

## **HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes**

With the arrival of dark mornings and evenings, it is important that children take extra care when coming to and from the school site – we recommend a brightly coloured outdoor jacket. In particular, if your child uses a bike or scooter, please ensure that they have:

- A helmet;
- Front and back lights – which are working.

If you are facing financial hardship and would like to discuss how the school might be able to help, please contact Mrs. Erika Anders, on:

[AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Please remember that our next staff training day is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – school will be closed to all children on this day. The school's telephone system will also be off-line on this day for an essential upgrade. If you need to contact us on 29<sup>th</sup> November, please email [general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

We have two further dates for next year:

24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

June 2022 – The exact date is subject to the publication of final assessment plans for the Summer 2022 GCSE series. We will confirm this in early 2022.

## **Covid Testing**

We are beginning to see a rise in infections within our school community. As ever, the regular use of lateral flow tests remains one of the key lines of defence against Covid-19. All pupils aged 11+ are strongly encouraged to take twice weekly lateral flow tests on Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning. Eligible pupils will be issued with a new box of tests in tutor time next week so that they can keep up with this testing and help to stop the spread of the virus.

## **Covid Vaccination Mop up sessions following vaccination day at Mayfield School on Thursday 21st October 2021**

Following the above vaccination day, the immunisation team are now providing details of the mop up sessions for those young people who, for one reason or another have not been able to have their covid vaccination but who still wish to do so. Dedicated 12-15 year old clinics have been made available in our mass vaccination centres in Portsmouth and this will replace the need for further sessions in school.

The National Booking System has been adapted for use for this cohort of young people and will be made live very shortly.

A letter for parents, a parental information pack and a consent form can be found [here](#), this will also include the national booking link for parents to access and make their appointment directly.

Please remember that at the current time unless the child is classed as clinically vulnerable, they only require 1 dose of the vaccine.

Someone with parental responsibility will be required to accompany the young person for their vaccination and parents / carers will be required to bring the completed consent form with them to their appointment – this is indicated in the attached letter.

### **Medication**

If your child needs to take any medication during the school day OR you wish to give us permission for them to use a school inhaler due to Asthma. Then please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=17eMxmGmGkarCHowlNbkEaHjlq47r0VGrz2BEQDkaAhUQ0pZVjYxT0o3OURaNzJBR0xUQ004NjFQMi4u>

If you have any questions about how we manage medication or support children with underlying health issues or immunisations, please contact Mrs. Sally Rowntree, Health and Welfare Officer on:

[healthandwelfare@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:healthandwelfare@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

At the start of every year, we re-issue medical passes and toilet passes, unless your child has an ongoing medical need. If your child has need for a pass, then please contact Mrs Erika Anders on the email address above – please note that we may ask for supporting evidence.

### **Friends of Mayfield**

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Fayre on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 3-5pm in the main hall. We have a range of stalls and goods on offer as well as a chance to have a Storytime with Santa. Tickets for story time with Santa will only be available through the FOM box office at the Kensington Road gate at 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> priced at £3.50 per child.

Our Christmas Shopping event will take place the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December and will be open to all primary pupils. Pupils will have an opportunity to choose gifts for their parents or carers. Tickets are available from the FOM box office at the Kensington Road gate at 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> priced at £4.00 per child.

If you have any Christmas jumpers that no longer fit, please consider donating them to the FOM who will be running a second-hand Christmas Jumper sale in preparation for the NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you as always for your support.

### **Christmas Dinners, week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Our traditional Christmas dinners are making a welcome return this December! The Christmas Dinners are a wonderful occasion when pupils and staff from the Primary and Senior sections get together in the Main Hall to celebrate the Festive Season with the rest of their House. The days for the Christmas dinners are as follows:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Victory House

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Endeavour House

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December –Intrepid House  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Discovery House  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year R and Little Sunbeams

The menu for this year's dinners is attached. For children in the Infant Section and for those who are entitled to free school meals, the Christmas dinner will be provided free of charge as the meal for that day. For all other pupils, parents are invited to make a voluntary donation of £2.25 per child via the Scopay system to help us cover the cost of providing a Christmas dinner for all pupils. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day and we will be inviting our whole school to wear Christmas jumpers to school on this day. Pupils should wear their Christmas Jumper with their school uniform, although there is no need to bring blazers on this day. This is to raise money for Save The Children charity. We will be collecting £1 donations on the gate in the morning. It will also help to get you in the festive spirit for our FOM Christmas Fayre happening on 10<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm in the main hall.

### **Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Primary Aged Children - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Nasal Flu Spray or vaccinations will be taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December for students in Year R-6. To give consent for this please follow the link to our website and follow the link to the consent form. This must be completed by midday on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

<https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/about-us/medical-response>

### **Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier**

Another very busy week for us in Seniors. Well done to Year 11 who have finished their written mock exams in the hall. Next week we have the exams for Photography and Art which are two-day long exams. All other pupils will be working as normal in lessons.

