

## **HT Message**

Over the course of this week we have been putting together our end of term posting. This will include your child's progress report and complimentary 2020 calendar. To reduce costs, we will be publishing the end of term letter on our website. A copy can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, attendance or behaviour then please contact their Tutor (for pupils in Seniors) or class teacher (for pupils in Primary). Relevant email addresses can be found here: <https://mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk/about-us/meet-the-staff>

If you have not received your child's report then please alert us by sending an email to our office manager, Mrs. Steph Manns on [Manns@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Manns@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](#).

I would like to end this week's 'Mayfield Messenger' by wishing you all a healthy and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The next edition will be sent out on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## **Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)**

The last week of the Autumn term has finished with Christmas Dinners for all the Houses which were wonderful occasions. It was lovely for the pupils to share a meal with all the other children in their House Family. The House Christmas trees looked beautiful and every tutor group had created a centrepiece for their table. A truly festive time was had.

Of particular note this week was the Christmas Hampers. Each tutor group took part, but some stood out more than others! There was a fabulous giant snowman from Endeavour, a reindeer from Intrepid, a snowman from Victory and just the sheer volume of boxes that one tutor group in Discovery had was amazing. The charity we support, Society of St James, were delighted with all the gifts. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great cause.

Looking to next term we do have exams for Years 7, 8 and 10 in the first few weeks back. Copies of the exam timetables can be found [here](#). Please remind your children that they have these exams coming up and it would be good to be doing some revision over the holiday.

Thinking about uniform in the New Year it is really important that false nails are removed before pupils return. Pupils with false nails cannot be allowed in normal lessons as they pose a Health and Safety risk. Thank you very much for your support in ensuring removal before Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all the pupils back in school on time on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Years 7 and 8 are due back at 8:10am and Years 9 to 11 are due back at 8:40am.

## **Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)**

We have thoroughly enjoyed joining with the rest of our Houses for the Christmas dinners this week. The children have got into the festive spirit by wearing their Christmas jumpers and the festive food has gone down very well, particularly the chocolate brownies for pudding. We have finished counting the donations from families at last week's performances and we managed to raise £205 for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal. Thank you!

The Enterprise Challenge at last week's School Fayre was a fiercely contested competition. All of the classes in Year 4 and 5 had developed their own business ideas and there were some innovative sales techniques on display. At the end of the afternoon, the winners of the challenge were the Mississippi class who made a profit of over £100 on their stall selling Save the Rainforest bags, narrowly beating the Caspian and Danube classes.



The spirit of healthy competition continued throughout this week with our annual Christmas Door competition. There were some fantastic original ideas and some superb artwork on show. The winners were voted by the children on Thursday afternoon. Congratulations go to:

#### **Infants**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Turtles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seals
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jellyfish

#### **Juniors**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Niles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Danube
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ganges

We also announced the results of the House Points Cup for December in this morning's assembly. Congratulations go to Intrepid House on their first ever victory with this Cup. You've really deserved your success!

On Tuesday afternoon, we had a special visit from Stomper to meet the children who completed the Stomp for Stamps challenge over the summer holidays. We had more children completing this Challenge than any other Primary School in Portsmouth, showing how much our Mayfield families enjoy taking on a challenge. Well done to all those who took part!



We are looking forward to next term and starting our new Topics. There are some very exciting trips and Hook Days coming up in the first couple of weeks back. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Year 5 have their Harry Potter Hook Day followed by their trip to Warner Brother Studios on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Year 2 have their Victorian Hook Day scheduled for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January while Year 1 are going to the Historic Dockyard on 17<sup>th</sup> January as part of their 'All Hands On Deck' Topic.

Thank you to all of our Mayfield families for your tremendous support in 2019 and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

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

What a busy last few days we have had in Preschool and Nursery. The highlight for me has been the Christmas Nativity Performances in both classrooms. Your children were amazing and such a joy to watch, such a lovely way to start your family Christmas Celebrations.

The topic for when we return to school on Monday 6th January will be 'Winter'.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Edwards and her wonderful team.