

Interim Headteacher Message

It was lovely this week to meet the new Year 3 parents and children at the Transition evening on Tuesday. Mr Howard was able to attend and share his vision of the school community with those present. Next Tuesday we welcome our new Year 7 parents and children at their Transition evening- please note we are running two separate events on Tuesday. The one you need to attend will be made clear in the letter you get today (Friday) as it is dependent on the House your child is allocated to:

Discovery and Victory (Red and Yellow) at 5pm
Endeavour and Intrepid (Blue and Green) at 5.45pm

As well as a presentation from myself, Mrs Rogers and Mr Howard, the Heads of House will be there to meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

Our new Year R are joining us on Monday and Tuesday for a "Stay and Play" event-again we are very much looking forward to getting to know the pupils and welcome them to the Mayfield Family.

Inset Days – September 2022

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

Hot weather protocol

The school will implement its 'hot weather protocol' from Monday 4th July 2022 until the end of the summer term. As such, pupils and staff are not required to bring or wear a blazer to school.

Meet the New Headteacher event

Mr Howard is hosting an event on Tuesday 6th 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.

Parking and drop-off

Can I ask once more that if you drop your child to school by car then you are considerate of our neighbours. Could I ask you to please:

- not park on or over drives
- not park in disabled spaces unless you are entitled to
- not park or hover on double yellow lines
- not park or hover on the zig zag lines.

I understand that this might mean you have to park legally a little further down the road but to keep the area safe for our neighbours and for the school community your cooperation would be appreciated.

I am meeting with the Traffic enforcement team next week to look at how we can make Mayfield and Kensington Road's safer at start and end of school for all our pupils.

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

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.

HPV Immunisation

Solent School Aged Immunisation Service

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be in school to deliver HPV Dose 1 to Year 8 on Monday 4th July. We are also returning to the school to reoffer **HPV/Teenage Boosters to Year 9/10 on Tuesday 5th July**. The link to consent will be open to those that had missed the closing date for the previous school session and would like to consent now. If your child has received the HPV Vaccination or teenage boosters previously, you do not need to take any action. If you have previously consented and your child was absent/refused, we will offer these vaccinations again on this day.

HPV Link (Year 8/9/10): <https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-hpv>

SLB Link (Year 9/10): <https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-tdm>

LEA code: 116463

Closing date: **3rd July 2022**

If you have any questions or difficulties in completing the online consent form, please visit our website or contact us below.

Email Address: Snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net

Website: [School Aged Immunisation Service | Solent](#)

Telephone Number: 0300 123 5074

FOM

Summer Fete Friday 15th July

Friends of Mayfield are running our summer fete on Friday 15th July 3-6.00pm, If you are interested in having a stall or helping with this event, please contact us on FOMevents22@gmail.com

Infant Disco Monday 4th July

Friends of Mayfield will be running two discos for our infant pupils on 4th July at the following times;

Year R & 1 - 4.30-5.30pm

Year 2 & 3 - 5.30-6.30pm

Our Disco's for our other year groups have been very well attended and the pupils have had a brilliant time and we are looking forward to our infants having this opportunity.

If you wish for your Year R or 1 child to attend the 4.30pm Disco you will need to collect them from school bring them to the Disco yourself, staff will not be permitted to do this. If you want to get your child changed before the Disco, you will need to collect them at 3.30pm and return to the disco at 4.30pm. Pupils will need to be dropped off at the main entrance and collected from the Kensington Road entrance. All ticket will be purchased on the door at a cost of £4. Please complete the slip that will be going out in book bags over the next week or so and bring with you on the day of the Disco.

All proceeds made will go towards our fundraising target for our outdoor spaces.

Free School Meals Vouchers for the Summer Holidays

Portsmouth City Council have confirmed that they are restarting the free school meals voucher scheme for the summer holidays for pupils who are eligible for free school meals based on their family income. Parents will receive a voucher worth £75 to cover each eligible child in July. Further details of the timescales and arrangements for these vouchers to be distributed will be published in future Messengers.

