

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

It has been an incredibly busy end to the Autumn 1 half term. You will see from our Social Media feeds just how much has been going on across the school – it is wonderful to see so much engagement and opportunity for our pupils.

Please find attached to this edition of The Mayfield Messenger a copy of the Autumn 2 Calendar. Please note that whilst it is our intention to run a full programme of events next half term – we will be guided by Public Health England and may, in line with any guidance received, amend, or cancel activities at short notice – we trust all members of our community understand the challenges faced by schools at this time.

The Mayfield Messenger will take a break next week, and the next edition will be published on Friday 5th November. We sincerely hope you have a pleasant half term break and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back at the normal times on Monday 1st November.

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=17eMxmGmGkarCHowINbkEaHjlq47r0VGrz2BEQDkaAhUQ0pZVjYxT0o3OURaNzJBR0xUQ004NjFQMi4u>

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

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.

Covid Testing Over Half-term

NHS Test and Trace have asked us to share this message with you

*Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. **We know how important it is for you to be able to send your children to school.***

You should encourage your children to continue testing and [report](#) results twice a week, at home, throughout the October half-term school holiday and take a test before returning to school on Sunday evening or Monday morning. All results should be reported, even if your result is negative or void.

Your children can collect extra home test kits from Pupil Services and bring them home with them. You can help them to take the test and report their results. Testing is free of charge. If you do still require more home testing kits to continue testing over half term, you can also order more [online](#) through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

By testing your child twice a week over half term, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keep your child in school and Mayfield open to minimise disruption to their education and to you and your household.

Free School Meal Voucher for October half-term

Families who are entitled to Free School Meals should have received vouchers to the value of £15 per eligible child this week. The vouchers will come through the Edenred Portal and must then be redeemed before they can be spent at all major supermarkets. This scheme is funded by Portsmouth City Council and these vouchers will only work on this website:

<https://www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery>

This scheme only applies to families who qualify for free school meals through their family income. Children in Year R, 1 and 2 who get their school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme do not qualify for these vouchers.

Please email stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk if you have any queries or questions.

Friends of Mayfield

If you are interested in joining our committee or volunteering to help with these events, please contact FOM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

We are looking for stall holders for our Christmas Fayre on 10th December 3-5pm to be held in the main hall, if you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact us on: FOM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Our next Discos are for year 6 and year 7 on Thursday 11th November, Year 6 tickets will be on sale on Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November at 3.30 & 4.30pm at the Kensington Road gate.

Year 7 tickets will be on sale on 1st, 2nd & 3rd of November at lunch time in the main canteen and at 3pm at the Kensington Road entrance. All tickets are £5 and include a drink and snack. This will be your only opportunity to buy tickets for these events as we need to ensure we buy enough refreshments and have an appropriate number of staff to support for safeguarding reasons, we will not be selling tickets after these dates.

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 10th December.

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Primary Aged Children - Wednesday 1st December 2021

Nasal Flu Spray or vaccinations will be taking place on Wednesday 1st 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 25th November 2021.

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

Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier

Well done to everyone- pupils, parents and staff for our first half-term in our new building! We have settled in well and our new routines are becoming well established. We are enjoying the new rooms- here are Year 10 enjoying the opportunity to undertake spinning in Studio 3.



The careers event went very well on Thursday with a variety of providers for options post 16. All of Years 10 and 11 had the opportunity to attend and there was a great atmosphere in the hall. We were very proud of the way the pupils conducted themselves and we had nothing but praise about the way they behaved and interacted with our visitors. If you have any questions about careers, please email Mrs Denford on denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.



This week I had a Hot Chocolate Monday to catch up with some pupils who weren't able to attend on their actual day and my usual Hot Chocolate Friday.

The pupils nominated this week were:

Intrepid: Maria Duta, Christina Lam and Emily Smith

Endeavour: Valentino Fernandes and Erin Leaver

Discovery: Milan Baker and Abigail Pringle

Victory: Zuzanna Pelcer and Poppy Clarke

Well done to all of these pupils for being picked by their Heads of House.



Thank you to all the Year 11 parents who attended the Parents Evening this week. I know staff were delighted to have the opportunity to talk to you. If you were unable to make an appointment and have

a question regarding anything eg a specific subject, mock exams, revision, careers, your child's report then if you contact your child's tutor, they will be able to direct you to the right person. A full list of tutors can be found [here](#).

