

## **HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes**

You may be aware that during the course of this week we hosted a routine “Section 8” inspection from OfSTED. Whilst the outcome of the inspection cannot be shared until the full report is published, I can comment that the team found many, many strengths within our school. Pleasingly, those areas where they have asked the school to focus completely aligned with our own view of the school – and our action plan. Once the final report is ready, we will, of course, share this with you. I would like to extend my thanks to all who contributed to online surveys and questionnaires – this really helped the team and they asked me to say “thank you”.

I am aware that the Year 7 disco had to be cancelled at very short notice. I am deeply sorry this had to be the case, however, the DJ booked failed to honour their commitment and this was outside of our control. We will reschedule this, with a different provider!

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 2022 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=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](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 apologise for having to cancel the Year 7 Disco yesterday evening, the DJ let us down at the last minute and while we were able to cover the year 6 Disco with school staff we were not able to do this for the year 7's. We will be rescheduling the Disco's as soon as we are able to book in with a different DJ. Thank you so much for your understanding.

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).

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 either in their pyjamas, in something yellow or something spotty 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**

I was so very proud of the Senior pupils on Thursday as we honoured the two-minute silence at 11am. We had one House in an assembly, but half of the school were out on break. Absolute silence fell across the canteen as we honoured those who gave their lives for our freedom. Well done to all of the Senior pupils for showing such great respect.

I would like to offer a personal thank you to every child who spoke to one of our Ofsted visitors this week. They were articulate and were happy to talk about their work and the school. So thank you very much to all of them for taking their responsibility to represent the school so seriously and for reflecting on their work and their experience of school so well.

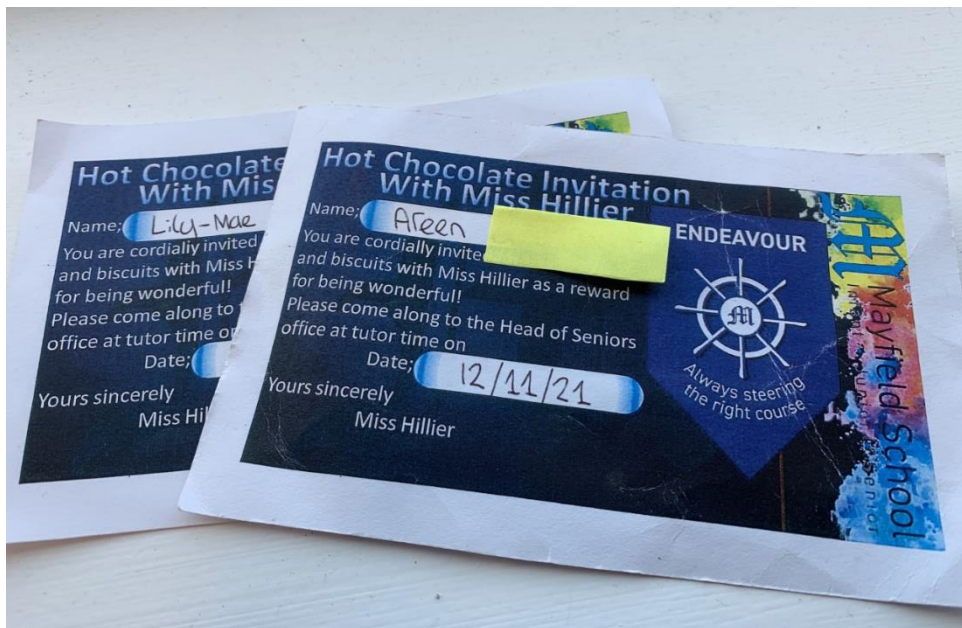
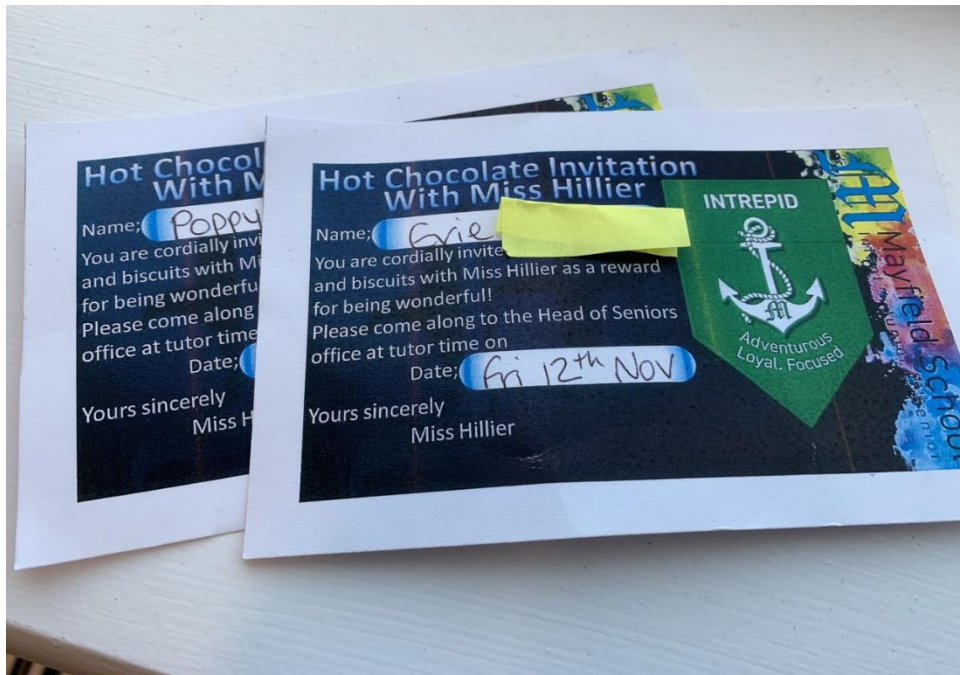
Year 11 have started their Mock exams. We are all getting used to the logistics of how exams will work in terms of set up in our new building. They went into the very first exam we have ever run in this building on Monday calmly and with great purpose. We have been running “energizer sessions” at 8:15am every morning for the pupils to get them in the right frame of mind for each exam. Even if your child hasn’t attended yet they are very welcome every morning next week at 8:15am to spend some time with subject specialists getting them ready for the exam- please help them set an early alarm!

