

Mayfield Messenger

16th September 2022



Ready, Respectful, Resilience, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

It has been an eventful week across the school with a range of visitors and events. This week began with the arrival of all of our new Year R pupils, attending fulltime, after a successful transition of home visits and a phased start. As a result, the feedback from staff and parents/carers have been positive and everyone has been incredibly impressed with how quickly the children have all settled.

We were visited early on in the week by author Cressida Cowell. We hosted the event for other Portsmouth schools and some of our Year 4 and Year 5 children attended too. Cressida spoke of her new book, her illustrations and how she became interested in story writing. The children were definitely inspired to pick up a pencil and write. Our pupils represented our school brilliantly. Equally, the students in seniors were very respectful and reflective during their house assemblies this week with Mrs Habgood presenting the theme of 'Restart a Heart' and how to administer CPR in order to save a life.

As we enter into a Bank Holiday weekend due to the historic event remembering HR Queen Elizabeth II, I wish you all a safe, reflective 3 days.



Her Majesty The Queen
Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022

School Photographer Visit **Rescheduled**

Following the school closure on Monday, the second day of the School Photographer visit has also been rescheduled.

The Photographer will now be here on **Thursday 29th and Friday 30th September**. A new programme will be circulated in next week's Messenger.

We still have some slots available for parents to request a photo of sibling groups from the Senior section only.

Please complete the Google form below if you would like your children to have this opportunity for a sibling group photo:

<https://forms.gle/NDYmctNjmDNDDVYa7>

Memorial Service, Sunday 18th September, 12.00 noon

Following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, the council has arranged for a **Memorial Service** to be held in the **Guildhall Square** on **Sunday 18th September at 12:00 noon**.

This will be an opportunity for the local community to come together in expressing our affection and gratitude as we mourn the death of our late Sovereign.



Book of condolences

Mayfield's book of condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is open for anyone who would like to leave a message.

You can contribute to our book of condolence by taking a message slip, writing on it and leaving it in the main school reception. The pupils will be doing something to contribute to this during class and/or tutor time.

Bank Holiday on Monday 19th September



The official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19th September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday. **The school will not be open on this day.**

OPEN EVENING

UPDATE*

Arrangements for our annual Open Event, Wednesday 5th October

Our annual Open Event for admission into Year R, 3 or 7 for September 2023 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5th October between 5.30 and 7.30pm. So that we have time to prepare the classrooms and site for our visitors, we will be running a slightly shorter day:

- The **Senior Section will close to pupils at 1.35pm.** Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will receive this at the morning break time
- **The Primary Section will close to pupils at 3.30pm.**
- **There will be no Extra-Curricular or Teatime Club on this day**

***All current primary parents and carers welcome**

In addition to this, we would like to invite all of our current Year to Year 6 families to show them the children's classrooms, opportunity to meet the teachers and to see what goes on in primary.

ClassCharts

It has been great to hear pupils and their parents'/carers responses to the introduction of Classcharts to our school.

This is being referred to regularly during the school day to individuals, groups and the whole school

This is another reminder that we would like every parent and carer to have a log in for ClassCharts so that you can monitor the progress your child is making in their class.

Please email Mr Godfrey on godfrey-michael@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk to receive a login.



Entitled to Free School Meals

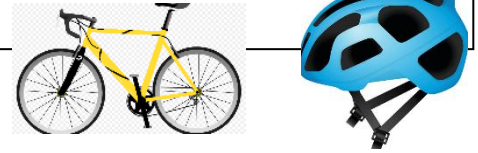
We are aware that a number of families' circumstances have changed over the summer holidays and they may now be entitled to free school meals. You can apply for free school meals through the link below:

[School meals - Portsmouth City Council](#)

The application process is very quick and you normally get a decision the same day. Eligible children in Primary can choose any hot meal from the normal menu. Children in seniors will be credited with £2.34 daily to spend on their cashless accounts which can be used at any of the food outlets.

Bike and scooter helmets

Please can we remind you that all pupils who are cycling to school or arriving on scooter **must** wear a helmet. Thank you.



The school motto

Since starting back in September, the staff have been looking at the identity of Mayfield and what we want to stand for.

As a result, we have been reviewing our school motto.

Next week, we will be sharing the possibilities with all staff. We will also be sharing the possibilities with the wider community including all pupils and students and parents/carers.

Allergies

This is another reminder that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies.

I am therefore requesting that when you or your child are preparing a lunch, none of these foods are in your child's lunches. Thank you.



Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) Homework

All Key Stage 3 homework has been **set on ClassCharts** with a final completion date to ensure all pupils and parents/carers are aware.



This week's success outside of Mayfield is;

Congratulations to Nathan (Year 6) for achieving the award of Under 10s player of the season at Portsmouth Hockey Club.

You should be very proud! Well done!



Another week's success outside of Mayfield is;

Reggie (Year 3) found it difficult to find a hobby. However, he has been scooting for a year now at Southsea skate park.

This summer, he won the chilli pro scooter die contest and won over £300 worth of scooting gear including a pro scooter. This is pretty big for the scooting community.

He was also selected by Southsea skate park to perform at Victorious festival in the extreme sports demo show for two days. He was the youngest member of the team at 8 years old. He Kicked off the show with crowds of about 1000 people.

What an amazing achievement!



Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the weekend or during the week, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger.

Please send these to

general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Unfortunately, we will not be able to share all of these. However, we will use them to contribute to a beyond Mayfield display.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday