

HT Message

The FOM Christmas Fayre is due to take place on this afternoon (Friday) between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. All members of our community are most welcome. This event has been organised by the "Friends of Mayfield". If you would like to join this group, then please contact the Chair of the FOM, Mrs. Judith Firth on FirthJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Please be aware that during the final week of this term, all pupils and staff will be invited to have a traditional Christmas Dinner, served in our Main Hall. We will adjust the timings of the school day to accommodate this event. More details can be found [here](#) (Communications from Us – Whole School Postings).

We are planning to send home your child's progress report before the Christmas break via their tutor or class teacher.

The last day of this term is Friday 20th December. Please note that school will close early to all pupils at 1.35pm. **There will be no extra-curricular activities or tea time club on this day.**

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Autumn 2. This can be downloaded [here](#). (Communications from Us – Events)

Head of Seniors

A busy penultimate week of the term as we count down to the Christmas meal celebrations next week. Please remember that your child is allowed to swap their blazer for a Christmas Jumper on the day their House has their meal- Endeavour Monday, Intrepid Tuesday, Discovery Wednesday and Victory Thursday. I look forward to celebrating with the pupils.

Your child will be receiving their report in tutor next week. Please ask them for it- so it doesn't stay in their bags! The report also includes details of Years 7, 8 and 10 exams.

Copies of the timetables for these exams can be found [here](#). In the Year 11 reports you will also find copies of the period 6 timetables which start in January.

Your child will receive information next week from their teachers about topics and what to revise. Please do talk to them about their upcoming exams. If you have any questions about the exams please contact Mrs Head on head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

As the cold weather sets in there are always coughs and colds going round. Your child should be in school every day unless they are really unwell. If you are unsure in the morning then please do send your child in as our medical room will be able to contact you if your child needs to go home. Mostly we find that once pupils are in school they manage to get through the day. It is always hard to catch up on work missed so it is better to come in if at all possible. Our Educational Welfare Officer, Mrs Rolfe would be happy to talk to you if you have any questions about attendance. She can be reached on rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.ch.uk.

Year 11 have their Cambridge National PE exam first week back after Christmas on Wednesday 8th January. In addition, some Year 11 will have their BTEC Music exam on Thursday 9th January. These are REAL exams so it is very important they are in school for these exams.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that when pupils return in January they need to be in full school uniform, which is school trousers not jeans, and not have any unusually coloured or cut hair. False nails will have to be removed and all Christmas jewellery should be safely left at home- the only jewellery permitted at school is a single earring in each ear lobe- one per ear. No rings, necklaces, bracelets or other piercings should be worn and they will have to be removed if seen. Thank you for your cooperation in reminding your children of this.

A number of parents will have received a letter regarding lateness to school over the last few weeks. Please ensure that your child is in school at 8:10am if they are in Years 7 or 8 and by 8:40am if they are in Years 9-11. Lateness will impact not only your own child's learning but that of the rest of the class who are interrupted as latecomers arrive. Thank you for your support.

Head of Primary

We have had a wonderful set of festive performances this week. Our week started with the Year 4 Rainforests Topic Outcome Assembly which included some superb singing and fascinating facts about the rainforests. On Wednesday, it was Year 1 and 2's turn to shine in their Christingle Assembly, which was a lovely occasion. The children sang the Christmas Carols beautifully and I was very proud of Year 2 readers who led the assembly, displaying such confidence to read so fluently in front of all of those people.

Our week of performances finished with the Year R Nativity on Thursday. I'm sure that you will agree that this was a fantastic performance that transported us back in time to the magical events in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. The children did so well to learn all of their lines and the songs and the play was performed with tremendous energy. Thank you to all of the parents and families who came along to these performances – we really appreciated your support!



As well as all of our performances on the stage, we have continued our success with sports with the Year 1 Gymnastics team taking part in the Portsmouth Schools Gymnastics Festival on Monday. Well done to the team for competing so well!



The classes in Year 4 and 5 have also been getting into the competitive spirit this week preparing their stalls for the Friends of Mayfield Christmas Fayre. Each class was given a start-up budget of £30 to develop their original business idea with the group who made the biggest profit winning a class party courtesy of the Friends of Mayfield. There have been great ideas for the stalls and the winning class will be announced on Monday.

The children who took part in the summer Stomp for Stamps campaign received their toys in Celebration Assembly today. We have been informed by Portsmouth City Council we had the most children completing this challenge out of all of the primary schools in the city, so we will be receiving a special visit from Stomper himself next week as a special reward. Thank you to all of the families who supported this challenge.

