

## **HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes**

Welcome to the Autumn 2 half term, I trust you and your family had a pleasant half term break.

Next week, we will be marking Remembrance Day with a special assembly. If your child is a member of a cadet, guide or scout unit, then they are welcome to come in this uniform to support this important occasion. Also, we actively encourage all pupils to show their support to the Royal British Legion by wearing a red poppy – these can be purchased from the temporary reception, Pupil Services or through Primary Classes.

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. 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 2002 GCSE series. We will confirm this in early 2022.

## **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=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](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 have sent home the primary Christmas card designs this week, please send completed order forms and payment into your class teacher by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We will not be able to accept orders after this date.

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

We are looking for stall holders for our Christmas Fayre on 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:FOM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

Our next Discos are for year 6 and year 7 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

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.

### **Children In Need**

Is on 19<sup>th</sup> November and we will be raising money for Children In Need by asking our primary pupils to come to school in their Pyjamas and bring a £1 donation. In seniors we will be running a cake sale in the main canteen at break and lunch time. We would be very grateful of any donations of any cakes that we can sell, shop bought or home baked. Senior pupils should bring in some money to buy cakes on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **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

Welcome back to all the Senior pupils to a busy Autumn 2. This week we have been settling back into routines and getting focussed on all the things happening over this coming half-term.

Next week we are commemorating Remembrance Day on Thursday with House assemblies for all the pupils. Every year we have some pupils who choose to come into school on that day in a uniform for an activity they are involved in outside of school eg cadets, scouting or guide movement. Pupils are welcome to do this again this year should they wish to. We do have poppies available in school for the pupils to purchase from Pupil Services if they wish to- a donation to the British Legion is required.

Year 11 start their mock exams next Monday- the full timetable is [here](#). We have had two very difficult years as a country with GCSE exams, but we have no reason at all to think that the exams for Year 11 will be cancelled or modified significantly. That makes this mock series so very important for Year 11 as they need to become familiar with the process for exams as well as discovering what they already know and finding any gaps that need filling. Please do encourage your child to come into school for all their exams and to try their very best. We will be best able to support your child to improve if we have a clear picture of where they are now.

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the Year 10 Parents evening on Thursday. I hope you found it valuable to touch base with your child's teachers about how they are doing. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please do drop your child's tutor an email and they will be able to put you in touch with subject teachers as necessary. A full list of tutor's names and email addresses can be found on our website

### [Meet the Staff | Mayfield School](#)

I was delighted to meet a selection of Year 11 pupils this week for Hot Chocolate Friday. The nominees this week were:

Victory	Robbie and Daisy
Discovery	Sully, Sameena and Scarlett
Intrepid	Maddie and Fletcher
Endeavour	Meli and Molly

Well done to all of them for being nominated by their Heads of House for being amazing!





Years 7, 8 and 9 have their Prep projects to be completing this half-term. Details of this can be found on our website [here](#). Homework club runs every evening from 3pm to 4pm and is based in a computer room so if your child would like a quiet place to work then they would be very welcome to attend.

The weather is decidedly chillier than it was, so pupils are encouraged to come to school appropriately dressed- a coat and gloves are a good idea! We ask pupils to remove outside garments inside the building so it might be worth considering getting a locker for your child so they can store coats etc safely. If you have any questions about lockers, please email Mr Proudly on [proudley-vaughn@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:proudley-vaughn@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

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

It was great to welcome everyone back this week. Autumn 2 is a very busy term for us and has started with the year 5 residential trip to Minstead. It sounds like the children have been having a wonderful time and have seen some amazing animals and learnt lots of new skills.

This week, Year R have been learning all about fireworks and their significance in different celebrations, such as Diwali and Bonfire Night. The children were discussing the importance of staying safe around fireworks and showed how responsible they can be when talking about fire safety. They were also very excited to have the opportunity to explore the fire engine that visited Mayfield and to talk to the firefighters about everything they had learned.

Year 1 had a great start to their half term as we kick started our topic with our 'Heroes Day'. It was brilliant to see so many wonderful costumes and for children to see such a range of heroes. We would like to thank parents/carers for their support with this. Children were very lucky to have special visitors who came in to talk to them about their job and why it was important. We also completed different activities throughout the day and reflected on how thankful we are for all these amazing heroes!



We look forward to continuing our topic and holding our parent event towards the end of half term!

In year 2 it has been lovely to see the children return and introduce them to our new topic for this half term - Healthy Me!! We have been looking at poems in English and making inferences as well as continuing this idea within our daily reading sessions. We have started learning about where food comes from as well as using a knife to cut up food using two different holds. We used the bridge hold

to cut through the middle of grape and cherry and the claw grip to carefully slice the banana and cucumber. We enjoyed eating the food after we had finished cutting them!!



This week Year 3 launched their tasty new topic- Earth's Kitchen. We tried lots of exciting foods from Italy, Chile (not chilli con carne) and the United Kingdom. We reflected on which foods we did and didn't enjoy, lots of us pulled funny faces whilst trying olives!



This week the children in year 4 were introduced to their new topic 'I'm a Survivor'. We will continue to learn about rainforests this half term but will focus specifically on survival. To hook them into their topic we held a food tasting on Monday where the children tried lots of food that tribes in the rainforest would eat to survive. We tried papaya, avocado, fish, honey, pineapple, sweet potato and a rather delicious chicken stew made by Miss Gregory!



Year 6 have enjoyed their first week back after half-term. They began the week with a new topic launch day where they began to explore the world and their global connections within it (relatives, food, famous people etc...). The children have also spent time practising their understanding of dialogue in writing, reading *Wind in the Willows* and working on mental strategies in maths.

Please can I ask parents not to send sweets in with the children. Sweets are not allowed in school unless they are as part of a celebration to give out to classes in which case these should be passed to the class teacher who will hand them out at the end of the day.

A number of parents are not adhering to our school lunch box policy. Lunch boxes must not contain chocolate, sweets, crisps or sugary drinks. Please do not send these in with the children.

Next week we will be selling poppies in Primary classrooms. If you would like your child to make a donation for a poppy, please send them in with a contribution between Monday and Thursday. On Thursday the children will take part in a special Remembrance assembly. Any children who are members of the Guiding/Scouting/Cadets movements are very welcome to wear their uniform in for this important occasion.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November Primary pupils are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for Children in Need. We will be collecting £1 donations on the gate in support of this event.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December the whole school have been invited to wear their Christmas jumper in lieu of their blazer. Again, we will be collecting £1 donations on the gate to go to Save the Children. If you have any Christmas jumpers at home that your children have grown out of, we would welcome them in order to pass on to children who do not have one so that they too can join in the Christmas fun.

Finally, pupils should not be bringing Pokemon cards and fidget toys into school. They are causing lots of issues with pupils losing them and swapping them but then wanting them back! If children do bring the cards in, they will be removed by the teacher and handed back to parents at the end of the day.

I hope that you all have a super weekend and enjoy any fireworks safely!

If you do not already please make sure to follow the school Facebook & Instagram page @mayfield\_school.