

## **Interim Headteacher Message**

Thank you to all our parents who have sent pupils in this week with water bottles - it has definitely been a very warm week. In response to the predicted heat at the start of next week we will make the following adjustments to uniform requirements for the last week of term:

- Ties do not need to be worn;
- Pupils may wear any plain black shorts;
- Full PE kit may be worn to school.

We will continue to encourage the pupils to stay out of the direct sun and we would like to remind parents to remind pupils to come to school with suncream on- and bring the means to top this up during the day.

Over the last few weeks, we have been checking our school systems with a planned fire drill practice and a planned lockdown practice. These both went well, and we will be running through them again in the Autumn term to make sure our new entrants understand the procedures.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that as a school any incidents that occur at school are dealt with swiftly and thoroughly. We have school systems that are followed. Our anti-bullying policy and our behaviour policy are on our website

### **Bullying**

Incidents of bullying can be reported by pupils, parents or any member of our school community.

Pupils who are being bullied will be supported.

Pupils who are bullying will be dealt with using a range of age-appropriate sanctions

eg

Loss of breaktime

Detention

Removal from class to work elsewhere

Be placed on an anti-bullying contract

Suspension from school

Alternative provision

Change of placement

### **Bringing a prohibited item into school:**

Should a child be found to have brought a prohibited item to school we:

- Report to DSL to confirm whether the item needs reporting to the police or PCC
- Confiscate the item (as per behaviour policy-weapons, knives, stolen items and illegal substances will be handed over to the police)
- Inform parents of the perpetrator
- Where appropriate, instigate daily searches on arrival to school in addition to random searches to ensure no further incidents
- Sanction the child for the incident using a range of sanctions

### **Attack by a child on another child in school:**

- Ensure the victim is medically treated and supported

- Inform parent of both parties
- Investigate the attack thoroughly
- Sanction as appropriate
- Use interventions such as restorative meetings

#### **Threat made by a child to another child during non-school hours:**

If it is reported to school that a threat has been made by another pupil during non-school hours we will:

- Recommend to parents of victim to report to the police
- Remind the community of the age restrictions on social media platforms (where this has been the medium of threat):
  - o Snap chat 13
  - o Tiktok 13
  - o Whatsapp 16
  - o Instagram 13
- When school informed, alert staff to be vigilant
- Depending on what the threat is, school may also complete a CPI (Community Partnership Intervention Sharing form)- this goes to the police so they can monitor behaviour in the area
- As a school, we work together with external agencies in order to ensure that any concerns are shared so that we can work together. This may include:
  - o MASH
  - o PCSOs/Police Liaison
  - o Social Care

I would like to extend my thanks this week to Miss Andrews and Mrs Rogers for stepping up to their interim positions to support the smooth running of the school in this transition period. I know both of them are working very hard to ensure that everything is running well, and I know they appreciate the support they have received from the community body over this time.

#### **End of Year Reports**

Parents in the Senior Section should have received their child's End of Year Report through the SIMS App. There will also be a hard copy of the report in the school posting that it being sent out today.

Parents of Primary children will receive their children's End of Year Report in the posting in the children's bookbags this afternoon.

#### **End of term arrangements**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is the last day for all our pupils.

Senior pupils will be dismissed at 12pm and Primary pupils will be dismissed at 12:10pm. We will then welcome back all our current pupils, and new entrants to Years 3 and 7, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Inset Days – September 2022**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September are going to be Inset Days. The first day back for all pupils, other than Year R, will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Meet the New Headteacher event**

Mr Howard is hosting an event on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm in school for our neighbours and members of the local community. We will be delivering flyers to local houses, and we will publicise this on our website and social media- please do “save the date”.

### **Attendance matters**

Attendance is the responsibility of everyone. As parents/carers you have a legal responsibility to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. At the end of this term, all parents/carers will be receiving a posting home containing information around their child’s attendance for this year. It will also contain information to some changes regarding attendance for the next school year.

As a school, we want to work with you to overcome any barriers to your child attending school so please do contact us if there is anything that we can do to help support you with your child’s attendance.

We will also be inviting in targeted groups of parents and pupils for meetings on the two INSET days before the children return to school in September. If you receive an invitation to a meeting, it is important that you attend.

### **Travel Plan**

The school is required to have a Travel Plan in place, and we are currently reviewing our plan at the end of our first year in the new school building. Senior section pupils will be asked to complete a short questionnaire in their tutor time sessions next week. Please can **Primary parents** complete the Google questionnaire below for each of their children. It should take less than a minute each:

<https://forms.gle/vkKbj2Wi3gdMWfDf9>

Many thanks!

### **Stomps for Stamps 2022**



Do your children love to explore their local area, have fun and get fit, all for free? Then Stomp for Stamps is the perfect summer holiday activity for you! Walk, cycle and scoot your way through this treasure hunt and win prizes too!