Every Monday afternoon, 22 of our most able Year 7 pupils work with 18 students in Year 12 at the Portsmouth Grammar School. The PGS students are working with our Mayfield pupils to both enrich and enhance the learning of the Year 7 pupils, but also for the PGS students to have the opportunity to assist younger pupils in their learning.

The PGS students are running two projects, one Maths, and one English-based. The English project is based upon 'fantasy-writing', where pupils have to:

1. design a character(s)
2. design the setting
3. write the legend/story (draft)
4. complete writing and check for the correct and full use of grammar and higher-order writing skills
5. 'publish' this with aim to present/display their work in the Wilkie Library

In Maths, pupils have two mini projects to complete. One is based upon being able to calculate the number of bacteria in a petri dish over time. The other project involves calculating the links between the shape of a star and the number of points and intersecting lines it has.

After Christmas, our Year 7 pupils will swap projects.

It really is fantastic to watch our Year 7 pupils being able to 'look up to' and be inspired by, the Year 12 students, as it is also great to watch the Year 12 students be able to use their enhanced communication skills and knowledge to support and nurture our Year 7 pupils.



An update on sporting matches this week:

Year 11 v ALNS was a League match which we sadly lost with a very close score of 2-1.

Year 10 v Cams Hill was a fabulous 3-1 win in the Hampshire cup.

Year 8 v The Toynbee School was an astonishing 6-2 win in the Hampshire cup.

As ever a big thank you to all the staff who give freely of their time to train with the pupils and then take them to these matches. The PE department have a very active presence on Instagram so please do follow them for regular updates and highlights!

This week I had Year 8 pupils for Hot Chocolate Friday.



The delightful nominees by Heads of House this week were:

Discovery	James, Ella and Amelia
Victory	Amelie and Holly
Endeavour	Lucy and Isabelle
Intrepid	Mari and Cruz

Well done to each of them- your Head of House thinks you are amazing- and so do I!



We have had a big push on equipment this week. In order to make the start of lessons smooth, it is really important that your child has all of the essential equipment with them every day. Please remind them to check their bag/pencil case contains the following items:

- Black pen
- Pencil
- Purple pen
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Highlighter
- Casio FX Scientific calculator
- Reading book for Years 7, 8 and 9

Thank you for your support with this. If you have any financial issues with getting equipment, then please contact Mrs Anders on [anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) who may well be able to help you.

#### **Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers**

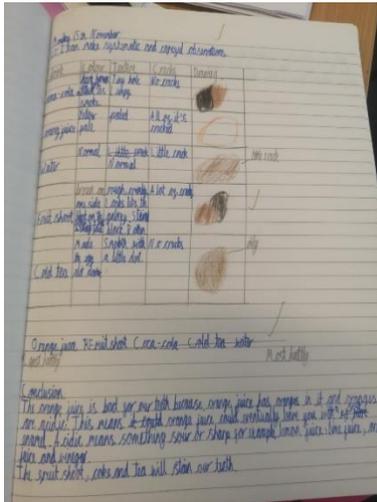
This week there has been a lot of excitement around our Children in Need non-uniform day. It has been wonderful to see the super outfits that the children have put together in support of this. Photos to follow!

This week, Year R have been learning how to read words with 's' endings and have been practising lots of new tricky words. In maths, they have been looking at how 'parts' come together to make a 'whole', including how our body parts make up our whole body! The children have also been enjoying learning some new songs for our Nativity performance and are excited to share this with everybody in December!

Year 1 have been busy once again! We started the week by designing our own odd sock to celebrate our differences. Throughout the week we have been practising writing our sentences about the hero we would like to be ready for our independent writing next week. We have also been exploring and making number bonds within 10. It would be wonderful if children practised recalling number bonds at home. Finally, we end our week with Children in Need!

This week, Year 4 took their eggs out of their liquids and discussed which of the liquids had changed the eggs the most. We found out that the acid in the orange juice had damaged the enamel the most

but that the coke and Ribena had stained it. We also learned about sugar and how it can create acid in our mouth when we drink sugary drinks and all decided we wanted to clean our teeth more often!



Year 6 have enjoyed a fabulous week of work so far. In art, we have been studying the work of Roy Lichtenstein and his influence on the Pop Art movement. We have continued our study of the Linnaeus Classification system in science and have been writing short stories in English, based upon the book, 'Who Let the Gods Out.' In maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction and applying our skills to worded problems.



This week Governors came in to look at our lunchtime arrangements and received some excellent feedback regarding the hot food. Lots of clean plates were evident! Please can I ask parents to support us by ensuring that packed lunches contain healthy food and not chocolate, crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks.