

Mayfield Messenger

1st December 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

As we head into the last 2 weeks of term, there are many events taking place across the whole school, including our year 11 cohort 2022/2023 returning to collect their exam certificates during a presentation evening. We also look forward to sharing our Year R Nativity, the first time our youngest pupils perform to a large audience. We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made since starting in September.

Excitingly, next week on **Tuesday 5th December** we have our first **Personal Development day in seniors**. Personal development days are designed to focus on important topics that help the pupils to develop as a person. The theme of this day is Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and they will be taking part in discussions and developing their thoughts and ideas around these topics. As part of this day they will be creating a design for a piece of street art which will be recreated by the street artist 'Mister Samo'.

I wish you all a brilliant weekend.

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INSET DAYS

In my previous letter, I shared with you an update on an additional INSET day which the Local Authority have agreed based on our most recent monitoring visit from Ofsted. This day will be on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**. There will be no school for pupils on this day. This day is valuable and will contribute to the long term benefit for the children in the school. It will be focussed on curriculum development as we continue to work on developing our new and more ambitious model from September 2024.

The remaining INSET days will be;

Monday 4th December 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 18th March 2024

Friday 21st June 2024



The school will be closed for pupils on these days.

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EDI Street Art Day 2023



MAYFIELD SCHOOL

Personal Development Curriculum
As part of our Personal Development Curriculum we are introducing Personal Development Days where all pupils are working on projects which help us to achieve this goal.

On Tuesday 5th December senior pupils will begin working on EDI which is Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Next week, I will update you on the outcome of this work!



Early closing reminder at the end of term

We will be closing early on the final day of term, **Friday 15th December**.

Senior section pupils will **finish at 1:15pm** and the **Primary** section will close to all pupils at **1:30pm**. There will be no Extra-Curricular or Teatime Club on this day.



Carols Around the Tree

All families are welcome to join us on **Thursday 14th December 5.00-6.00pm** for a mince pie, cookie and refreshments during our carols around the Christmas tree again this year.

We are hoping to have a choir and musicians to accompany the carols.

Please bring your hats, scarves and gloves and a torch. **We look forward to seeing you all there!**



Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December

Pupils can wear a Christmas jumper on **Thursday 7th December**. A £1 donation to wear a Christmas jumper over the top of their shirt and tie is suggested. This is a very important charity so we would like to raise as much as possible.



The Friends of Mayfield Christmas Fayre is on Friday 8th December 3-5pm



Self-harm awareness - support for parents/carers

There are a couple of sessions on self-harm awareness offered by Mind Solent for parents/carers:

- **28th November 2023 6.00-7.00pm**
- **5th December 2023 6.00-7.00pm**
- **12th December 2023 6.00-7.00pm**

Sessions can be booked via this link:

[Support for parents, carers, and guardians - Mind Solent selfharmsupporthubhants.org.uk](https://www.mindsolent.org.uk/support-for-parents-carers-and-guardians)



About Self Harm +

Support for Parents, Carers, & Guardians +



Support for parents, carers, and guardians

Information for parents, carers and guardians who are supporting young people who self-harm.

Food vouchers

Technical problems with the Edenred portal have meant that schools have not been able to process the winter free school meals vouchers this week.

We have been assured by PCC that the problem is being worked and we will send a Classcharts message when the voucher order has been placed.

It is not too late to apply for the free school meals and these vouchers.

The application process is quick and easy through [School meals - Portsmouth City Council](https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/school-meals)

Supporting Children's mental health and wellbeing



Parent information Evening

Tuesday 5th December 5-6pm



We will be holding an information evening for parents across all key stages, to discuss some of the strategies we are using in school to support our pupils' mental health and wellbeing.

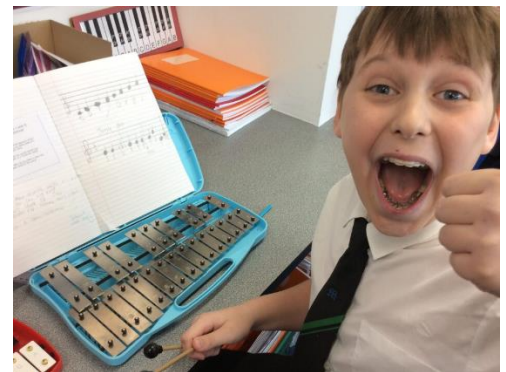
We will give you information about MyHappyMind (primary) Mind Apples (seniors) and Zones of Regulation (whole school).

The event will be in the main hall. If you would like to attend, please book a place using the Scopay booking system.

We look forward to seeing you.

Music update

Year 7 are learning how to write standard notation and play jingle bells following their own music. Year 9 had their second composer visit.



This week's successes outside of Mayfield



Congratulations to Isaac in Year 3 who was invested and made his promise to the 54th Portsmouth Beavers this week.

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

We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday.

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