Year 11 mock exams start after half-term- a full copy of the timetable can be found [here](#). There are morning "energizer sessions" before the core exams- Maths, English and science. On the days they have those exams first thing in the morning they need to arrive early to school- 8:10am. We know that this way we can get the pupils ready for the exams- it really does improve their performance and we will be doing this before the "real" exams so getting used to getting up early now is a good thing!

Year 10 Parents Evening is straight after half-term on Thursday 4th November. We are running this as another virtual event. Booking is through our online booking system, a link to this is on our website [here](#). Please do book appointments to talk to your child's teachers. You will have just received your child's report, so this is a good time to discuss any issues arising from that. We look forward to seeing you.

Looking ahead, the week beginning 8th November is Maths Week England. We are running our annual photo competition for this. Maybe over half-term you and your child will spot something mathematical- symmetry, tessellation, a regular polygon- when you are out and about! If you do, please take a photo and send it to mathsweek@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk with your child's name and class. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries.

The Year 7 disco is on 11th November from 7-8:30pm in school. Tickets are £5 and will be on sale in the main canteen at lunch time and on the Kensington Road gate after school on 1st, 2nd and 3rd November. Please remind your child that if they wish to attend, they need to purchase a ticket on these dates.

FAME! Is coming to school in December! Please keep a close eye on social media for ticket sales opening so you can grab your tickets to our first production in our new building. Performances are on 1st, 2nd and 3rd December. We are very excited to show off the talents of our pupils- it is going to be fabulous!

I wish you all a safe and restful half-term. We look forward to seeing your child back to school on Monday 1st November. A reminder that Years 7 and 8 need to be through the gate by 8:10am and Years 9, 10 and 11 need to be through the gate by 8:40am. Thank you for your support with this.

Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers

This week we have had some fabulous things going on in Primary which culminates in Mrs Buck's reward event. The children will enjoy an art, sport or a cinema experience this afternoon.

In line with Portsmouth Local Authority's drive to improve attendance, today we have given out over 350 certificates to pupils with at least 95% attendance to school from September up until last Friday. This year we will be celebrating excellent attendance each half term and setting a 95% target for all. Hopefully we will be able to give out even more certificates in autumn 2.

Thank you to all of you who attended our virtual parents' evenings last week. It was lovely for staff to have the opportunity to talk you all about how your child is doing. If you were unable to attend or had technical difficulties, please do email your child's class teacher if you have anything specific that you would like to discuss.

Now Year R are fully settled into Mayfield, we asked them what they have been enjoying most about their new school:

"The Golden Mile with my friends" - Vienna, Edward, Jasper, Bluebell, Ellis, Mica, Fleur, Georgia, Harry

"Going outside" - Lottie

"Making new friends" - Saria, Layla, Mila, Oliver, Elliot, Eduard, Aaliyah, Eadie, Morgan, Evelyn, Alexa

"Using the multilink" - Lewis

"Playing with the water and sand trays" - Olivia, Ivy

"Colouring and drawing" - Oliwier

"Playing trains" - Olivia

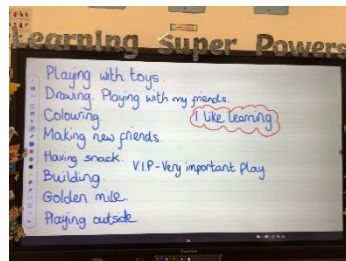
"Sharing toys" - Betty

"The Poetry Basket" - Sergio

"Playing with Sally the Seahorse" - Charlie

"Letters and Sounds" - Lucas

Year R are very excited to continue their learning journey after half-term!



Year 1 have worked extremely hard this half term as they have immersed themselves into new routines.

To end their half term, they have been making predictions and writing dictated sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They have also been focusing on addition fact families, understanding how numbers can be swapped around in number sentences.

This week they have enjoyed using autumn leaves to create a selection of art pieces. The year 1 topic next half term is 'Everyday Heroes'. You should have received a letter to provide you with information about "our heroes day" taking place on Wednesday 3rd November.

