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Friday Flier



“Welcome back” to parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children. Thank you for being patient at the end of the day whilst we have been implementing our new password collection arrangements.

On Monday we will be going back to the normal end of the day door opening time of 3.15pm as by now most of the teachers are familiar with the parents. Passwords will still be required if another staff member is dismissing the children or a different adult is collecting your child. The children all look so lovely and smart in their school uniforms and there were so many happy smiles this week. It has been a very positive start for all our children and there is a calm and enthusiastic learning atmosphere throughout the school. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled back into school routines happily and are establishing friendships in their classes and are getting to know their new class teachers and their expectations as regards work and behaviour. I would also like to warmly welcome all parents of Year R children and particularly those parents who have not previously had children at our school. We look forward to getting to know your children and all of you over the coming weeks and months.

Year 2 Birds of Prey Visit: Monday 09 September

Thank you to all the parents who have made a voluntary contribution towards the Birds of Prey Visit. If you have not yet done so, please can you as a matter of urgency. Without a significant number of parents contributing we will be unable to offer exciting learning opportunities for the children in the future.

Car Park

Please can I politely remind parents that unless an agreement is in place, you **should not** be driving into the school car park. We have received several complaints where parents have tailgated another car who has a legitimate reason to access the school car park. This was particularly noticeable on Thursday when it was raining.

Asda Cashpot

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTFAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative and all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose Purbrook Infant School and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com between 02 September and 30 November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. If you shop at Asda it’s basically free money for the school. Just sign up and off we go! Minimal effort!! Plus, it doesn’t stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. So far, we already have **£97.49** in our school cash pot - we will keep you updated every week with our total raised. We will send out the poster with instructions out with this Flier.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school, as a large number of children have arrived without them.

As previously advised we can no longer get water bottles for resale at a reasonable price.

We will again be sending the bottles home every Friday so that parents can clean these. Please can you ensure that these are sent into school every Monday. These will be rinsed and refilled daily.

Diary Dates

We have been busy planning dates for this term and we are hoping that these will be ready to send out next week.

Date for your Diary: Jeans for Genes Day 20 September

Friday, 20 September is Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans for Genes is run by a charity called Genetic Disorders UK and is an event that we support annually. The charity carries out important research into genetic disorders which affect many children and their families. We ask that children wear their jeans to school on this day, with their normal school shirts and sweatshirts and suitable school shoes. In return for wearing their jeans, we ask that children bring in voluntary contributions. The money will then be collected from classes and sent off to help support the important work that this charity carries out. As a school we can, together, help to make a real difference.

Year R alternate Jeans for Genes Day: Thursday 19 September

As Year R children are still attending school on alternate days and we don't want them to miss out, children who will not be in school on Friday can have their Jeans for Genes Day a day earlier.

Breakfast and Beehive After School Club Invoices

On Tuesday Mrs Gray emailed invoices to parents and a payment should be made against your account shortly.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk in the morning whilst they are at school and you have not yet ordered this for your child please go to www.coolmilk.com. Please be advised that orders take some days to be processed before we are made aware.

New Staff

As previously advised we have new staff joining us from this term and we have welcomed:

- Mr Plato who is the new class teacher in Owls' Class
- Mrs Eddy who will be working across all year groups and will be covering in the event of staff absence
- Miss Marshall who will join Mrs Bailey's Pastoral/Special Educational Needs Team
- Miss Green who will be our new Forest School Leader

Goodbye

At the end of this month we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Parker who has been the friendly face of the front office for six years. She has bandaged many a grazed knee! Whilst we are sorry that she is leaving we wish her every success as she moves on in her career. Mrs Parker has secured a position for a local school cluster as a finance assistant. We do hope that she will be a regular visitor to the school.

We will therefore need to recruit to this position. Mrs Dean has already advertised this job on the Hampshire Education Jobs page. If this might be of interest to you, please click on the following link: <https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/120555>

Forest School Sessions: Years 1 and 2

As per our last Flier in July, we have listened to your feedback via the parent survey where you have said that it is sometimes a bit confusing knowing which days your child is doing PE and Forest School. We have therefore amended our timetable which we hope will make it easier to follow. This now shows the day your child is doing forest school and PE.

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 11 September	Kestrels	Eagles
		Owls

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 12 September	Doves	Blackbirds
		Woodpeckers

The full timetable for this half term was sent out in July. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: [Autumn A: Forest and PE Timetable](#).

Year R: We will send out the Forest School Timetable in due course

Request from Year 1

If you have any giant cable reel that are no longer needed, Year 1 would love these for the courtyard. They would need to be at least a meter high. If you are able to help, please either speak to one of the Year 1 teachers or leave your details with the school office. Many thanks.

Library Summer Reading Challenge: Finishes Saturday 07 September

If your child hasn't completed the challenge yet, visit the Library and tell them about the books your child has read to get a medal and certificate.

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Lunch Menu

Next week's menu will be: Week 1. Please click on the following links to access the menus online: [hot menu](#) or [Jacket Potato Menu](#) Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

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Yours sincerely



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