We have continued to have sporting success this year with our Year 9 football team beating Springfield 4-1 last week- well done to all involved.

This week for Hot Chocolate Friday I had the pleasure of some lovely Year 7 pupils who have all been nominated by their Heads of House for being fabulous!

This week the pupils were:

Victory	Emily and Tayla
Discovery	Jadesola and George
Intrepid	Poppy and Evie
Endeavour	Areen and Lily-Mae





The weather has become decidedly autumnal with showers and winds visiting us. We do ask pupils to remove their outer wear before coming into the school building. Another reminder that if you would like to hire a locker for your child to use to store their belongs during the school day then you can do this using our Scopay system. If you have any questions about this, then please contact Mr Proudley on [proudley-vaughn@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:proudley-vaughn@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

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

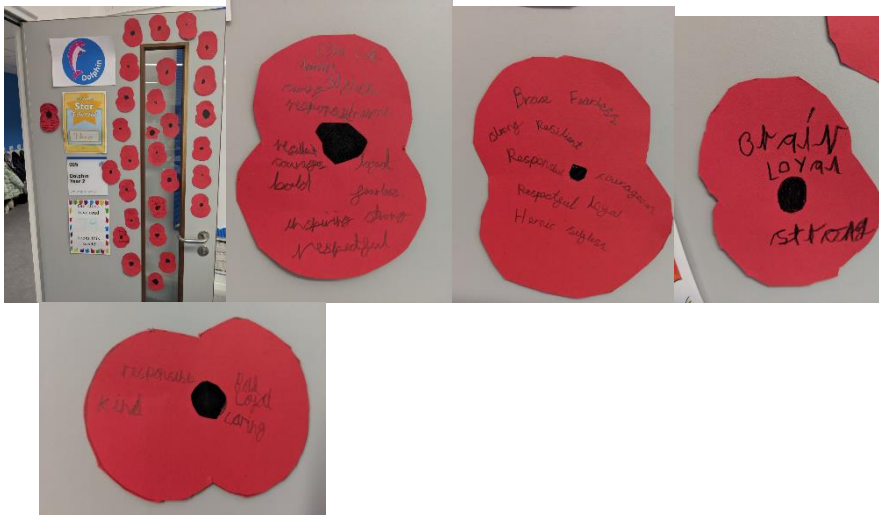
Well, it has certainly been a very busy week in primary. Caribbean class had a fantastic residential in Minstead and were full of stories about what they had been up to on the trip. On Thursday the children were respectful and behaved in an exemplary way at their Remembrance assembly. I would like to thank the year 6 children who helped to sell poppies this week. They took their roles very seriously and acted in a very responsible way.

Our children really did themselves proud during our recent visit from OfSTED. Our visitors spoke very highly of the children, especially those who they were lucky enough to meet with.

This week Year 1 have been exploring and making number bonds to 10. In English, we wrote sentences about the responsibilities heroes have. On Thursday, we talked about Remembrance Day and the importance of this occasion. We found out why we wear poppies and used a range of art techniques to create our own poppies.



In English year 2 have been busy learning all about acrostic poems and creating their own class one about Fireworks. They have also revisited adjectives and learnt about alliteration. In Science, they have been learning about animals and their babies and all did some super work on the life cycles of frogs. Year 2 were all very respectful during Remembrance Day assemblies and created some lovely poppies choosing adjectives to describe all people who have served in any war.



This week, Year 3 carried on their writing journey of instructions by decorating their own gingerbread men. They recorded the steps they carried out and then used this to start writing their own instructions. To celebrate Remembrance Day, they created their own collage using emotive news reports and watercolour.



Year 4 this week have set up a science investigation to find out which liquid will change the eggs the most. We are looking forward to taking the eggs out on Monday and seeing what has happened!

All children in Year 4 this week have been very sensible and respectful, especially during Remembrance Day where they wrote letters to soldiers who had died in WW1 to say thank you.

Thanks to everyone who has now paid the second instalment for Minstead on Scopay. Please ensure that you do this asap if you haven't. Please speak to your child's class teacher if there are any issues.



Year 5 have enjoyed their residential at Minstead! They enjoyed learning outside and working as a team. This included learning how to look after our wildlife and exploring the New Forest.

In maths, Year 5 have started to learn about multiplication. This includes formal written methods and how to use them to become more efficient.

In English, Year 5 have been learning how to write an effective poem. The pupils have been learning skills including metaphors, personification and onomatopoeia.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week of learning: they started a new science topic about living things, sorting them into the five kingdoms; they have been completing work on bar modelling for barvember; they have been practising using expanded join phrases and looking at the role of cities in our world. They then spent the morning on Thursday learning about Remembrance Day and the impact it has had on our lives.



On Monday we will be saying “no” to bullying by wearing odd socks to school. This is in support of the Anti-Bullying alliance and marks the start of anti-bullying week. If you would like more information about this organisation, please click on this link: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day>

We have had a few issues recently with property being lost at school. Please ensure that any items that come into school are clearly named. Please also encourage your child to be extra careful with their things especially when returning from swimming or changing from PE or an extra-curricular club.