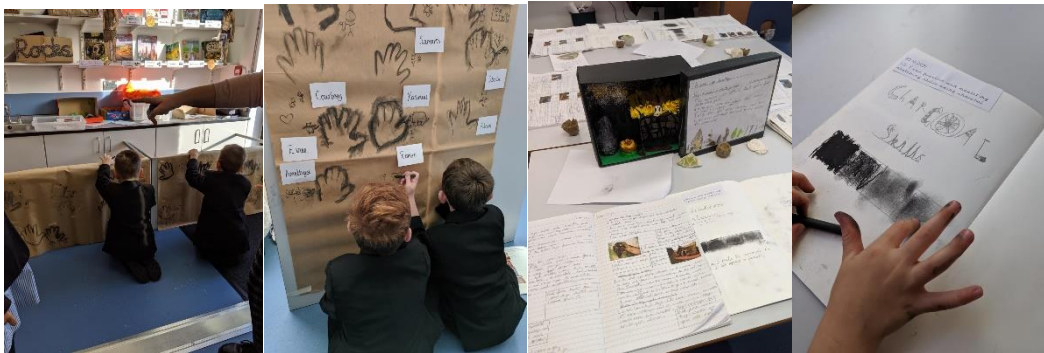
Please can we ask you to ensure your child brings a coat to school as we will be completing lots of outdoor learning.



Year 2 had an enjoyable Tuesday learning all about bread as a symbol for Christians and Jews. They had lots of fun spotting symbols around the school and then making our own bread to take home to share with their family, just as Jews do when they celebrate Passover. It was lovely to see so many parents able to join us for our dinosaur pasta activity and have an opportunity to look at some of the learning we have been doing. We are proud of all the children's efforts this term.



Year 3 have had a very exciting week this week. They practiced their charcoal skills before creating some authentic cave drawings. They used their knowledge of shade to help this look amazing. On Thursday afternoon, they shared all of their Stone Age learning with year 1-6. They shared their art, non-chronological reports and our creations from Butser.



Year 4 have had another amazing week to end a fantastic half term. They have shown very responsible attitudes to their learning all term and always work incredibly hard. We hope that you are as proud of them as we are.

A few things to remember:

Next payment for Minstead - Friday 5th November

Please continue supporting your child with schoolwork during half term especially reading, spelling and times tables.

In **Year 5**, pupils have been writing settings descriptions. This has allowed them to be descriptive and creative in their writing. They have learnt skills including alliteration and expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, pupils have practiced using times table grids to allow them to become more efficient in their weekly times table test!

Year 6 have had a fantastic last week of the half term, completing their topic on Ancient Greeks. The children have sketched images of the Minotaur, applying their skills from previous lessons and enjoyed publishing their recounts of Virgo's day at Elliott's school, from *Who Let the Gods Out*. In Maths, the children have explored negative numbers looking at different contexts and using strategies for calculation.

After half term we will be looking for three monitors from each class who will be responsible for ensuring that corridors are clear and tidy so that their class can be in with a chance of winning the

corridor cup each week. If your child would like to apply, they should write a letter to their teacher and hand it in by the first Wednesday back after half term.

On the first 4 Monday's back after half term, our year 6 staff and a number of pupils will be taking part in some training in Proactive Sharing Circles. These interventions are designed to support pupils as part of our Monday "Check In" and will be rolled out across the whole of Primary over a period of time. This training has already happened successfully in the Senior section and the feedback so far has been very positive. Letters for the initial group of pupils taking part in the training have been given out today.

Please remember that the summer uniform of Mayfield shorts and dress may no longer be worn after half term so please ensure that pupils are in trousers or a Mayfield skirt from the first day back.

Final message to parents regarding the Minstead visit after half term:

Aegean leave on Monday 1st November and return on Wednesday 3rd November.

Caspian class leave on Wednesday 3rd November and return on Friday 5th November. Caribbean class leave on Monday 8th November and return on Wednesday 10th November. All pupils will leave and return within normal school hours.

Please also remember to pack on ONE bag/small suitcase. The children's dormitories are not huge and so cannot store large amounts of luggage. Please remember to check your child's kit list when packing. It is important that children pack warm clothing as most of our activities are outside. In addition to this, please do not pack any electronics or food.

Have a super half term and we will see you in Autumn 2.