

HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

With the return to school next week, we would like to remind all members of our community that you should not attend school if you have any of the following symptoms of COVID:

- high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

In this case, you should arrange for a home test – please do not send your child into school for testing as the ‘lateral flow test’ (LFT) is for asymptomatic cases ie pupils not showing symptoms.

Also, we require all family members who are dropping off or picking up children to wear a face covering when on the school site – unless you are exempt.

To date, over 90% of families within our Senior Section have completed the registration process for LFT. If you have not yet done this, **then please do so urgently and before 4:00pm today** (Friday 5th March) using the following form:

<https://forms.gle/4vze98MHnMDYnSCBA>

Taking a LFT is optional. However, we **strongly** urge all parents, carers and pupils to take one since this will give a level of reassurance to other pupils, their families and our staff. If you do not wish your child to participate in the LFT process, you will still need to complete the above form, and answer ‘no’ to the question ‘do you give permission for your child to take a LFT?’. If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns you have about the test, please contact Mrs. Helen Patis, SIMS Manager, on:

Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

LFTs are only approved for use by children over the age of 11. Therefore, the vast majority of Primary children are not able to take part in this programme. However, as an All-through School, we are able to offer Year 6 pupils who have had their 11th birthday the opportunity to take part by completing the online consent form.

Once the above form has been submitted, then pupils in Years 8 to 11 should follow the staggered timetable below to undertake their LFT as below:

Years 10 and 11

Monday 8th March – Year 10 and 11 take a LFT at the following times			
Time	Year 11 tutor group	Time	Year 10 tutor group
8:45am	Discovery 9 Mrs Clarke	12:00pm	Discovery 7 Mr Ralls
9:10am	Discovery 10 Mr Gardner	12:20pm	Discovery 8 Mrs Rogers
9:35am	Victory 9 Mr Randall	12:40pm	Victory 7 Mrs Drudge
9:55am	Victory 10 Miss Gale	1:00pm	Victory 8 Mr Batchelor
10:20am	Intrepid 9 Miss Lawes	1:20pm	Intrepid 7 Miss Bradshaw
10:40am	Intrepid 10 Miss Burnett	1:40pm	Intrepid 8 Mr Jackson
11:00am	Endeavour 9 Mr Royle	2:00pm	Endeavour 7 Miss Reilly
11:20am	Endeavour 10 Miss Taylor	2.30pm	Endeavour 8 Mr Norton
Tuesday 9th March – Year 8 and 9 take a LFT at the following time			
8:45am	Discovery 5 Miss Blest	12:00pm	Discovery 3 Miss Rich

9:10am	Discovery 6 Miss Barnes	12:20pm	Discovery 4 Mrs Fairley
9:35am	Victory 5 Miss Painter	12:40pm	Victory 3 Miss Habgood
9:55am	Victory 6 Mr Browning	1:00pm	Victory 4 Mrs Howard/Westbury
10:20am	Intrepid 5 Mr Currier	1:20pm	Intrepid 3 Mr Rafferty Croft
10:40am	Intrepid 6 Miss Sinclair	1:40pm	Intrepid 4 Miss Mason
11:00am	Endeavour 5 Mrs Hughes	2:00pm	Endeavour 3 Mrs Shaw
11:20am	Endeavour 6 Mrs Childs	2:30pm	Endeavour 4 Miss Franklin

Pupils in Years 8, 9 10 and 11 should arrive, via the Main Reception at (not before) their allocated testing time. **They should wear their full school uniform and bring their essential equipment.** Staff will be on hand to support any uniform or equipment issues. The process will take approximately 45 minutes and will be required to observe strict social distancing throughout. After the test, they should return home without delay.

If your child tests negatively, then you will not hear from us, and they can start face to face teaching following their normal timetable from Tuesday 9th March (Year 10 and 11) or Wednesday 10th March (Year 8 and 9).

If your child tests positively, then we will contact the person authorised on the above form and explain the next steps.

Pupils in Year 7 should arrive, via the Main Reception at (not before) their allocated testing time (as below). They should wear their full school uniform and bring their essential equipment. Once their test is completed, and they have returned a negative result, they will re-join their normal timetable.

