

Mayfield Messenger

22nd September 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

It has been another busy week at Mayfield with plenty of activity across the school - both primary and senior.

Throughout this week, I have been particularly impressed with the children during assembly time. The arrival to and exit from can never be taken for granted and it is the perfect way to ensure that we are all ready to hear the key messages and themes. The children across the school have shown respect to others whilst waiting to enter the hall, mindful that other pupils are learning. At the beginning of the week, the children in primary were reminded of the 3 school rules – Ready, Respectful and Safe.

In the senior assemblies, the key theme has been inclusion with a focus on our aim to develop a strong community with a sense of belonging and respect for each other where everyone feels included.

We are all aware of the change that has needed to happen, and whilst there has been a change, this must be sustained and built upon. Pleasingly, everyone is up for this!

On Thursday, it was great to see parents and carers during meet the tutor (seniors) and meet the teacher (primary) evening. There was an energetic buzz during this time and the feedback from staff was incredibly positive with how well your children have settled. Whilst we know that there is still a long journey ahead, this has been a very encouraging start to the academic year.



Ready Respectful Safe

Have a brilliant weekend.

#Believe. Achieve. Succeed. #TeamMayfield

School Photographer Visit

The Photographer will now be here **on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September.**

The programme is:

Thursday 28th September – Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 individual photos

Friday 29th September – Year 7 individual photos and Primary only sibling groups and mixed Primary/Senior sibling groups

Details of how you can order your child's photo will follow shortly.



Harvest Festival

Next week, seniors will be **collecting donations for harvest festival**, which will be collected up and given to our local foodbank to help those in need.

We understand times are tough for many people and we would like to do all we can to support those within our school and wider community.

If you are in need of support, please contact our family support workers or Sharon

Rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

All donations should be filled with long lasting food with a long date on. Please ask your child in seniors to deliver their donations to their tutor or the house office. Thank you.

Harvest festival for primary will be later in October. Further details to follow.

OPEN EVENING

Arrangements for our annual Open Event, Wednesday 11th October

Our annual Open Event for admission into Year R, 3 or 7 for September 2024 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11th October between 5pm and 7pm. 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 1.15pm.** 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 R to Year 6 families to show them the children's classrooms, opportunity to meet the teachers and to see what goes on in primary. This will also be between 5pm to 7pm.

Medicine



Please can all parents ensure that any medicine including antibiotics are handed into the main office in person. Parents need to sign when they hand over the medicine to ensure that it is administered correctly.

Please do not hand medicine
Many thanks

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Water bottles

We have a number of water fountains in school for children to use throughout the day.

In order to ensure that children are hydrated, please make sure that they bring a water bottle to school with them so that they can refill during social times.



Allergies Reminder

As you know, we have children in our school with severe nut allergies. **Please could you ensure that** none of these foods are in your child's lunches. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

Please join us for our **Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with SEND, Wednesday October 4th, 9-10am!**

Portsmouth Parent Voices (PPV) will be present too and will be able to answer any questions, or just pop along and meet some fellow parents, friendly staff, and have a tea or coffee.

We'd love to see you there!



Friends Of Mayfield (FOM)

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The committee would like to thank Mrs Frith for the support and leadership she has given us over the past 10 years.

We have some exciting event ideas being bounced around by the committee for the 2023/24 academic year. We'll be kicking off the year with a **quiz night on Friday 17th November** and **discos for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Tuesday 14th November.**

These events will be advertised shortly.

Friends of Mayfield wouldn't be able to continue without volunteers, if you are able to give us any of your time or/and have some fundraising ideas, please email fom@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Senior Extra-Curricular Clubs Autumn 1

Dept	Staff	Name of Club	Time	When	Where	Who
Learning Support	Miss Butterworth & Miss Trise	Homework Club	3-4pm	Everyday	143	All
Learning Support	Miss Groom Radford, Mrs Gardener, Mrs Rowland	Buddy Club	Lunch	Everyday	234	Invite only - All year groups
English	Miss Webb	English drop in	3-4pm	Thursday	146	All
English	Various	Period 6 English	3-4pm	Wednesday	145	Year 11
English	Miss Banister -Palmer	Journalism Club	3-4pm	Thursday	147	All
Music	Miss Banister -Palmer	Choir	Lunch	Wednesday	Music room	All
Music	Mr Morgan	Music Club	3-4pm	Wednesday	Music Room	All
Music	Mr Houghton- Gisby	Music Club	3-4pm	Wednesday	Music Room	All
PE	Mr Reid Miss Hutchinson Mrs Reid Mr Campbell	Basketball Girl's football Games Football	3-4pm 3-4pm 3-4pm 3-4pm	Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	Sports hall Field Sports hall Field	Year 7,8,9 All Years Year 7,8,9
Drama	Manic Stage Productions	KS3 Drama Club	3-4pm	Monday	Drama Studio	Year 7, 8 & 9
Computing and Business	Miss Severe	Dungeons and Dragons	3-4PM	Fridays	142	All
Computing and Business	Miss Severe	i-Media coursework sessions	3-4PM	Tuesdays & Thursday	235	Year 10 and 11
Art	Miss Astles	GCSE coursework catch up and support	3-4PM	Tuesday	231	Year 10 and 11
Art	Miss Astles	KS3 Art club	3-4 PM	Thursday	231	KS3
Photography	Miss Astles	GCSE coursework catch up and support	3-4 PM	Wednesday	231	Year 10 and 11

FRIENDS OF
MAYFIELD
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2023

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3PM

MORE DETAILS COMING
SOON

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
BOOKING A STALL, PLEASE EMAIL
FOM@Mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Christmas Fayre Details coming soon!

Although it seems very early to be talking about Christmas, this is a date for the diary.

Save the date in your diary – Friday 8th December 2023

Bike helmets

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



Attendance

Thank you to parents/carers who are making sure they contact us every day that their child is absent from school. The easiest way to do this is by using StudyBugs. If you haven't set up your account yet, please go to www.studybugs.com and click on "Get Started".



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This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;

Well done to Harper and Ava in Year 4 and Betsey and Ava in Year 6 who appeared in 'We are going to change the world' with Theatretrain at the iconic Royal Albert Hall last weekend.



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 Monday

Well done to Jensen in Year 6 who competed in the Southern Region Gymnastics championships and won himself a place at the national finals in October