To take part children can visit their local library, with an adult, to collect a Stomp for Stamps booklet (**available from Saturday 23 July**). Each booklet contains four route maps to help families and friends track down the Pompey Monsters and their animal friends. Kids can put their creative skills to the test by taking colourful rubbings of the monsters and creatures to exchange for a sticker at their local library. Once children have collected at least three stickers they can choose their Pompey Monster

prize, including a NEW cotton drawstring bag - great for days out! Want to know more? Visit [www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stompforstamps](http://www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stompforstamps)

### **Mobile Phones**

We have noticed an increase in pupils attempting to use their mobile phone in the building. The use of mobile phones is strictly regulated and if a pupil is using a phone without permission – this is forbidden and will be confiscated if seen. This is non-negotiable so please speak to your child regarding this. If pupils refuse to hand over their phone, the schools behaviour policy will be applied.

### **Uniform**

The Mayfield uniform comprises black trousers, a Mayfield blazer, white shirt and Mayfield tie. If pupils wish to wear a skirt to school, it must be a Mayfield skirt and must be of a suitable length, not rolled up to make it shorter. If you need financial support with purchasing uniform, please email Mrs Anders on [AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

We have a well-stocked pre-loved uniform shop on site. Please consider donating uniform items to us if you are buying over the summer holidays. We are always in need of:

- Blazers;
- Ties;
- PE tops;
- Skirts;
- Trousers.

Donated items can be left at reception in a bag marked Friends of Mayfield. Please note that any items of lost property left at the end of this term will be donated to the pre-loved shop.

### **ClassCharts**

During the remainder of this half term, we are asking senior staff to trial a new piece of software called ClassCharts. This will be gradually rolled out to the whole school in September, and it is hoped that it will give parents a better understanding of what is happening in terms of learning and behaviour for their children. More information about this roll-out will be with you towards the end of term and will be sent out by post.

### **Free School Meals Vouchers for the Summer Holidays**

The free school meal vouchers have been processed by the school and should now be with parents. If you have not received your voucher, please email [stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) so that any errors can be rectified before the start of the school holidays.

If your circumstances have recently changed and you wish to benefit from this scheme, you can complete an eligibility check for free school meals via the Portsmouth City Council website:

[School meals - Portsmouth City Council](#)

The form is very quick to complete, and your eligibility is confirmed to the school within days.

### **Families needing support**

We understand that some families may be facing financial difficulties and hardship. The link below is a direct link to the Portsmouth City Council website where you can find links to different areas of support, such as a link to the HIVE where you can get support with uniform, food banks and many more.

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/benefits-and-support/help-and-support/help-for-people-in-financial-hardship-directory/>

### **Interim Head of Seniors – Mrs Fiona Rogers**

Well, it has certainly been a very hot one this week! Thank you to everyone who has made sure that their child has arrived at school with their refillable water bottle. Please remind children to bring them in so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

This week our Year 11 geographers have been on their field trip to Southsea. Thank you to all of the staff who supported the trip and helped to ensure that the children collected the information needed. I hope that everyone enjoyed the walk!



Thank you to the House teams who hosted the House competitions in assembly this week. I managed to sneak into a couple of these and witnessed some very competitive tutors trying to hit the target with their bow and arrow. Congratulations to the winners of each House who won some ice lollies for their tutor groups.



Year 10 GCSE students have been working incredibly hard using physical theatre and lighting to enhance their script work. It's been really lovely to see them exploring different ideas and being resilient in their performance work. Mrs Firth has been able to write 10 postcards this week which is awesome.



One of our Bee Kind ambassadors, Evelyn B in year 8 Intrepid House, was concerned by the amount of litter she had seen around the local area and wanted to do something about it. The message went



out to Intrepid House and her call was answered! Well done to all of those who supported the litter pick in College Park.



A number of pupils and parents have asked to see some more photos of the school prom. Thank you to Miss Hutchinson who has sent some over. We have had some excellent feedback about the prom and cannot wait until the next one!



I have been making the most of our new ClassCharts system to congratulate those pupils who are in the top 10 for achievement this week. So, a big well done to:

Riley S	EN04
Zeki E	EN02
Maisie B	IN03
Lily M	EN06
Christina O	EN07
Peter-Jack G	VI03
April B	EN04
Eesha H	EN07
Mari P	IN05
Dexter H	EN03

It looks like Endeavour House are running away with this week with 7 out of 10 pupils belonging to them!

Next Thursday we will be drawing our big attendance prizes. One lucky winner will be walking away with £150 voucher for Nike. Pupils must be in school to take home the prize. If they are not in, another winner will be drawn.

On a final note, please can I remind you of the importance of punctuality to school. We will be focusing very much on this from September and need the children to get into the habit of being in school on time. A reminder that years 7 and 8 MUST be in school by 8:10am and years 9 to 11 by 8:40am. If children are not in time for registration, they will be marked as an unauthorised absence which could lead to a fixed penalty notice for each adult with parental responsibility for them.

