

# Mayfield Messenger

22nd February 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

## A message from Mr Howard

**"Follow the three R's. -Respect for self. -Respect for others. -Responsibility for all your actions." Dalai Lama**

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a good half term break. **The week started with my assembly which focussed on one of our 6 R's – 'Responsible' which linked to another – 'Respect'.**

**After introducing 'The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child' we all recognised the importance of also being aware of our RESPONSIBILITIES, to ensure that everyone can enjoy their human rights. The children thought about their responsibilities in school. These were some of their responses.**

**We (children) have the responsibility to:**

- make the most of our education and encourage others to develop their abilities. This includes arriving to school and individual classes on time and attending classes with whatever equipment is necessary.
- show respect to others, not hurt others or treat them badly. This included, understanding that any negative language, has a negative impact on others whether we can see it or not.
- show expected behaviours in class, in corridors, the canteens, the outside areas etc. This includes positive language choices, politeness and walking calmly.
- take care of our school building and equipment. This included putting your own rubbish in the bin and taking care of your books with your very best presentation.

I look forward to hearing how this work on responsibility continues beyond school.

Have a great weekend.

## Be kind week

20 pupils took part in a litter pick within the local community, at College Park. Thank you to Mrs Reid, Mr Campbell and our amazingly kind pupils for looking after our environment.



## Soup anyone?



It was great to see our Year 8 pupils engaged with their cooking in technology this week.

The environment was calm and purposeful and all of the pupils were so supportive of each other. We really do have some potential chefs!

The smell of the technology room was amazing. I am certain the soup tasted just as good. Thank you Mrs Rogers for allowing me to pop in.

**Confirmation of Strike day (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023) - Partially closed**

The school will be open to;

- Year 11 pupils for period 1 and 2 mock exam
- Pupils with a current Education, Health and Care Plan
- Pupils eligible for Free School Meals during lunch time only

The full letter explaining the detail will be sent out alongside the Mayfield Messenger.

Parenting support:



**KidsClothesLine**  
Helping families dress their kids

As the cost of living crisis affects every family -

**Do you need a hand clothing your kids?**

**We can help!**

We provide a 'wardrobe in a bag' of good condition, pre-loved clothes for each child referred.

Get in touch with your child's school, local family hub, children's services, citizens advice, health visitor or The Hive, Portsmouth to refer.



**Primary Nurse Drop-Ins**  
Someone you know and can trust to discuss your child's health.

Whether it's sleep, allergies, growth or diet, the Primary Nurse Drop-Ins will provide you **knowledge** and **steps to take** to ensure your child is in good health.

Speak to **Reception** to book into a clinic. These will be available on;

**9th May**  
**6th June**  
**11th July**

All from **9 - 11AM**

**NHS Solent**  
NHS Trust

We can also offer support and advice if your child has **disabilities, long term illnesses** or other health needs. If we can't provide the help ourselves, we will connect you with someone who can.

If there are any queries or concern, contact;  
SNHS.portsmouthschoolnursingservice@nhs.net or call; 0300 123 6629

[www.mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](http://www.mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

**Friends of Mayfield Quiz Night is Back!**

Join us for a fun evening of Quiz questions hosted by our own Mr Howard. What better way to catch up with friends?

Everyone welcome, parents, teachers, and the wider community. Get your team together, maximum of 8, bring a bottle or two and your favourite nibbles.

Join us for a night of fun on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, cash prize to be won!

Doors open to **Mayfield school main hall** at 7pm,

£3 per person upon entrance, cash only, no need to buy tickets in advance.



**Become a teaching assistant**

- Date: Tuesday 28 February
- Venue: Portsmouth Central Library (third floor)
- Time: 10am - 2pm (Choose one of two sessions 10am - 11:45am / 12pm - 2pm)

**Learn how to become a teaching assistant in Portsmouth**

There will also be an opportunity to view learning support vacancies. Attend one of two sessions (10am - 11:45am) and (12pm - 2pm).



**Friends of Mayfield**  
**Discos 2023**



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year R 3.30-4.30pm ~ Year 1&2 4.30-5.30pm**  
Tickets on sale Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 & 4.30pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 4.30-5.30pm ~ Year 4 5.45-6.45pm**  
Tickets on sale Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 & 4.30pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 5 4.30-5.30pm ~ Year 6 5.45-6.45pm**  
Tickets on sale Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 & 4.30pm



Do you have a child or young person with special education needs and or disabilities?

