

## **HT Message**

Please be aware that we have released two important updates on our website. The first, around the current situation with respect to COVID 19. This can be found [here](#). The second is around some significant changes to our Primary Leadership Team. This can be found here: [\(Information for Parents: Primary Letter - 11th March 2020\)](#).

A new helpline has been launched by the Department for Education specifically aimed at staff, parents and pupils with concerns about COVID - 19:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Please note, our school will be closed to all pupils on the following INSET and Decant Days with further dates announced by February 2021:

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Spring 2. This can be downloaded here: [\(Events: Events - Spring 2 – 2020\)](#)

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

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March is a week A

The Theme of the week is Law

This week our FLS@Mayfield team had their first outing to the “Create Your Career event”, run by the EBP at Lakeside, North Harbour. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet and learn from some amazing female leaders in the world of work. More information about the day can be found on our website [here](#).

The Year 8 Options process is currently happening. If you have a child in Year 8 and you have not yet received an email to allow you to agree your child’s choices then please contact Mrs Cleary on [clearya@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:clearya@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) for assistance.

Three of our pupils were invited to attend the Portsmouth City Council event “Miss School Miss Out” for pupils with great attendance. The three children who went were a credit to us and were lucky enough to win some fabulous prizes! Portsmouth are striving to improve attendance across all the schools in the city and you will see #MissSchoolMissOut on many posters throughout the city. There is a direct link between good attendance and good outcomes at school- so coming to school is very important. If you have any concerns about your child’s attendance then please contact our EWO, Mrs Role, on [rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) as she would be delighted to help you.

We took 15 Year 7 pupils to the Portsmouth Indoor Athletics competition at the Mountbatten Centre on Thursday and I am delighted to announce that we came first in both the Girls and the Boys events! Huge well done to all the pupils involved.

The Year 9 Option process will begin in the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> March and the forms that need to be completed will be given out at the Parents Evening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Please do come along between 4pm and 7pm and meet your child’s teachers. Booking is available on our website [here](#).

The last Year 11 Parents Evening of the year is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Booking is available on our website [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there so we can discuss these last few important weeks with you and your child.

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 should be working on their Prep projects. The information about these is on our website [here](#).

Once again can I ask you to talk to your child about their punctuality to school. We know as adults that in our working lives we cannot be regularly late to work and expect to keep our jobs, which is why it is so important that the pupils develop good habits now. Could you please check that your child has an alarm set for an appropriate time in the morning – we appreciate your support.

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

We had two very busy Parents Evenings this week. Thank you to all of the families who attended these evenings and I hope that you found the meeting with your child’s teacher to be informative and helpful.

The Travelling Book Fair arrived in time for Thursday’s Parents Evening, generating lots of enthusiasm and interest in the books that are for sale. The Book Fair is going to be here every day after school until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, based in the foyer outside the Main Hall. Please come along and support this event.

We have had more sporting success this week with great performances from our Year 4 and 5 girls and boys football teams in the Portsmouth Leagues. We are looking forward to entering a team of Year 4s in the Portsmouth Schools Fun Run on Tuesday.

I was very proud that two of Primary children were invited to a special ceremony this week after being nominated for awards in the Portsmouth School Attendance Awards – well done Vada and Olivia!

Following suggestions for the School Council, we have introduced different lunchtime arrangements for Junior pupils this week. Some children felt that they were under pressure to rush their food as they saw their friends had finished and were going out to play. Therefore, we are making sure that all children spend at least 25 minutes in the dining hall so that they have ample time to eat their lunch without feeling rushed.

One of the highlights of the school year is always the Year 1 performance of Red Hot Jungle. We have been practising the songs in our Singing Assemblies and it promises to be a wonderful production. There are two separate performances at 9.30am and 2.30pm and tickets can be booked through the Online Booking System from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

We are now over half-way through this half-term and I hope that your child is making good progress with their current Prep project. Please see your child's class teacher if you need any information or support in completing the project for this half-term.

Letters sent home this week can be found [here](#):

- Year 1 Red Hot Jungle
- Year 1 Harold Hillier Gardens
- Year 5 Mayan Day