Wednesday 10th March – Year 7 take a LFT at the following time	
8:45am	Discovery 1 Mr Macey
9:10am	Discovery 2 Mrs Stedman
9:35am	Victory 1 Miss Abrahams
9:55am	Victory 2 Mr Richardson
10:20am	Intrepid 1 Mr Mullin
10:40am	Intrepid 2 Mrs Manns
11:00am	Endeavour 1 Miss Reynell
11:20am	Endeavour 2 Miss Astles

If you believe your child would benefit from having a LFT outside of the above schedule, then please contact Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo on:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Informing Parents of Test Results

The School will only contact families directly where your child's results are **positive** or **void**. If your result is **positive**, we will ring you within an hour of the test to explain the next steps for self-isolation and how the school will continue to support your child while they are quarantining at home. If your child's result is **void**, we will phone you to arrange a time for your child to come back and retake the test so that we can get a valid result.

If you have not been contacted by the school within 2 hours of your child's appointment time, you know that their result is **negative**. They are then clear to come into school the next day or, in the case of Year 7, remain in school for the rest of the school day.

On the day of each test, your child will bring home a NHS Track and Trace registration card with their individual bar code. Parents can use this card to register their child's test and parents will then receive notification of your child's results by text or email. Pupils aged 16 or over are able to register their own bar codes.

Home Testing

All children aged over 11 will be offered three LFT whilst in school. After the third test, we will give your child a Home Testing pack which they will need to sign for. These kits contain seven tests each and pupils should undertake the test according to the following programme:

Victory and Discovery House (yellow or red tie) - Monday and Thursday
Intrepid and Endeavour House (green or blue tie) - Tuesday and Friday

We will continue to maintain a smaller onsite Testing Facility in Room 32 for pupils who have significant barriers to testing at home. Please do email Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo if you feel that your child would benefit from this support:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Parents need to upload their children's test results to the NHS Track and Trace website using the instructions in the pack **and** also inform the school as we are required to keep our own register for these tests. Parents can do this in one of three ways:

- By completing the pupil [Google Form](#) on our website
- By email to CovidTesting@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk
- By phoning the Covid Testing answer machine on 02392 693432 ext 259

Please be aware that household members with children aged over 11 can get their own kits:

- Through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- At a local test site
- By collecting a home test kit from a test site
- By ordering a home test kit online

Please click here for more information including where to find a test site:

[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Face Coverings

The Government has updated their guidance around Face Coverings for pupils in our Senior Section. Therefore, until further notice, we require all senior section pupils to wear a face covering when:

- they arrive to and leave the school site;

- inside the building and moving around the school in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained;
- in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained.

The above does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE, Dance or Drama lessons.

Children in our Primary Section should not wear a face covering.

We recognise that some pupils will not be able to wear a face mask for a variety of reasons. In these cases, we ask that parents and carers alert Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCo on:

AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

She will discuss your child's particular circumstances and issue an 'exemption card' which pupils should show to staff on request. If your child has already been issued with an exemption, then they do not need to re-apply.

Please note that in cases where any pupil refuses to wear a face covering, without good reason or exemption, then sanctions will be applied, and alternative educational provision could be made for them.

Equipment

We will continue to provide all Primary Section pupils with individual stationery packs to minimise the sharing of equipment. We ask that all pupils in our Senior Section carry the following:

- Black pen and pencil plus spares;
- Purple pen for feedback;
- Glue stick;
- 30cm Ruler and an eraser;
- CASIO Fx Series calculator;

In order to support families, we have produced a cost-effective pack containing all of the above items which can be purchased for £9.30 via our Scopay system and picked up from the Main Reception. If you have any questions about our online payment system, please email:

BackhouseD@mayfield.portsmouths.ch.uk

Additionally, we request that Senior Section pupils bring in:

- Face covering – plus spares;
- water bottle;
- reading book (for children in Years 7 and 8).

