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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another fantastic year at Purbrook Infant School, as ever we are sad to say goodbye to our Year 2 pupils but are excited to welcome our new Year R children. Similarly, we have said goodbye to some treasured staff but also have new talented and enthusiastic staff joining us. Please join us in wishing Miss Atkin good luck in her future endeavours and thanking Mrs Cattermole for supporting us with lunch this year. Although she is not leaving us completely, we would also like to thank Mrs Rolfe for her amazing work and passion for forest school. Mrs Rolfe, having established this in the school and built many many wonderful memories and experiences for the children, is now passing the reins to Miss Green.

There have been some amazing opportunities provided to our children including trips to Marwell Zoo, the Historic Dockyard, local community walks and many educational visitors into school including The Great Fire of London Theatre, Bug Man, Birds of Prey, and Artist Darrell Wakelam. This is only possible through the generous donations of our parent and carer community and the tireless work our small but very proactive PTFA undertake. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported this, it really makes a huge difference to enrich the experience of all our children.

We would also like to thank all the members of staff for their selfless commitment to ensure that the children of Purbrook Infant School can learn, grow and thrive together in such an inclusive, supportive and caring environment. Our staff are integral to all the great things that happen at Purbook and we are indebted to them.

We have recently completed our first parent and carer survey, and although the response rate was a little lower than we hoped we have had some really helpful and insightful feedback. The Governing Body will be working closely with the Headteacher and Leadership Team to review, reflect and act on this information, as we seek to continuously improve with the aim of Purbrook being an outstanding school. Thank you to all of you who did take the time to respond, an initial summary is included below – we aim to undertake this at least annually going forward.

Headlines (Summer 2024)

- 99% would recommend Purbrook Infant School to another parent
- 99% think Purbrook Infant school is a safe environment for their child
- 99% agree Purbrook Infant school provides an excellent education for their child
- 99% of pupils like Purbrook Infant School
- 97% believe the school is an inclusive place for children of all abilities and backgrounds
- 97% think Purbook Infant School provides a caring environment for your child
- 97% consider Purbrook Infant School to be led and managed well
- 97% feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or problems.
- 97% trust the school encourages a healthy lifestyle
- 97% feel supported in being able to help their child learn at home

Some specific feedback we are really proud of:

*We are coming to the end of a wonderful six years under the school's care for our two daughters. They have encouraged huge leaps in development for both over the years and have cared for and supported both of them. The school are always welcoming and helpful and any issues are quickly resolved. We are very much going to miss being a part of infant school life from September".*

*"I couldn't fault the school or staff in anyway. Whenever my child has had a problem and I have approached them, they have sorted it that day. I couldn't wish for better staff".*

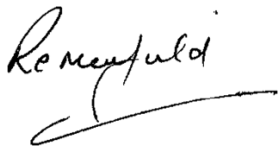
*"We are really happy with the progress our daughter is making, she loves Purbrook infants and her teacher is amazing. I would highly recommend Purbrook infants to others."*

Some areas to improve:

- Greater visibility and consistency of communication of upcoming dates
- Increased foresight of future donations combined with opportunity to donate electronically
- Parents have expressed a desire for more information and availability of after-school clubs and activities

We will be reflecting on these over the summer and will provide a "you said, we did" response in the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely



Richard Merefield (Chair of Governors)

**On behalf of the Governing Body**