

## HT Message

I would like to wish all members of our community a 'Healthy and Happy 2020'. With the end of year celebrations now fading quickly in our memory, I would like to thank all of those who supported our various events and performances. In particular, special mention should go to the 'Friends of Mayfield'. This is group of parents and friends who organise fundraising activities throughout the year to help us buy the little extras our budget cannot reach. They are always looking for extra help from anyone with an association with the school (past or present). If you are interested becoming part of this group then please email Mrs. Judith Firth, Chair FOM, on [FirthJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:FirthJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

I would like to remind all of our community that we have a number of dedicated staff that are very happy to support parents, carers and the wider family of any pupil in our school. Please do not hesitate to contact them for information, help and advice:

For support with:	Email address
Special educational needs including in class support, dyslexia screening and adjustments for examinations;	<a href="mailto:AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding issues at home or in school;	<a href="mailto:RogersF@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">RogersF@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Behavioural issues at home or in school;	<a href="mailto:Sands@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">Sands@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Attendance issues	<a href="mailto:Rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">Rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Health and well-being including accessing the school's nurse;	<a href="mailto:Rowntree@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">Rowntree@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Careers guidance including college applications;	<a href="mailto:DenfordR@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">DenfordR@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Applying for Free School Meals	<a href="mailto:Hamilton@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">Hamilton@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Service children and those in receipt of the 'Pupil Premium Grant'	<a href="mailto:AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>
Anything else!	<a href="mailto:John@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk">John@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</a>

Over the holiday you should have received an envelope containing your child's report and 2020 calendar. Also, a letter from me was posted online. A copy can be found [here](#). If you did not get this, or have recently moved house. Please alert our Mrs. Helen Patis, SIMS Manager on [Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Spring 1. This can be downloaded [here](#).

### **Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)**

Theme of the week: Careers MOLIMA

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January is a Week A

This week our Year 11 have undertaken their real Cambridge National exam in PE and their BTEC music exam. The pupils worked very hard for these and we very much look forward to getting the results back to confirm how well they have done. A massive "Well Done" to Year 11 for all your hard work.

PIRA and PUMA tests have started for Years 7 and 8 and we have the Year 10 Mayfields next week. The link to the exam timetable is on our website [here](#). If you have any questions about the exam process then please contact Mrs Head on [head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) and if you have any

questions or worries about your child then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. A full list of tutors is on our website [here](#).

MOLIMA, (My Only Limitation Is My Ambition) fortnight starts on Monday. There is a huge range of activities across the whole school. Information is available on our website [here](#). Please ask your child over the course of the next few weeks what they have been up to.

Our Year 7 Parents Evening is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 4pm until 7pm. Booking is via our website [here](#). We look forward to welcoming you to discuss your child's progress at school- please put the date in your diary!

Years 7 and 8 have their Spring 1 Prep projects. Details of the projects are on our website here and in your child's planner you should find the interim deadlines for each stage of the project. We encourage the children to spread the projects out over the time available- it is not sensible to try to do them all in the first week of getting them, or equally leave all to the last minute.

Pupils have been reminded via tutor and assemblies this week of the reward trip and prom criteria for this year which can be found on our website [here](#). Pupils need to meet the criteria in order to qualify for these rewards.

On Saturday 1st February Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Sands will be hosting a detention from 8.30am until 11.30am for any pupil who has been late to school more than three times between Monday 13th January and Friday 24th February without a valid reason. Pupils need to be on time every day so that they do not miss essential learning.

### **Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)**

Happy New Year to all of our families! We have had a very busy start to the term in the Primary section with the children getting hooked into their new topics. Year 5 enjoyed a Harry Potter themed Hook Day on Monday, before heading to Warner Brother Studios on Tuesday. The children had a magical day, touring the film sets and taking part in a Costume Design workshop. Everyone showed great interest and enthusiasm for the topics and the year group were an absolute credit to the school – well done Year 5!

We have also welcomed some new staff and some returning staff this week. Mrs Hall has returned from maternity leave to be with the Dolphins class, while Mrs Jonkers has also returned and is teaching the Jellyfish class on Monday and Tuesday. We have also welcomed two new Teaching Assistants in Year R, Mrs Harris and Mrs Dollman.

We are looking to give parents better information about the topics that the children are studying by developing a Knowledge Organiser for each topic in Years 1 to 6. A copy of the Knowledge Organiser for your child's topic will be coming home in the bookbag this evening. The Knowledge Organisers also include details of this half-term's Prep projects. Please see your child's class teacher if you need any further information about these projects.

We have one of our regular Coffee Mornings scheduled for next Wednesday at 9am in Café Tranquilo. The Coffee Mornings are an opportunity for parents to come in, ask questions and provide feedback on the school while getting to meet other parents. There is no need to book for this event, please meet by the Infant Gate at 9am if you are able to join us.

We are looking forward to our annual 'My Only Limitation Is My Ambition' fortnight next week when we will be welcoming visitors to talk to us about the work that they did and how they managed to achieve their ambitions in life. As ever, Mrs Sheppard has organised a tremendous range of visitors and we are looking forward to hearing from different people from a whole range of areas including Art, Dance, Music, Science, Geology, Medicine and Education.

Our Assemblies this week focussed on the Learning Superpower of being Respectful. We talked to the children about how they can demonstrate this superpower at school and home. It was a pleasure to give out so many Respectful Certificates in Celebration Assembly this afternoon.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for ensuring the children who cycle or scoot to school are wearing a helmet. The message of road safety is very important to us, so a helmet is now a compulsory item for all cyclists and scooters.

### **Head of Pre-school and Nursery**

Welcome back after the Christmas break and a very Happy New Year to you all!

Funding forms are being sent out this week, please fill in all the information on the form and return back to school no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The topic in class will be 'winter'. We will be exploring different textures, looking at shapes and manipulating various media to create their planned effect in their art work.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- Discuss changes we observe in the local environment, showing an awareness of change;
- Create a snowman out of available resources;
- Discuss what shapes they have used to create a snowman, developing mathematical language;
- Introduce new vocabulary linking to the topic.

Homework this week is a Winter Hunt, this is a fun activity to do together in the garden, or the woods – please take lots of photos which we can display.

Letter sound for the week is 'N'. We are looking forward to your lovely creations.