Start and finish times and drop off/pick up routine

The start/finishes times for each year group is as below:

Year Group	Gate Opens (Gate)	Gate Closes	Finish Times
Reception	8:30am (Year R Gate)	8:45am	3:30pm/4:30pm

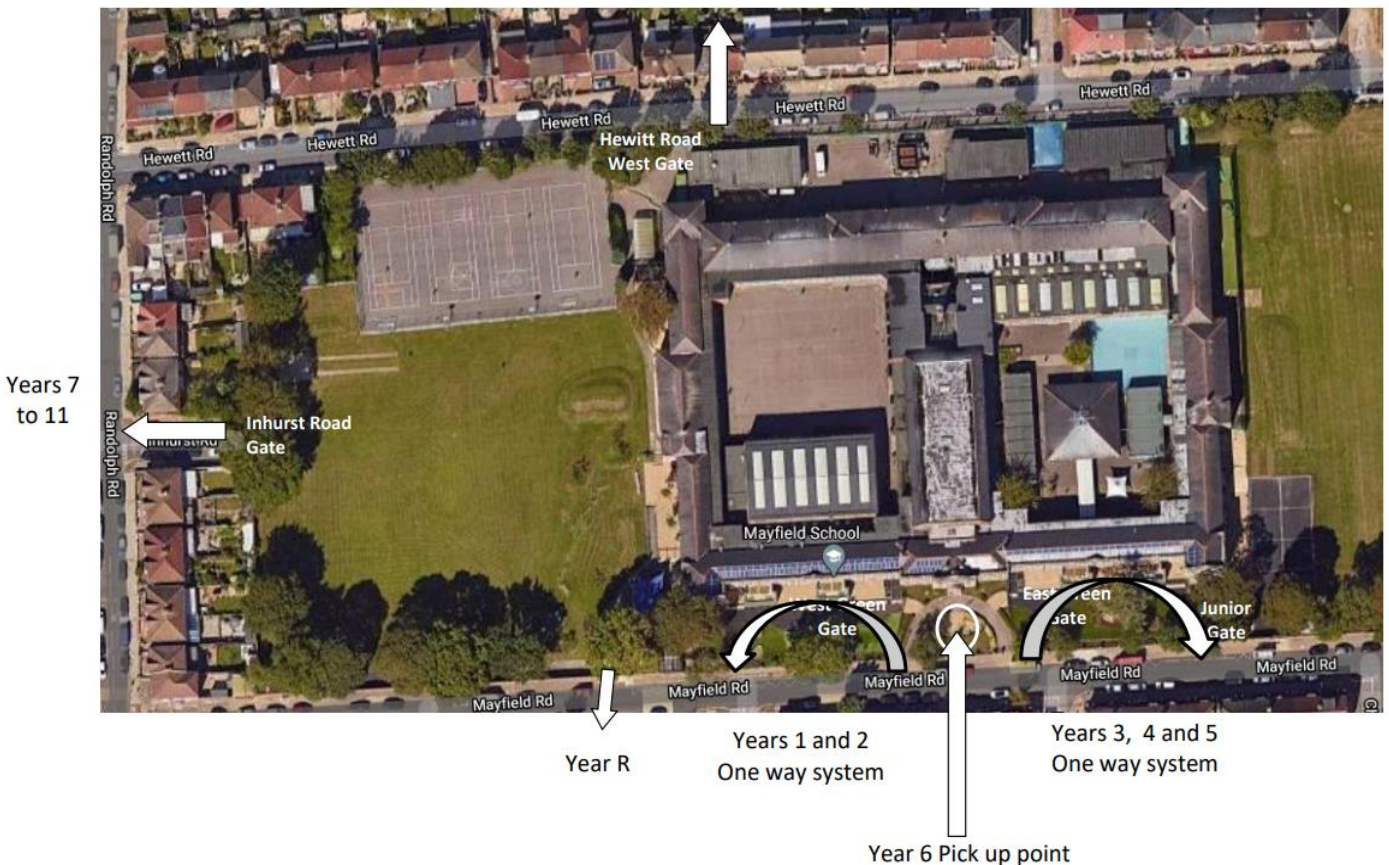
Year 1	8:30am (KS1 Gate)	8:45am	3:30pm/4:30pm
Year 2	8:30am (KS1 Gate)	8:45am	3:30pm/4:30pm
Year 3	8:30am (KS2 Gate)	8:45am	3:30pm/4:30pm
Year 4	8:30am (KS2 Gate)	8:45am	3:30pm (4:30pm on Thursday)
Year 5	8:30am (Junior Gate)	8:45am	3:30pm (4:30pm on Wednesday)
Year 6	8:30am (Junior Gate)	8:45am	3:30pm (4:30pm on Monday)
Year 7	7:45am (West Field Gate)	8:10am	3:00pm
Year 8	7:45am (Senior Gate)	8:10am	3:00pm
Year 9	8:10am* (Senior Gate)	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 10	8:10am* (Senior Gate)	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 11	8:10am* (West Field Gate)	8:40am	3:00pm

*Year 9, 10 and 11 will not be able to enter the school site until after 8:10am to allow for social distancing.