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.

Extra- Curricular 2022-2023

We have listened to the feedback from our pupils, parents, staff and governors, and as a result we are making some important changes to our Extra-Curricular provision starting in September. We will continue to offer a range of free Extra-Curricular clubs each afternoon.

Booking will continue to open as usual, as per the table below at 6pm, two weeks before the half term that the clubs start. Please see below for the day when booking opens for your child/ren.

Year Group	Year R	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6	Year 7 & 8
Booking open	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, and staff pupils, will be able to book a day earlier to enable us to support these families.

To improve the quality of the provision on offer and to enable clubs to be run by two members of staff, there will be a reduction in the number of clubs on offer.

We will continue to run our chargeable tea club provision from either 3.30pm or 4.30pm.

If you believe that your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium funding and have not already applied, please contact Mr Stedman on StedmanM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme, Summer 2022

You will be aware from a previous Messenger that Mayfield is not organising its own Summer School this year. Instead, we are supporting the Portsmouth Holiday Activities Programmes with external providers using facilities to deliver a wider range of activities to both Primary and Senior section pupils for more weeks of the holidays. One of Extra-Curricular providers, CM Sports, will be providing two weeks of holiday activities at Mayfield in the weeks beginning 15th and 22nd August for eligible pupils in Year 1 – 9. Parents can book places on these courses with CM Sports through the details on the attached flier.

There is a wide variety of other events across the city throughout the summer. Families who are eligible for Pupil Premium support will be able to book places on these events from 27th June via the Portsmouth HAF website:

[HAF Fun Pompey - PYC Portsmouth](#)

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

It has been a superb week in seniors with lots going on! On Monday we had our academic promotion which meant that all of our pupils moved up a year group. This has been really well received by staff and pupils and has given us the opportunity to reset and refocus for the remainder of the summer term.

As a school we have been working very hard to build relationships with our pupils. We are launching a new “community” section as part of our tutor programme and recently launched a competition for a logo to represent this. There were a number of entries, and our lucky winner of a £15 Amazon voucher was Lexi Firth in Victory House. Her design represents all of the pupils in each House and all of the staff that support the children. This design will be made into a digital logo to be used across the school.



Last Friday morning our DofE pupils set out to set up camp. They camped overnight at the Sustainability Centre before completing their expedition on Saturday. Well done to the team for showing so much resilience!



We started the new week with our “moving on assembly” where we were delighted to announce our Prefects and Head Prefects for the coming year. This is always a really happy occasion, and we were delighted to congratulate Jamie Head and Lenny Bell, our Head Prefects and Oliver Smith and Emily Roberts, our Deputy Head Prefects.



On Thursday we had a lovely evening celebrating Mayfield seniors at their best. After two years of not being able to come together in person, we were able to host our annual Presentation Evening. It was fabulous to see so many happy faces as the children collected their awards. I was very proud to have been there and very proud of everyone who took home an award. I hope that the pupils wear their badges with pride!

On Monday and Tuesday next week we will welcome our new year 7 pupils for two days of transition. We hope that they will have a fabulous time getting to know us and will enjoy their experience. This will be a great opportunity to get to know the building and meet their new teachers.

This week we have had a renewed focus on basic expectations around school. Please can I therefore ask that you speak to your children about the importance of:

- Attending school every day;
- Attending school on time;
- Wearing the correct uniform;
- Having the correct equipment for lessons;
- Being polite and respectful within the Mayfield Community.

The senior staff have been trialling a new piece of software called ClassCharts ready for this to be launched to parents over the summer holidays. We hope that this will improve communication for our families/carers and help them to gain a better understanding of what is going on learning wise for their children each day.

We have noticed an increase in the number of pupils who are using their mobile phone within the school building. This is contrary to school policy and will result in the phone being confiscated if seen.