The Portsmouth Local Offer needs your help in developing new services for families in the city. They are asking for parents/carers to complete a survey about their experiences of accessing services in Portsmouth.

If you could spare some time, please visit the website for more details. Go to: [www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org/survey](http://www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org/survey)

## Portsmouth SEND Local Offer



# Portsmouth Local Offer Survey

If you are a parent or carer, tell us about your experience accessing services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in Portsmouth.

📱 Scan the QR code  
and complete the survey



Follow us:

🐦 @SENDLocal

📘 @PortsmouthSEND

#PortsmouthLocalOffer

For more information, visit  
[portsmouthlocaloffer.org/survey](http://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/survey)



### MHST parent workshop

#### **Parent Workshop on Anxiety!**

Delivered by mental health professionals.

**This was such a popular event that it has been fully booked!**

For those who are attending on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, please arrive at **3.15pm** in reception to sign in. Mrs John will meet parents for signing in and then she and Mrs Howard will take you upstairs for the start at 3:30pm. The session will finish at **4.30pm**. Refreshments will be available.



## HELP US SET UP MAYFIELD PARENT HUB

A safe space to support and engage with parent carers of children and young people with special educational and neurodiverse needs. The aim is to gather feedback, provide better access to relevant services and offer the best support for families.



Please help us set up your parent hub; Take a few minutes to fill this survey.



<https://bit.ly/NDISParentHub>

Survey closes on Friday, 24th of February 2023



Enquiries

[ndcoordinator@hiveportsmouth.org.uk](mailto:ndcoordinator@hiveportsmouth.org.uk)

### Apply for free school meals

It is not too late for parents to apply for free school meals and be eligible for these vouchers.

Parents and carers can apply through this link on the PCC website

[School meals - Portsmouth City Council](#) or complete a paper form that is available at Reception.

### **Senior Breakfast Club**

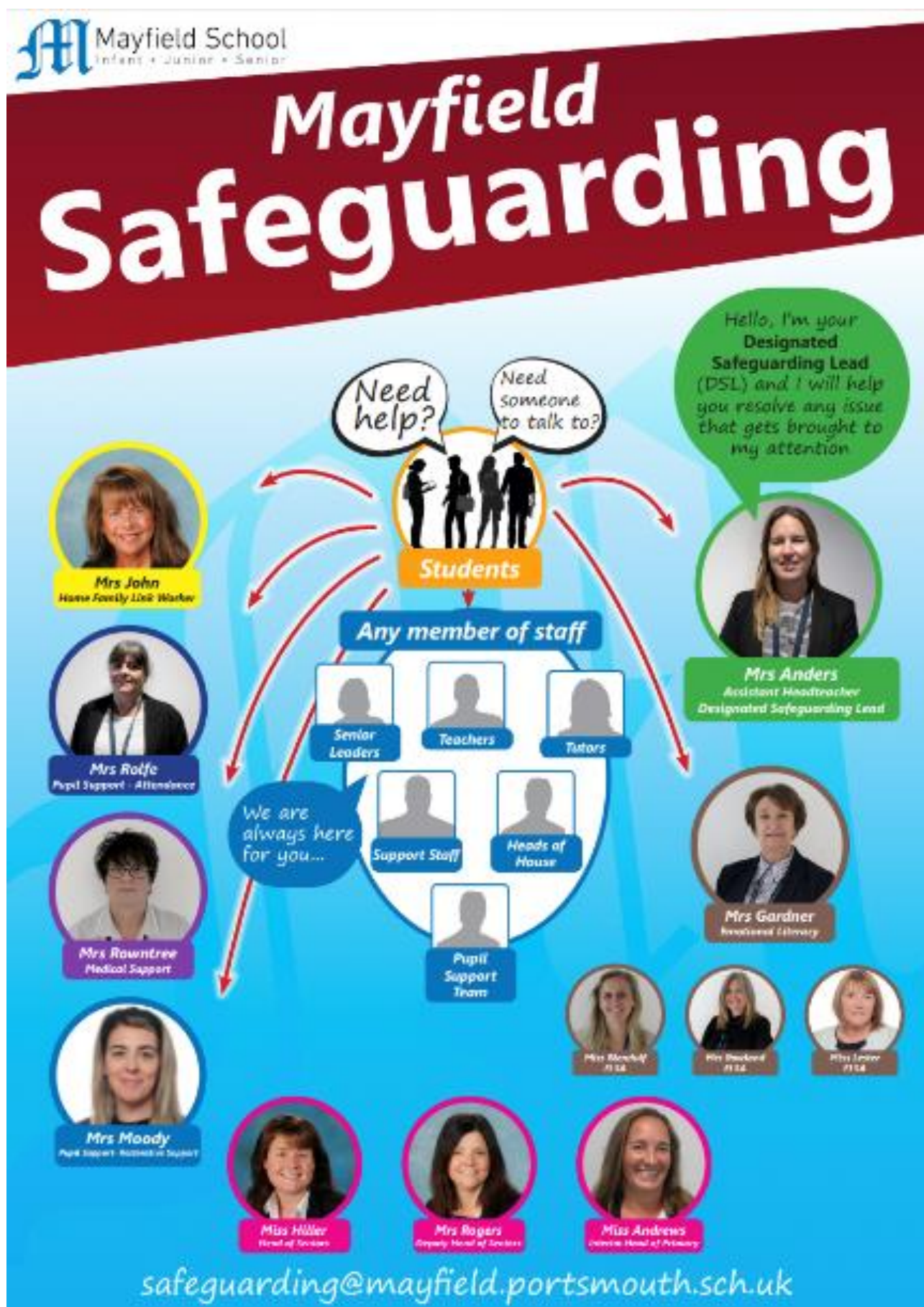
Our new senior section Breakfast Club has proved very popular this week. There is **free** cereal and toasted bagels with butter, jam or honey available every morning in the main canteen **from 7.45am till 8.35am**.

