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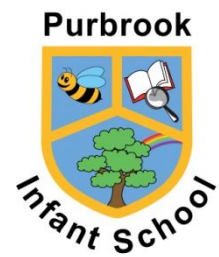


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15 November 2024

Friday Flier



Children in Need Day

Thank you for supporting this appeal. Altogether we raised an amazing £212.80 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you very much for helping us to make a difference.

Woodpeckers Extra Forest School Session

We are delighted that we are able to offer the children in Woodpeckers' Class an additional Forest School session on the morning of Monday 18 November. Please can they come to school wearing their forest school clothing.

Christmas Cards

If you ordered Christmas cards from your child's art work, these were sent home earlier this week. Please notify the school office of any discrepancies as a matter of urgency.

Reminder re **VERY Important Date: Friday 13 December – SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1.15PM**

As previously advised, this year we are having our annual fayre on a Friday afternoon which is resulting in the school closing at 1.15pm. We have done this as it has become increasingly difficult for the PTFA to get enough volunteers to run the stalls and to help tidy up afterwards. In this way all staff are able to run a stall. The children will therefore have lunch at school and we need you to collect them at 1.15pm. The Christmas Fayre will start at approximately 1.45pm.



Please note that the Beehive After School Club will not be running on this day and the charge for this session will be credited on your Spring A invoice.

Breakfast and Beehive Invoices

All breakfast club invoices should have been paid in full. The first Beehive payment should be made by Friday 22 November and the final payment received by Friday 29 November. Prompt payment is much appreciated as the club is totally self-funded and does not receive any government funding. As per previous communications, we will no longer be sending out reminders for payments, the dates are clearly displayed on our invoices and reminders will be put on the Friday Flier. Late payment fees will be applied as necessary and in the event of non-payment, your child's place will be withdrawn and will be offered to another child. Payment will still be due.

Christmas Tree

We would like to purchase a "real" Christmas tree for all the children to enjoy. If anyone works at a nursery where they would be able to get a free or discounted tree for the school, this would be much appreciated. Please leave details with the school office.

Nasal Flu Vaccination (taking place in school)

We still have quite a few parents who have not completed this form. If you do not wish your child to receive this, please can you complete the form to record your decision: School Code: SH115937: Session date: **Friday 22 November**

Link to website: <https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/nasal-flu-vaccination-programme>

Year R Starting School Next Year: September 2025

If you have a child who is due to start school next September, the online Admissions Portal is now open which will enable you to select a place for your child to start school next year. To apply for school place, please click on this link: [Apply for a Year R Place](#)

Year 2 Children Transferring to Junior School Next Year

A reminder that this is not automatic and you need to make an application for your child's Year 3 place. Please go to [Apply for a Year 3 Place](#). Paper copies are available from the school office if you are having trouble applying online. You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for schools in another local authority.

If you do not live in Hampshire (including Portsmouth and West Sussex) you must apply through your home local authority. Please click on the link below which takes you to the letter from Hampshire Admissions which we sent out in November [Year 3 Letter](#). Failure to apply on time (the deadline for applications is **midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025**) could result in you missing out on your first preference choice.

Dates for Remainder of Autumn Term: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS NEW DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED

Friday 22 November	Mufty Day in exchange for various items Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 27 November	No Pens Day
Friday 29 November	Christmas Markets COST - £1.50 per present – Max 6 Mufty Day: Christmas Jumpers/Colours in exchange for alcohol
Monday 02 December	PTFA Provided Pantomime and Mufty Day Year R Forest school event: COST £1.00 Hot choc and donation for decoration
Tuesday 03 December	Year 1 Christmas Production at 9.30am Year R Concert: 2.30pm Year 2 Forest School event COST £1.00 Hot choc and donation for decoration
Wednesday 04 December	After school Parents Wreath Making: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 05 December	Year 1 Forest School event COST £1.00 Hot choc and donation for decoration
Friday 6 December	INSET
Tuesday 10 December	Formal Parents evening: 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 11 December	Year R Concert: 9.30am Year 1 Christmas Production at 2.00pm
Thursday 12 December	Mufty day: Read or Green or Christmas jumpers in exchange for cake for Christmas Fayre Formal Parents evening: 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 13 December	Year 2 Christingle rehearsal at church: Morning Christmas fair – School closing early at 1.15pm COST - £5 for 10 tickets
Wednesday 18 December	Year 2 Christingle Service at church: 10.00am Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 December	Year 2 Christingle Service: 2.00pm
Friday 20 December	Santa Visit and Christmas Party COST - £2 to help cost of parties
Friday 20 December	Last day of Autumn Term

Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

Year R: Erin Maguire. **Year 1:** Primrose Clarke, Ethan Hill, Jacob-Joey Shergold and George Taylor. **Year 2:** Kamea Eyre, Jenson Freeman, Max Parsons and Teddy Townsend.

This child finished their busy bee certificates and has received a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumper/cardigan: **Year 2:** Poppy Fisher.

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Kingfishers' Class
- Blackbirds and Woodpeckers' Class (joint winners)
- Kestrels' Class

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.

Forest School Sessions

Timetables for this half term have already been sent out and the timetable for next week is shown below. Additional PE sessions will take place on Tuesday for children in Year 1 and on Friday for children in Year 2. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following links:

[Year R Autumn B Forest and PE Timetable](#)

[Autumn B: Year 1 and Year 2 Forest and PE Timetable](#)

Year R		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 21 November	Kingfishers	Robins
		Wagtails

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 20 November	Doves	Woodpeckers
		Blackbirds

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 21 November	Kestrels	Eagles
		Owls

Lunch Menu

As you are aware, we have changed our school catering company and alongside this, our menu. This is now available for parents to view and order online. Please go to <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/> where you can view and order a lunch for your child.

Ordering in Advance: You can order in advance for the whole week (possibly longer). If you do this but then your child is not in school before 9.15am because you are late or are taking them to an appointment but you haven’t informed us of this, **their lunch request will be cancelled** and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. Whilst lunches are free to parents, the school has to pay for these.

If your child has an appointment and will be in late but requires a lunch that day, please let us know by leaving the school a voicemail. We have set up a designated telephone option – option 4. You can pre-order a lunch or leave us a message (before 9.15am). We just need you to let us know that your child will be in later that day. Please do not leave a message on the normal absence line as staff may not get to your message in time

Please click on the following link which takes you to a letter we sent out last half term which provides full details of the change: [Change of School Caterer and Ordering Food](#)

Jacket Potato Menu: Please click on the following link to view the daily choice of fillings [Jacket Potato Menu](#)

Cancelling Lunch for Absent Children: If your child is absent and you have pre-ordered a lunch, please can you cancel this.

Duplicate Orders: Please can you cancel off your child’s lunch if this is no longer required and they will be having a packed lunch on this day. It is very hard to reconcile the numbers to ensure that every child has a lunch when a child’s choice is counted twice. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely



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