The Booking System for Spring 1 Extra-Curricular is now open for all year groups. The Booking System will remain open until 12 noon on Monday 16th December, so please make sure that you secure your child's spaces in the clubs before this deadline. Monday 16th December is also the deadline for the hand-in of the Autumn 2 Prep projects. I'm looking forward to having a group of children from each class along for a Reward Tea to talk about their Prep over the next week.

We are looking forward to the Christmas dinners next week when we will be joining with our Houses in Seniors. Children can wear their Christmas jumper to school on the day of their Christmas dinner instead of their blazer. The days for the Christmas dinners are:

- Monday – Endeavour
- Tuesday – Intrepid
- Wednesday – Discovery
- Thursday – Victory
- Friday – Year R

I hope that we will have some spare Christmas jumpers that we will be able to lend to children on the day.

Finally, can I please remind parents that children who cycle or scoot to school need to wear a helmet when we return after the Christmas holidays. Please make sure that you are prepared for this new requirement.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

What a wonderful performance your children gave in their Christmas Nativity 'The Star Won't Shine'. They all looked amazing on stage, so very proud of all their hard work, such a beautiful way to start your Christmas celebrations!

In the last week of term, the topic will still continue with the theme 'Christmas'. We shall be discussing the importance of thanking others for the kind things they do for us.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- What little gift we can leave for Santa and his reindeer to thank them for what they have done;
- Christmas counting;
- Create Christmas decorations.

Finally, a gentle reminder the Christmas party is the last day of term. This is a non-uniform day – school is open from 10am till 1pm.

Arrangements for Christmas Lunch 2019

In support of our ethos, we believe that every member of our school community should sit together as a 'house' and have a traditional Christmas meal served in our Main Hall. This is a key event in our end of year celebrations and something that staff and pupils eagerly await! To facilitate this, we run a modified Senior Section timetable during the last week of the Autumn 2 half term as shown below, the Primary Timetable is unaffected. In terms of payment, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.10 from all pupils unless they are in Years R, 1 and 2 or are eligible for a 'Free School Meal'. Staff meals are complimentary. Finally, all pupils and staff are welcome to wear a 'Christmas Jumper' on the day of their respective Christmas Lunch. We strongly encourage 'home-made' efforts to keep costs down!

We hope that you both support and enjoy this event.

Senior Section timetable and meals for Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

The following modified timetable will be in place between Monday 16th and Thursday 19th December for pupils in Years 7 to 11. Please note that pupils in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will take their Christmas lunch with their house on the relevant day.

Senior Section (Years 7 to 11)				
Time	Monday – 16 th	Tuesday – 17 th	Wednesday – 18 th	Thursday – 19 th
7.45 to 8.15	Breakfast Club in Café Tranquilo from 7.45am – No charge Senior entrance opens from 7.45am			
8.15 to 8.45	Resilience (Years 7 and 8 only)			
8.45 to 9.45	Period 1			
9.45 to 10.45	Period 2			
10.45 to 11.10	Break (all houses) punctuality bell at 11.05am			
11.10 to 12.10	Period 3			
12.10 to 1.10	Period 4 (primary lunches should be finished by 1.00pm)			
1.10 to 2.00	Lunch/Xmas Lunch/Tutor – see below punctuality whistle at 1.30pm and 1.55pm			
2.00 to 3.00	Period 5			
3.15 to 4.15	Extra-Curricular Activities/Period 6 for Year 11			

Break/Xmas Lunch/Tutor					
Time	House	Monday – 16 th	Tuesday – 17 th	Wednesday – 18 th	Thursday – 19 th
1.10 to 1.35	Discovery	Break	Break	Xmas Lunch	Break
	Victory	Break	Break	Break	Xmas Lunch
	Intrepid	Tutor	Xmas Lunch	Tutor	Tutor
	Endeavour	Xmas Lunch	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor
1.35 to 2.00	Discovery	Tutor	Tutor	Xmas Lunch	Tutor
	Victory	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Xmas Lunch
	Intrepid	Break	Xmas Lunch	Break	Break
	Endeavour	Xmas Lunch	Break	Break	Break

Year R and Pre-School

Pupils in Year R and Pre-School will take their Christmas lunch on Friday 20th December. The Senior Section will revert back to their normal timetable, however, please note that ALL pupils will be dismissed at 1.35pm. **There will be NO extra – curricular or tea time clubs running on this day.**