## **Interim Head of Primary – Miss Pippa Andrews**

Before we get to the news from this week, I would like to take this opportunity to clear up any confusion around uniform from September .... Uniform clarification: This message went out on SIMs app this week on Tuesday but just in case anyone hasn't seen it, please see below message regarding uniform requirements:

*Following last night's new yR parents' evening, I realise there is confusion around uniform requirements from September. I apologise for this confusion and would like to clarify branded / non-branded uniform requirements:*

**Compulsory branded** items that your children must have:

- blazer
- tie
- PE top

Other **optional items** that can be purchased if you chose are below. They **must also be branded** Mayfield items:

- school shorts
- school skirt
- school jumper
- summer dress

Other **compulsory items** that your child needs but that **do not have to be branded** items are:

- black school trousers
- white short or long-sleeved shirt
- black, polishable shoes with no tags or marking
- black or white socks
- black or skin coloured tights
- black PE shorts
- trainers or plimsoles for PE

In other news from primary, we have been managing in the sunny temperatures and have not let them stop us! We have got jugs of water and cups in all classrooms as a further encouragement to keep children drinking plenty of water but please ensure your child does have a water bottle in school. (The water from the taps in all classes is drinking water; we're just trying to make it even more obvious and encourage plenty of water drinking before anyone worries!).

Years 2, 3 and 6 have been out on trips this week to Sea City Museum, St Mary's Church for a windpipe extravaganza and Portsmouth Guildhall for an enterprise project. Years 3 and 5 have enjoyed welcoming parents in to share in the work they've done this half term, including a royal themed art gallery in year 5! Parents of year 4 children are invited to join the year 4 children at 2.45pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July next week – we'll let you in via the black gate closest to the main hall. The children are excitedly preparing everything they want to share with you.



Year 2 at Sea City

The lower school and year 2 parents were treated to an absolutely fabulous show by the year 2 children; they were all fantastic! I loved watching the show and would like to take this opportunity to again praise the children for their efforts and performance talents. Also, huge thanks to the year 2 staff team for their dedication and hard work preparing and putting on the show – especially Miss Metcalf, who has been the driving force behind it, and Miss Shanley for all her work on the props. Thank you!



We are now looking to the year 6 leavers' performance to parents scheduled for 9.15am and 2.30 on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July next week. We'll let you in via the black gate closest to the main hall.

As always, no matter the weather or time of year, we strongly encourage children to keep reading! Read to themselves, read to an adult, be read to by an adult or share a book with anyone they can – household pets included! Please keep reading! Year 6 children worked with some year 1 children this week and all read together.



Bikes and scooters before school:

Please can we ask that children are not allowed to ride bikes and scooters on the main walkway to school in the mornings while waiting for the gates to open. There are often a large number of people there waiting and some very young and little children. When children arrive at the main school gates, they should get off bikes and scooters and walk them up to the scooter racks. The scooters and bikes for years 4, 5 and 6 children now need to be left in the bike and scooter racks outside the main office,



not inside the 4, 5 and 6 play area. Pupils MUST wear a helmet if they wish to bring their bikes and scooters onto the school site. Thank you for your support.

As you know, we've been preparing for sports day this Friday ... the field is set, Mr Browning and his fleet of ex year 11s and current prefects are ready, the children are in PE kits and hopefully fully suncreamed and ready to go... I look forward to sharing news and photos from the day with you next week!

News from across the school:

Year R

This week, the children have continued to reflect on upcoming changes and are looking forward to the future. They have discussed the things they would like to be able to do when they are older and have focused on the important skills they have learnt since joining Mayfield. They also enjoyed a visit from the Pop Up Play Village, where the children got to role play in different jobs for the afternoon!

Year 2

Year 2 had a brilliant trip to Southampton's Titanic Story on Wednesday and behaved very well throughout the museum. The workshop allowed them to think how the boat sunk using ice cube trays, consider who they would put into a lifeboat and explore many artefacts including a hot water bottle, lifeboat oil bag and chamber pot which horrified all of them! We are equally proud of their efforts in their performance showing us their teamwork and responsibility skills to learn their parts and all perform with a smile. Well done Seals and Dolphins!! (see photos above)

Year 3

Some of Year 3 have had a brilliant time this week at St Mary's Church learning about their organ. They had a chance to play it and make their own musical instruments.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a great week. We have been writing acrostic poems in English about the seasons and the children have enjoyed practising and performing them to each other. In maths, we have been learning about reflective symmetry and have been plotting points on coordinate grids. The children are also enjoying finishing their learning about the water cycle through exploring precipitation.



Year 5

This week, in Year 5, the children have enjoyed inferring from the song 'Titanium.' Through this, they have been able to unpick the language and understand how the character is feeling throughout different parts. They really enjoyed this and said that they would like to unpick the language from songs again! In topic, the children enjoyed inviting the parents in and sharing their art work!