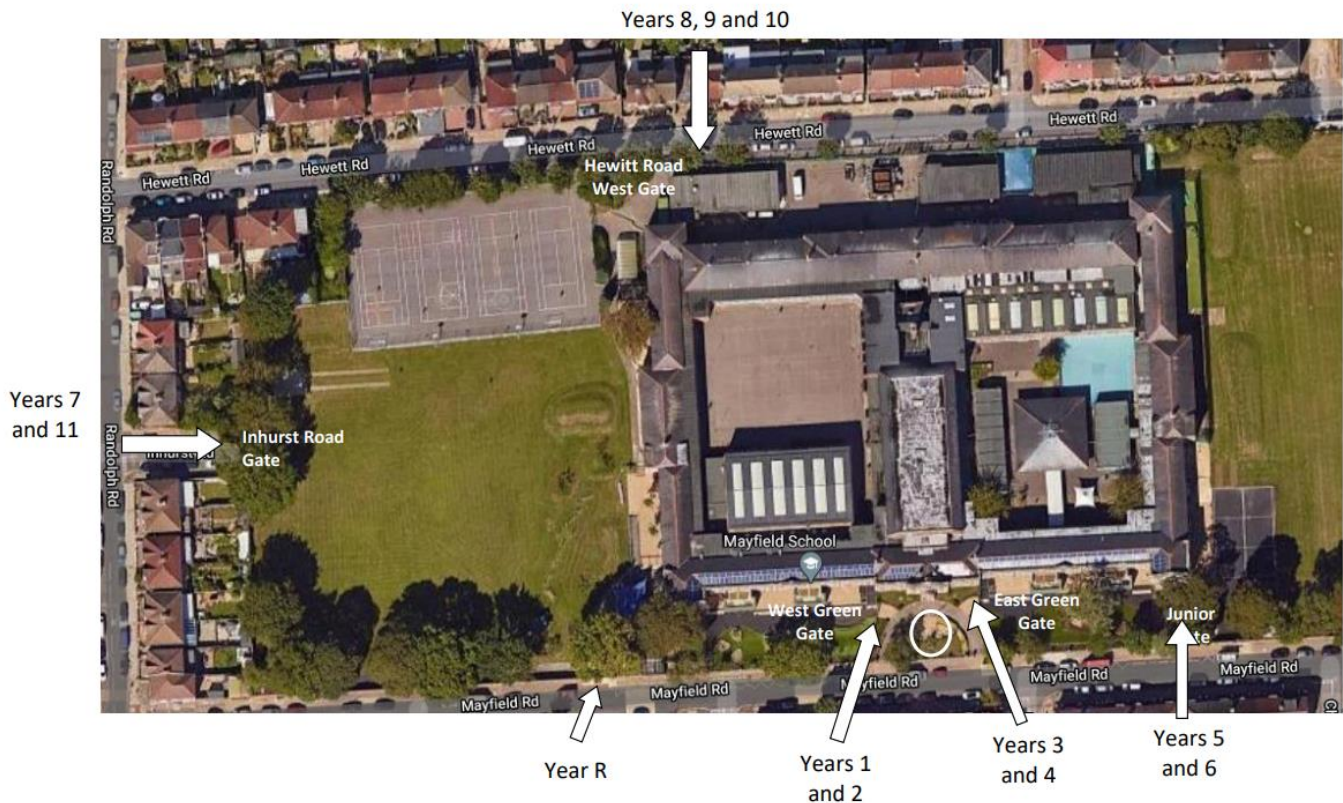
Following some parental feedback around Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pick up we are changing the way this works. From Monday 8th March we will operate a 'one way' system around the KS2 play area. If you are picking up a Year 6 child, then these will assemble outside by the Main Entrance near the oak tree. To pick up Year 3, 4 or 5 children then please enter via the KS2 entrance near the Main Reception and leave via the Junior Gate. Staff will be on hand to direct parents and carers. We **attach** some plans for your information.

