

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

Unfortunately, we are now beginning to see a significant rise in the number of staff and pupils testing positive for COVID. I would remind all pupils and families (aged 11+) to ensure you are taking regular Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) every Sunday and Wednesday evening. LFTs can be picked up – free of charge – from Pupil Services or the Medical Room.

Equally, if your child is presenting any symptoms of COVID, then please DO NOT send them in and arrange for a PCR test using the link below:

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Please be aware that, in line with Government Guidelines, we are no longer identifying ‘close contacts’ of positive cases.

Also, the use of a face covering is now strongly recommended in school for pupils in Year 7 to 11 and that children, of all ages, regularly wash or sanitise their hands.

I do hope you had a chance to watch our interpretation of Fame! I would like to extend my congratulations to all involved and thanks to all who supported this event – it was wonderful seeing pupils back on stage and performing!

Communication

We continue to have technical difficulties with our phone system. I appreciate this is very frustrating and would like to apologise for an inconvenience caused. Over next week, please use the following email addresses to inform us of key issues.

If your child is absent, late or needs to be picked up early:

attendance@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

To report a health or welfare concern:

healthandwelfare@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

To contact our receptionist:

recep@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Parents with the Studybugs app can also report absence using the app. If you have not already signed up to Studybugs, you can do so by clicking on this link:

[Studybugs – Register](#)

Free School Meal Vouchers for the Christmas Holidays

Portsmouth City Council will be providing free school meal vouchers for the Christmas holidays for all children in Year R to 11 who are eligible through their family income. Children who receive their free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme do not qualify for these vouchers.

The vouchers are worth £30 per eligible. The vouchers will be sent out by Monday 13th December, either by email through the Edenred platform or by post where parents do not have a working email address.

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

Friends of Mayfield

We look forward to welcoming all members of our community to our Christmas Fayre on Friday 10th December. On this day, children may wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their blazer. Please note that all other uniform and dress code requirements still apply.

If you have a pre-loved Christmas jumper you would like to donate, then please send this in with your child or drop off to the temporary reception – thank you!

Extracurricular for Spring 1

The booking system for Spring 1 clubs will open on the following days at 6:00pm:

Monday 6 th December	Year R
Tuesday 7 th December	Year 1 & 2
Wednesday 8 th December	Year 3 & 4
Thursday 9 th December	Year 5 & 6
Friday 10 th December	Year 7 & 8

The booking system will close for all year groups on Monday 13th December at 6.00pm. Please note that after this time we cannot add any more names, however, parents or carers may book their child (primary section only) into the early tea club provision using ScoPay.

If you have any issue with booking clubs, or ScoPay, please contact Mr. Danny Backhouse, on:

backhoused@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

If you have any questions about our extracurricular provision, please contact:

Years R, 1, 2 and 3	Mrs Guy - GuyM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Year 4, 5 and 6	Mr Newsam - Newsam-James@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
Year 7 and 8	Mrs Firth - firthj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Currently, we are collecting feedback about our extracurricular offer, if you would like to participate, then please use this link:

[Extra-Curricular Provision Survey - Google Forms](#)

Thank you!

Christmas Dinners, week beginning 13th December

In light of the increase in the number of staff and pupils testing positively for COVID on the school site. We have taken the decision to modify our plans around providing a Christmas Dinner for all staff and pupils.

All Primary aged pupils will receive a free Christmas dinner as follows:

Wednesday 15 th December	Year 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 16 th December	Year R, 1, 2, 3 and Little Sunbeams

For all children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 we continue to invite parents or carers to make a voluntary contribution, via ScoPay, of £2.25 per child.

For pupils in our Senior Section, we will provide a seasonal treat in their tutor session as follows:

Tuesday 14 th December	Victory House
Wednesday 15 th December	Endeavour House
Thursday 16 th December	Intrepid House
Friday 17 th December	Discovery House

We want all members of our community to enjoy a COVID free Christmas and hope that by adjusting our plans as above, we can still allow pupils and staff to come together, but better manage the risk of infection in the run up to the Christmas break.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th 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 10th 3-5pm in the main hall. If you have a Christmas jumper at home that you would like to donate, please hand in to our reception at Kensington Road. These will be available for a donation at the pre-loved shop on Wednesday.

Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier

Well done! A huge well done to all the pupils and staff who worked so hard on Fame.



I was so proud of them all when I watched it on Wednesday and was wowed by the talent that shines so brightly out of some of our young people. Well done to one and all and a huge, huge thank you to all the staff who have given so freely of their time.

Hot chocolate Friday this week was with a splendid group of Year 10 pupils. The nominees from Heads of House were:

Discovery	Oliver and Sabrina
Victory	Jamie and Rosa
Endeavour	Jakub and Holly
Intrepid	Denisa and Christina



I am not surprised their Heads of House think they were worthy of coming as they were a joy to spend time with.

This week our Heads of House have taken assemblies and have been celebrating the great things going on in their Houses.

Winning tutor groups in each House for attendance were:

Discovery	D6- with a special mention for D8 who were up nearly 2% on their attendance
Victory	V2
Endeavour	E6
Intrepid	I5

Winning tutor groups in each House for achievement points were:

Discovery	D5
Victory	V3
Endeavour	E6
Intrepid	I4

Special mentions to Mason in Victory House and Ricardo in Intrepid House for being awarded 6RS badges- well done to them as these are highly sought-after prizes.

