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Mayfield is able to access additional funding for any pupil who fits the criteria for 'Pupil Premium' (PP). This includes:

- Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), i.e. school age pupils whose household income is less than £16,190 or pupils who have been entitled to a FSM in any of the preceding six years;
- Service Personnel Children i.e. the child of a parent (s) who works in the UK armed forces;
- Any child who has left Local Authority care due to adoption, guardianship or subject to a Child Arrangement Order.

If you believe that your child may be eligible for this funding then please alert Mrs. Jackie Hamilton on Hamilton@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Spring 1. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

Week beginning 20th January is a Week B

Theme of the week: Taking Responsibility for My Learning

Year 10 have taken their Mayfields this week and we have been delighted with the really positive way they have approached these exams. They have behaved very well and have worked extremely hard. We look forward to seeing the results and working with them to build from here.

Our Year 7 girls football team won their Portsmouth Cup semi-final cup match 3-1 this week- well done to them! Once we know the date of the final, we will be sure to widely publicise it so that as many people as possible can go along to support.

This week we have had a focus on Careers and Post 16 destinations. There are a variety of resources on the school's website page for Careers and Enterprise [here](#). Under the Local Market Information section are three posters detailing a variety of jobs available in our local area and what the Solent area has to offer. The pupils have been shown these, so please have a look and share any of your own career's journeys with them. If you have any questions about careers then please contact Mrs Denford on denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Year 11 have had their Mock Results Assembly. We took the pupils through the process of collecting results in the summer- the date for this will be Thursday 20th August 2020 from 9am to 11am. Mrs Head also took the opportunity to remind the pupils that it is not too late to make a difference to the final results and that it is in their hands to make the effort required for success. We did celebrate a few pupils in particular who had a very good set of mocks. There is a photo of these pupils [here](#). If you have any questions about the final exams our exams officer, Mrs Helen Patis can be emailed on patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk. She will be happy to help.

On Tuesday we have the National Citizen Service coming in to talk to our Year 11 pupils about an amazing opportunity they have over the summer holidays. This is always an incredibly popular scheme with our ex-Year 11 pupils and one that will benefit their CVs massively, as well as giving them a great

experience. Information is available on our website [here](#) and there is an evening for parents to gain more information. Places at this evening can be booked on our website [here](#).

The Year 7 Parents Evening is on Thursday 30th January from 4pm to 7pm and booking is available on our website here. Please do come and meet your child's teachers and find out about the progress they have made since starting at Mayfield.

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 should be working on their Spring 1 'Prep' projects. A copy of the projects can be found [here](#). If your child is having difficulty with any aspect of the project, then they should contact their tutor. Contact details can be found [here](#).

We take uniform very seriously at Mayfield and would ask that you ensure your child comes to school in full uniform every day- including black polishable. Adherence to our uniform rules is a requisite for attendance on rewards trips and activities including attending prom. Thank you for your support with this.

Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)

We have been enjoying 'My Only Limitation Is My Ambition Week' this week. We have hosted some fascinating visitors who have been talking to us about their work and the skills that we need to be successful in our future careers. Our visitors so far have included an actor, a dancer, the emergency services, a musician and a Headteacher. MOLIMA Week continues next week with lots more visitors to get the children thinking about what the careers that they would like to do when they are older.

Year 1 have been out and about today on their trip to the Historic Dockyard as part of their 'All Hands On Deck' topic. I am sure that the children will have had a great day and will be telling you all about it when they get home.

I would like to remind parents about the importance of reading at home. Developing a lifelong love of reading is one of the key foundations for success for every child and good reading habits are best formed when the children are young. It is our expectation that children read at home at least 5 times per week. In Key Stage 1, please can parents make sure that they are recording the reading that is done at home in the planner. Children in Juniors can record their own reading in their planners.

We are looking forward to the Friends of Mayfield Talent Show next month. There has been a tremendous response from the children after the letters went home last week and I am sure that each class is going to find it very difficult to choose one winner to appear at the final on 7th February. Due to a MOLIMA event, the in-class auditions for Key Stage 1 have been put back to Friday 31st January.

We have the next Family Learning Week in the first week of February. The timetable of sessions is shown below. A letter with details of how you can book onto these sessions will be coming home in the children's bookbags today.

	Monday 3rd February	Tuesday 4th February	Wednesday 5th February	Thursday 6th February	Friday 6th February
9.00am	Year 5 Maths Year 3 Maths	Year R Reading	Year 2 English	Year R Reading	Year 4 Maths Year 1 English
10.45am	Year 1 Maths	Year 3 English	Year 4 English Year 5 English		Year 2 Maths

1.15pm	Year 4 Topic	Year 5 Topic	Year 1 Topic Year R Reading	Year 2 Topic Year 3 Topic	
After school	Parents information talk on PHSE				

Finally, can I ask parents that the discussions with staff during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up are limited to short messages for the day ahead. We want to have a prompt start to learning each morning with the gates by locked by 9am. All teachers have an email address where they can be contacted with less urgent issues. A copy of the teachers' email addresses can be found [here](#).

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

Family Learning Week letter

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

The topic will continue with the theme 'Winter'. In class we are still looking at texture, shape and form to create artwork and achieve their planned effect. Children are learning to articulate their own ideas and adapt their work if necessary.

Learning intentions linked to class subject:

- Create ice hangings for the indoor and outdoor environment, observing and recording what is happening;
- Looking at cause and effect;
- Make a snowman out of various shapes, developing mathematical language;
- Talk through their ideas, extend critical thinking through questioning.

Letter sound will be 'O' – please create a collage to support the sound of the week, as we use these as a learning tool to support phonics.

Finally, a gentle reminder – please send your children into school with their coat, hat and gloves as we play outside daily. Please label all items of clothing clearly.