Exits

Years 7 to 11



Entrances



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=17eMxmGmGkarCHowINbkEaHjIq47r0VGrz2BEQDkaAhUQ0pZVjYxT0o3OURaZJBR0xUQ004NjFQMi4u>

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

Staffing update

We are delighted to be welcoming the following staff:

Miss Cathy Gray is joining the Infant team and will be sharing Dolphins class with Mrs Hall

Mr John Seymour is joining the Junior team and will be taking Coral class

Ms Laura McMillan is joining the International Languages team

Mr George Outterside-Hughes is joining the Geography team

Senior Section Catering Accounts

The accounts for Senior Section catering have moved over to the Scopay system and Senior section parents should now top up their children's lunch accounts through Scopay. This is the same system that is used for Primary lunches and payments for school trips, uniform and equipment across the

school. Any balances that parents had in Parentpay before Christmas should now have been transferred to your child's Scopay account. Parentpay is no longer used at Mayfield.

Youth Parliament

We have an exciting opportunity for students in our senior section to vote in our local youth elections! In Portsmouth, we are currently looking for our next Member of Youth Parliament. All Portsmouth residents, students and workers aged 11-18 are eligible to vote and we would encourage everyone in our senior section to read the candidates' manifestos and watch the video here <https://vimeo.com/518692429> to find out all about the role and the candidates! Voting opens on Monday 8th March and closes on Thursday 17th March - please encourage your senior age student to consider using their democratic voice to vote in this election! For more information, the manifestos and to vote, please go to <https://www.portsmoutheducationpartnership.co.uk/myip/>

Feedback on remote learning w/c 1st March

Please see here a selection of the lovely comments that parents, carers and pupils have shared with us around our onsite and remote provisions. Thank you for taking the time to write, we really appreciate this!

- *I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff that have ensured that the key worker school has run so smoothly.*

In these difficulty times it has been a huge relief to know that my children were able to continue to attend school as normal. Knowing they were safe, happy and continuing to get such good educational opportunities was a huge weight off our minds. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Hall and Mrs Buck and also Mrs Harris in Jellyfish class and Mrs Page in Turtles.

Mrs Harris has been professional, reassuring and has worked really hard to ensure that my son continues to settle well in his first year of education. Mrs Page has been amazing in the way she has run the classroom and I know by the way my daughter has been coming out of school that she has felt secure and has been enjoying her work which can be a huge struggle for her.

Please can you extend our thanks to any other staff that have been working with 'B' and 'I', we really do appreciate all of their hard work. Good luck with getting everything back to the new normal.

I just wanted to say, Thank You very much for acknowledging T's hard work, we really appreciate it! She loves your lessons and misses being in school so much! having taken part in HSM in Year 8, was desperately sad not to be able to experience similar in 2020 but is praying for a return of the arts 🎨 both in school and out of it ASAP

Your lessons have been delivered so enjoyably, she has loved studying Shrek online with you, (we had seen it live a few years ago at the Mayflower) and became very moved by blood brothers. As a mum working from home it is nice to hear how upbeat your lessons are and how engaged the students are in it, I can assure you not all the lessons are like that! Her postcard means a lot to her, Your taking the time means a lot to us.

- *I wanted to email to show my appreciation to all of the primary staff who have supported my children through this difficult period.*

Mr Newsam has been remarkable, the online education that 'V' has received has been excellent, Mr Newsam has always been very supportive to 'V', which has really helped me when I have been busy with 'J', he is always very responsive via email or chat. The effort that goes into planning the online sessions each day really is amazing.

All of the year 2 staff have been incredible, particularly Mrs Hall who is 'J's teacher, she has been very supportive towards me, I am a full time home worker with a demanding job, Mrs Hall has been very aware of that and has supported 'J' when I have not been available. Mrs Hall and Mrs Hatton have been very patient with 'J', he struggles to sit still at school so at home has been challenging, they have both kept him engaged and focused. The time and effort that is put into the lessons is amazing and I think they have done an excellent job with all of the children during these uncertain times.

All of the staff at Mayfield have been great, no job has been too big or small, from the phone calls from Mrs Moody to check in at the start of the lockdown, the packs always being available to collect and the teachers Miss Hatton, Miss Chadwick, Mrs Hall, Mrs Jonkers, Mr Newsam and Mr B always being responsive.

'V' and 'J' are looking forward to returning Monday, Thanks again.