Have a super weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Interim Head of Primary – Miss Pippa Andrews

All of the adults in school have been working hard this week to plan the transition days for all the children next week. A letter with the details for Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th transition days has gone out today (Friday) - both a paper copy with information on children's teachers and class for next year and on SIMs with all the details for the days. Children from Year R to Year 5 will attend primary as usual – with the same start and finish times, lunches hot lunches available and extra-curricular all as normal. The children will spend the two days in their classes for next year with their teachers for next year to learn all the routine and get to know their new classes – they will not need their PE kits during the transition days so they can be left in school in their current classes as usual. Please refer to transition letters for more information. We are all looking forward to the transition days next week.

Current year 6 pupils – spending two days as Year 7s on Monday and Tuesday – will have received separate letters but just to clarify, the arrangements for the current y6 children are that they arrive to school via the Kensington Road gates from 7.45am, where they will be directed. They must have arrived by 8.10am at the latest. At the end of the day, the current y6 children will leave site, also via Kensington Rd at 3pm. They need to bring a pencil case with pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and any basic stationery as well as a reading book. PE kits are not needed.



All of the children across primary have been taking part in our second 'Big Write' Week – the focus of this week has been the book 'Chalk'. Please ask your children about what they have done ... you may have noticed our chalked walkway on Thursday – just one of the activities the children have enjoyed!

A reminder to our infant school children – it is disco day on Monday. The children have had a slip sent home to complete to return at the disco entrance when they buy the ticket.

On a separate note, please can I remind you that the use of any social media is not within the remit of school. Any decisions made to allow children to use social media – and any resulting issues that arise from its use – are not the responsibility of the school and cannot be dealt with by the school. We strongly encourage you to adhere to advice and guidance of social media platforms to keep children safe. We thank you for your support with this.

Across the school this week, Year R have been immersed into the 'Big Write' with the text 'Chalk'. We have been making our way through the book, answering questions, making predictions and using wonderful vocabulary. The children were so excited to share their ideas and to create their own chalk drawings to come to life! Year R parents - please remember to pay £3 on SCOPAY for the 'Pop Up Play People' to come and visit your children at Mayfield.

This week, Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the text 'Chalk' and have been using chalk to draw their own pictures in the playground. Linking with the text, we have been working scientifically to investigate substances that dissolve and identify which materials are waterproof. In Maths, we have been recapping our understanding of addition and subtraction within 10.

Year 2 have been enjoying exploring our Big Write book this week making some predictions about what it could be about, creating our own ideas to draw with chalk on the playground and making some butterflies to fill our classrooms. We have been extending our knowledge of materials and their properties ready for our investigation next week. Please return the Seacity Museum trip letters as soon as possible so that the packed lunches can be ordered.





This week the children in year 3 were SEW happy to be stitching their masks together. We were extremely resilient and learnt how to thread needles and did this mostly independently. In writing, we have looked at the Big Write book 'Chalk' and created a diary entry for our own chalk adventure. We have also been looking at different properties of materials, classifying them into opaque, translucent and transparent.

Year 4 have had a very busy week! During our 'Big Write' we have been creating our own graphic novels using the idea of a toy that came to life. We have enjoyed expressing our ideas through illustrations and showed some fantastic artistic skills. In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes and naming triangles. We have also had an exciting science week where we have learned about states of matter and have been exploring balloons filled with ice, water and air and have made rice crispy cakes to show how a solid can be turned into a liquid.

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed the 'Big write' week! Within this, they have enjoyed sharing a picture book which has a magical theme.

This week has been dominated by two things in Year 6: Paulton's Park and Big Write Week. The children have loved making their own picture book for Key Stage 1 children based around the book, Chalk. They have taken the idea of drawings coming to life and made it their own in a fun and creative way. On Wednesday, the children went to Paulton's Park and enjoyed a day on the rides. They have worked so hard this year, and Paulton's has been designed as a reward for this. They all embodied the school's learning superpowers and were role-models for Mayfield, brilliantly.

