

## HT Message

Today we release the third of our videos aimed at perspective parents for September 2021 entry into Year R, 3 or 7. In this video, there is a chance to meet the Head of Seniors, Miss Hillier who is responsible for the day to day running of the Senior Section (Year 7 to 11). A link to our admissions page and videos can be found [here](#). I would be most grateful if you would share these via your social networks. In the coming weeks we will be releasing further videos aimed specifically for parents and carers thinking about enrolling their child into our Infant Section (Year R) or Junior Section (Year 3).

If your child is in the Senior Section, please support us by checking they have all of their essential equipment every day – preferably in a ‘zip lock’ transparent case. Essential items are:

- Black pen and pencil plus spares;
- Purple pen for feedback;
- Glue stick;
- 30cm Ruler and an eraser;
- CASIO Fx Series calculator;
- Face covering (unless exempt).

To make life easier, we have put together stationary packs containing the above which can be ordered using the school’s Scopay system. Packs cost £9.30 - unfortunately, we cannot handle cash. If you are having any difficulties accessing the Scopay system, please email Mr. Danny Backhouse, Finance Officer, on:

[BackhouseD@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:BackhouseD@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

We strongly advise that all items of uniform and equipment, particularly calculators, are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

The vast majority of our home to school communication, including progress reports and achievement points, are sent out via the SIMS Parent App. If you are having difficulties downloading this, then please email our SIMS Manager, Mrs. Helen Patis on:

[Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

To help you plan your time, we have provided a list of key dates for the Autumn 1 half term [here](#).

## Head of Seniors

**Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October is a week A**  
**Theme for the week is: Careers - Routes to a future**

Another busy week for the seniors. I have been lucky enough to get into a lot of classrooms this week and I have seen a lot of pupils working very hard. This hard work should be reflected in the grades you see on the pastoral reports that are coming out before half-term. The reports will be released on the e SIMS Parent App. If you have not yet got the app downloaded and need some assistance, then Mrs Patis will be able to aid you and can be contacted on [patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

I’d like to say a public “Thank you” to the students who willingly stepped up to be recorded for one of the videos we have produced! I had a very enthusiastic group of Year 7 volunteers and our two Senior Prefects carried out their filming duties with the gravitas appropriate to their position!

Another reminder that Year 11 mocks start on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The full timetable can be seen [here](#). Pupils should be regularly revising at home. Tips on revision are found on our website [here](#). If you are interested in purchasing a revision guide for your child, then these are available to buy through Scopay. There is a link to the Scopay site on our website [here](#).

Year 7 and 8 Prep needs to be handed in before half-term. Please encourage your children to make sure that they meet the deadlines set.

This has been a long half-term in the tricky situation the world is in at the moment so can I please ask you to remind your child of the basic rules we have here at Mayfield: no mobile phones, no jewellery (other than one stud in the lobe of each ear and a non-smart watch), hair at shoulder length, or longer, must be tied back, shoes must be black and polishable, and pupils must wear school trousers (not jeans or leggings). In addition, due to the world situation, each Senior pupil also needs a face covering *every day*, full equipment (as detailed above) and a refillable water bottle- we are unable to supply plastic cups. Water bottles can be refilled during break and lunchtime in the Year group canteens. Thank you so very much for your support with all of these points.

### **Head of Primary**

This week pupils have been finding out about the school council. Pupils have the opportunity to run for the class school council rep by writing a manifesto. Please encourage your child to take part by preparing their manifesto at home ready to read out on Monday. We wish all of our candidates the very best of luck!

Thank you all for your kind donations to our Harvest Festival celebration. These items will be donated to the Portsmouth Food Bank on Monday. The children will also take part in a special virtual Harvest assembly on Monday afternoon.

RE day will be taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October throughout the whole of the Primary school. The theme of RE day for this half term is thankfulness, belonging and symbolism.

PSHE day will be taking place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. For more information about this day, a letter to parents can be found [here](#) in the PSHE tab, and on your SIMS parent app. To find out more, [you can](#) also use [this link](#) which, in the PSHE tab, will take you to Jigsaw via our school website.

Extracurricular bookings for the next half term close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. If your child has been selected for extracurricular interventions with a member of teaching staff, please contact your child's teacher if you would like more information about this intervention. A list of email addresses can be found [here](#).

A reminder that Prep is due to class teachers on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020. It is always a real pleasure to see the fabulous creations produced by the children with the support of their family.

With the days getting colder and much of our PE taking place outside, it would be useful if children can make sure they have black jogging bottoms and also a long-sleeved black top to wear under their PE top or a Mayfield House coloured tracksuit top. Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly named so that they can be reunited with their owner if they are misplaced.

Can I ask that all children are school by 8.45am each day. The gates open from 8.30am in order to support our morning golden rules of hygiene. Children arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late to school. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Celebration assemblies take place every Friday and celebrate the achievements of pupils and classes throughout the week. We celebrate:

- Birthdays for the coming week with a birthday certificate;
- Top achievement points by class (all classes are listed and celebrated);
- Blue slips given out by staff who have “noticed something good”;
- Star of the week;
- Tidy corridor/cloakroom awards in the form of a winners cup;
- Learning Superpower awards with a certificate for pupils who have demonstrated these during the week;
- Friday lucky dip for pupils who have demonstrated good ethos during the week;
- Mayfield Superhero mentions for pupils who have shared good news/achievements outside of school.

Achievement points are generally linked to the 6 Learning Superpowers allowing us to reward 6R awards to pupils at the end of the school year. However, there are many other ways in which pupils can earn points such as earning a pen licence, being kind, being well-mannered, producing good work and more.

Half-term rewards will be taking place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2pm. All children will have the opportunity to participate in this event. Choices vary depending on behaviour points accrued over the half term. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with them.

Pupils in year 6 who walk home alone can bring in a mobile phone for safety reasons. However, during the school day they must be switched off and in bags. If mobile phones are seen in school, they will be confiscated until the end of the school day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please do so via the main reception.

Finally, can I please remind parents that the summer uniform needs to be put away at the end of this half-term – the summer dresses and shorts are not allowed to be worn after the October half-term holidays and should be replaced with black school trousers (not leggings), a white shirt and Mayfield tie. Additionally, pupils may choose to wear a Mayfield school skirt – this is an entirely optional item. Please can I also remind parents that boots are not allowed to be worn at school. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

The children are still learning about the Autumn season. In class we have been looking at seasonal changes and their impact. For numeracy, we have used 2d shapes to make autumn related pictures and categorise autumn materials into groups by size, colour and weight.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- Comment and ask questions;
- Physical development musical movement;
- Develop an awareness of syllables by clapping syllables in their name;
- Begin to represent number by using fingers.

Letter sound for the week is 'D'. We look forward to seeing your work and sharing your lovely creations at carpet time to promote speech sounds.

In the nursery room, the children have been working with a variety of media and materials to create autumn artwork, they have been exploring natural objects that we find in the autumn season.

Learning intentions linked to the 'Autumn' theme:

- Sorting autumn objects by size;
- Recognise autumn colours;
- Investigate objects and materials by using all their senses as appropriate.

Thank you for your support with the homework it's been amazing.

Finally, a gentle reminder to please send children in with their coat, hat and scarf as we play outside daily; please label your children's clothing and lunch box –thank you in advance.