- *Good evening, I just wanted to pass on a big thankyou to all the staff at school for the way the online learning has been handled, I don't imagine for one minute it was easy or at times much fun for the teachers, but 'H' has been fully engaged and hasn't missed a day and I am very grateful to them all for keeping his education going, I know he is looking forward to getting back to school kind regards .*

Our staff find the feedback really motivating. If you would like to share more feedback, then please do send this to:

General@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Instrumental Music Lessons

We are looking to gauge interest in our instrumental music lessons for the next academic year. If your child will be starting in year's 3 to 8 in September 2021 and would like them to have instrumental music lessons, please could you complete the google form by clicking on the link below by **3.00pm on Friday 5th March**. Please note, only complete one form per child.

<https://forms.gle/ea5WLC78DyRq4cKz9>

Head of Seniors (Miss Louise Hillier)

A huge well done to everyone who has worked so hard over this lockdown.

The staff in school who have supported our Key Worker students have been great and we have had so many staff in the building just keeping all the school systems running smoothly- without them we would have been completely lost.

I have been continuously impressed by the quality of the remote learning offer that the teachers have delivered- well done to them.

Well done to the pupils for persevering- I know it has been hard to keep motivated and we appreciate that so many kept attending the online lessons and working hard.

And finally, a well done and thank you to you, the parents, for keeping your children at home where you could and for supporting them with their learning.

We know that this has been a difficult time for all of us in different ways.

We are now looking forward to welcoming the pupils back into the building. The times for the tests are earlier in this message so please do make sure your child knows when they are due in. The more people- pupils and staff- we can test the better.

A further reminder about uniform and equipment. We want the start back to go smoothly so need all pupils correctly attired in full school uniform and carrying their full equipment. We are asking pupils to attend their first test in their uniform with equipment so we can help sort out any errors or omissions before they come back to school properly. Please do hunt out all the bits and pieces you need.

If you have any questions about the return to school, or just want to say thank you for something, the House teams are available on the email addresses below:

Discovery@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

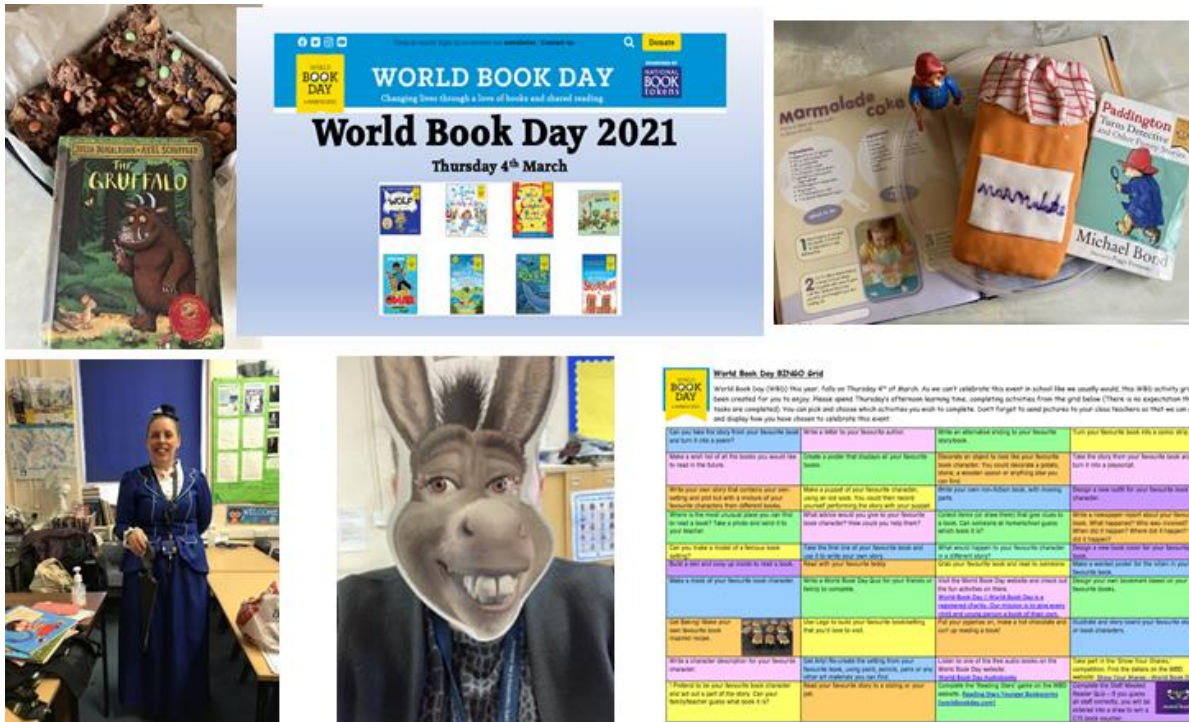
Victory@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Intrepid@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Endeavour@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Head of Primary (Mrs Fiona Rogers)