Please come in early and make sure that you have a good breakfast before school starts.



## Spotlight on Safeguarding

At Mayfield we have many well trained and experience staff to help and support you and your family with different issues in school. Meet the team here:





## **This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;**

Congratulations to Eric in Year 3 who has been practising kick boxing for four years and has recently achieved his demi-green belt.



Well done to all of the pupils and staff who took part in the Senior Section Dance Live competition this week. You did yourselves and the school proud:



Mississippi and Yangtze classes have been having a wonderful time at Minstead this week. The children have really risen to their challenge of their first residential, such as making their own beds. It is Danube's turn to go on Monday.



### **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](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Unfortunately, we will not be able to share all of these. However, we will use them to contribute to a beyond Mayfield display.

**We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday**

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Confirmation of Strike day (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023) – Partially closed

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- Pupils eligible for Free School Meals during lunch time only

As you are aware, following on from previous communications and the strike on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, the next proposed strike date is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

Other strike days are:

- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

As I stated before, members of the unions are not required to let employers know ahead of time whether they intend to strike.

Based on the previous and current information, we will be partially closed. The school will only be open for pupils in Year 11 – period 1 and period 2 (mock exam) and those pupils who currently have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The school will also be open during lunchtime for pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

It is very important that all year 11 attend for this exam.

At the end of the exam, Year 11 pupils would be able to go home to continue their revision.

As always, the decision to partially close has not been taken lightly. Again, I do realise that this will cause difficulties for parents and carers.

Work for children not in school

Due to partial closure, we aim to have work available on our school website. Please see the below links to access this learning.

Primary work can be found here:

[Home Working - Primary | Mayfield School](#)

Senior work can be found here:

[Home Working | Mayfield School](#)

Teachers taking strike action are not required to set cover work and so the work may be general work rather than lesson specific.

### Free School Meals

- Primary

For primary pupils who are eligible for free school meals, we will be providing a hot meal during the lunchtime. This will be from 12pm – 12:45pm. We will be sending out a form for parents and carers of primary aged pupils eligible for Free school meals to sign up to this offer.

The children will need to arrive at the main reception area to be registered at 12pm and then collected at 12:45pm from outside the main school hall.

- Seniors

Senior pupils eligible for free school meals are able to arrive between 1pm-1:15pm at Kensington gate entrance where they will be registered and taken through to the canteen to collect and enjoy their lunch. They will leave once they have finished their lunch.

Please complete the link to the Microsoft Form attached below. It will also be sent out via ClassCharts for you to complete if you would like your child to have a free school meal.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5zysvCHhFJ>

Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours faithfully



Mr Howard  
Headteacher

**Believe. Achieve. Succeed**

Headteacher, Mr. Ashley Howard