With the colder, wetter weather I know more parents will be dropping off and picking up their children from school. Can I please ask parents to not park, or even stop, on the double yellow lines outside the entrance. There is a lot of foot traffic into the school and I am worried that there is going to be an accident as cars pull in and out of the double yellow line section. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Next Friday is Christmas Jumper Day! If your child wishes to wear a Christmas Jumper into school on that day then that would be fabulous. We are supporting the national initiative and raising money for charity by asking each child who chooses to wear a Christmas jumper to donate £1.

We do have a Christmas post box available for seniors if they would like to send a card to another member of the school community. The box is situated at Pupil Services. If your child is sending a card please ask them to write the full name and tutor group of the intended recipient clearly on the front so we can make sure we get them to the right people.

Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers

We have been busy once again in Primary this week. The children have been very focused on their learning, and it has been great to see such engagement in the classroom.

Our new corridor monitors have been doing a great job of ensuring that the areas in and around their classrooms are kept tidy. Last week the cup went to the Infant corridor but this week the Juniors have really upped their game so it will be a close decision this week!

At lunch times the children have been enjoying participating in a range of activities with Pompey in the Community, CM Sports and lunch time clubs all up and running. This has helped to make the lunch times much more structured.

On Thursday 9th December our Nativity will be taking place at 9.15am and 2.30pm. You will be able to book your Nativity tickets via the online booking site. [| <https://mayfieldschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>] Booking closes on Tuesday 7th December at 6pm. Each family can book a maximum of 4 tickets across the 2 performances.

In Year 1, we have moved on from addition and have started to look at subtraction. We have been practising how to subtract numbers within 10 using concrete and pictorial representations. In English, we have been looking at letters and discussing their purpose.

Pupils have also been busy designing our capes for Supertato, ready to make next week. If you have pieces of fabric or any old clothing, please could you donate these to Year 1. We appreciate anything you can give. There are two performances on Thursday 9th December, at 9.15am and 2.30pm. They will last approximately 30minutes.

Please access the school via the usual Year R gate where you will be directed by staff to the main hall. As with government guidelines, face coverings should be worn by anyone over 11 years of age, unless except.

On Tuesday years 3, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to see the final dress rehearsal of Fame, our senior school production. It was great to be able to give the children the opportunity to see this and I know that the cast really appreciated being able to perform in front of a live audience.

Our Christmas post boxes have been set up ready for the children to post their Christmas cards. If your child would like to send cards to their friends and teachers, please ensure that the name and class is written clearly on the front so that they get to the correct people.



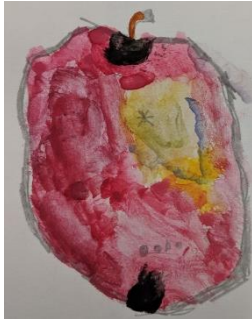
This week, Year R have been exploring wedding celebrations in different cultures and discussing the similarities and differences. They have also begun the countdown to Christmas with the class advent calendar and have been enjoying reading a daily Christmas-themed joke! Year R have been so resilient while learning the Nativity songs and they can't wait to perform to their families on the 9th of December.

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Year 2 have been busy planning and writing their own story using the characters from our English text. It has been fun to hear all the ideas about where Bad Banana and his fruit friends will go next in their

shopping trolley! In Maths we have been reinforcing how to subtract a 2-digit number. We have also enjoyed our Art lessons this week where we have been exploring how to use watercolour paints and applying these skills to paint a piece of fruit after we sketched the outline. We have also designed our own healthy pizza which we are going to create and eat next week - we are looking forward to this!!



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This week Year 3 enjoyed a lovely trip to the woods for our writing. We tuned in to our senses and really thought about what we could see, hear, taste, feel and smell. We have generated some vocabulary to put into our

setting descriptions. Next week, we are cooking vegetable soups from around the globe. We would love for you to come and join us to taste them at 3pm on Thursday 9th December.



This week Year 4 have finished their last swimming lesson at Mountbatten. They have all worked really hard each week and we have seen every single one of them make progress! Their behaviour has been very good, and they were all excellent representatives of Mayfield. We are all really proud of them!

This week we have sent a letter out about our parent drop in event which is at 3.00pm on Tuesday 7th December. The letter is also available on the SIMS parent app.

Year 6 have continued to enjoy their topic: 'Third Rock from the Sun'. They started their new English unit exploring different biomes from around the world, matching descriptions to pictures. They then chose a biome to research and write about. In maths the children have been learning the formal method of multiplication and looking at efficient strategies too. They will then spend time applying their skills of multiplication to different contexts.



Finally, a reminder that the booking system for extra-curricular opens next week as follows:

Monday 6th Dec– Year R

Tuesday 7th Dec - Year 1 & 2

Wednesday 8th Dec – Year 3 & 4

Thursday 9th Dec – Year 5 & 6

The system closes on Monday 13th 6pm. Bookings cannot be accepted after this time.



A massive thank you to all our kitchen staff for their amazing work to make sure all our food is freshly served every day, always keeping a smile on for our pupils and staff!
Also our staff would like to thank them for their services on Inset days for preparing free lunch meals for everyone.