in comfy clothes they like to read in. Teachers shared a 'Masked Reader' video made by the staff. 23 members of staff read an excerpt from their favourite book. Mr Riggs then 'masked' the member of staff and the children had to try and guess who the member of staff was and which book they were reading from. Great fun and lots of enjoyable reading across the whole school. I came to school in my comfy clothes, but unfortunately didn't get much time to enjoy a good book on the day, although I did manage a quick read at bed time!

### Parking

I am sorry to have to remind you of the importance of parking considerately in the vicinity of the school. I was disappointed to receive a complaint from a local resident this week. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safeguarding of our children. This includes responsible driving and parking too in and around the school community. If you do encounter dangerous or illegal parking then please report this to:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/parking-contravention>

Thank you.

What a week!

Mrs E O'Hare  
Deputy Headteacher

DREAM BIG!



RESPECT  
TEAM  
ACHIEVE

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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> March – Class Photographs

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

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 6 River Studies Trip

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Spring Term

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

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

### 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/>

Parents' Evening for Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Book your appointment today using the Arbor Parent Portal.