'World Book Day' has been hugely successful this year! We hope you have enjoyed the 'Masked Reader Quiz' as much as we have enjoyed disguising ourselves. We have received some amazing photos of you celebrating this event – do keep sending these through to your class teachers so that we can display them in school. Don't forget to submit your 'Masked Reader Quiz' answers to your class teacher by Monday 8th March to be in for a chance to win a £15 book voucher. The sponsored reading event launches on the 8th of March too. This is a seven-day challenge that involves setting a daily reading target. Money raised will be used to purchase new books for the library and classrooms across the school. If you submit your sponsor form by Thursday 1st April, you will be entered into a draw to win an Usborne goodie bag, worth up to £30.



We are so very excited to have all children back in school from Monday. The TAs and teachers have been busy preparing for what we hope will be a smooth transition back into school. We understand that some of you may be anxious about this and so please do contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you wish to raise any concerns.

On Monday, children will need to arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am at their usual gate. Pupils who arrive after 8.45am will be recorded as late to school. All pupils must be in their full uniform including:

- Blazer;
- Shirt;
- Tie;
- Black trousers or Mayfield skirt;
- Black, polishable shoes – not trainers, boots or canvas shoes.

In addition, all pupils need to bring their PE kit with them consisting of:

- PE top in house colour;
- Black jogging bottoms/football shorts or Mayfield skort/leggings (year 3 upwards);
- Trainers suitable for use outside;

On Monday all pupils will have a virtual “welcome back” assembly in their classrooms and will have the opportunity to participate in some “well-being” activities with their class teacher. We will also be incorporating Bee Kind and well-being activities into the coming weeks in order to help pupils settle back into the school routine.

Pupils can bring in a packed lunch in years 3 to 6. We ask that you ensure that you are adhering to the school lunch box policy [which can be found here:](#)

A reminder that years 4, 5 and 6 have their curriculum PE time from 3.30pm - 4.30pm as follows:

- Monday – year 6;
- Wednesday – year 5;
- Thursday – year 4;

There is an expectation that all pupils stay for their PE sessions. If your child is not able to attend, please email Miss. Lewis on lewisj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk in the first instance.

Arrangements for pick-up have changed slightly and so please do familiarise yourself with the new routine.

On Friday 19th March it is Comic Relief day. Children will be able to bring in a red nose or can purchase one from the school for £1.50. If you wish to purchase a red nose, please visit the reception between Monday 15th and Friday 19th March. Further information about how red noses are now environmentally friendly and being Covid safe on red nose day can be found here: [The New Red Nose is here | Comic Relief](#) In addition to this, pupils will be able to enter the red nose joke competition which is being run by Mrs. A Beech along with the student voice team. Further information will be on the Messenger next week.

Our next half termly reward event will take place the week beginning Monday 24th May. Details of criteria for rewards will be shared with pupils and parents via the celebration assembly on Friday 12th March.

Finally, a huge thank you to all involved with home education and key worker education over the past 8 weeks. The resilience of the children, staff and parents during lockdown has been fantastic and I am so proud of the high standards of work that have been produced by so many children.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

Our topic will continue with the theme 'Dinosaurs'. In class we are still looking at the different varieties of dinosaurs and their characteristics.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- Group discussion what facts do we already know about dinosaurs;
- Developing number formation skills 0-10;
- Dinosaur dig- excavate the bones sort by shape and size;
- Draw their own dinosaur from their imagination describe what it eats where does it live?

Letter sound for the week is 'S'. Please keep creating a collage with your children it's a fun activity which supports speech sounds.

Sorry for the delay with parents' evening, this will be via micro soft teams -when I've completed adding all your emails, then I will be able to give you the date and times.

Thank you for your continued support towards snack provision.

Finally, just a gentle reminder, to please send your children into school with their coat. We play outside daily, and the weather is still quite cold.