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We are hoping to recruit new members to the school's fund raising group called "The Friends of Mayfield". This group comes together to organise a range of fun events such as the Christmas Fayre, Summer Fete and after school activities which help bring the school community together and provide an invaluable income stream. Being a member of this group is also a great way to meet new people and share your skills and experience. There is no minimum time commitment and the FOM are happy for volunteers to give as little or as much time as can be spared. If you are someone you know wishes to find out more, please contact Mrs. Judith Firth, Chair FOM on FirthJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Please be aware that as we come to the end of this half term, we will be posting out a letter to all parents and carers as well as sending home reports for all pupils. It is essential that we have your correct contact details. If these have changed recently, then please alert us by sending an email to our SIMS Manager, Mrs. Helen Patis on Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the keys dates for Spring 1. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

The week beginning 27th January 2020 is a week A
The theme for the week is Young Carers and developing House Ethos

We have the National Citizen Service in school next week to talk to parents about the programme and what it can do for the young people who sign up. They are presenting on Tuesday 27th January 2020 at 5pm in school so if you have a child in Year 11 please do come along and find out about this very exciting opportunity.

We know that we have a highly talented student body so if your child is involved in something outside of school eg taking part in a pantomime, representing the County in a sport etc then please do let us know so we can celebrate with them! Mrs Cleary co-ordinates our talented students and her email is clearya@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk. She would love to hear about your children's successes.

Years 7 and 8 pupils are working on their Spring 1 Prep projects. In their planner they will have written in interim deadlines which they need to meet. Please support them to work to these. Their teachers will be signing the planners to acknowledge that they have seen the work.

Could you please remind your child that mobile phones are not allowed to be used in school at all. If they are seen, then they will be confiscated. If a child needs to contact a parent, we will allow them to use a phone to do so. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please do so by calling the school reception on 02392693432 and leaving a message which we will ensure is delivered to them.

We are running a Saturday detention for any pupil who is late to school more than three times between 13th and 31st January on 1st February 2020. We know that being on time for school is very important as it ensures that no learning is missed and also develops very important habits for life. If your child is in the habit of not leaving on time for school, we would be grateful if you could discuss this with them and explain that there will be a consequence for their tardiness. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)

This week, we have really enjoyed the second half of our 'My Only Limitation Is My Ambition' fortnight. We have been visited by a footballer, an artist, an author, a lawyer and an equestrian. Each different visitor has given the children a fascinating insight into their work and the skills that they need to succeed. It has been great that some of our visitors have been parents of the Primary children who have come into school to share their expertise and inspire the next generation. Thank you for giving your time so generously.

I was very proud to receive a letter this week from the Portsmouth Library Service to congratulate our school on having more children complete the Summer Reading Challenge than any other Primary School in the city. Our success with reading is down to our very strong partnerships with parents and the support that you give in ensuring that your child reads at home at least five times per week. It really does make such a difference!

The Online Booking System for Family Learning Week is now open. The sessions that are available are shown below:

	Monday 3rd February	Tuesday 4th February	Wednesday 5th February	Thursday 6th February	Friday 6th February
9.00am	Year 5 Maths Year 3 Maths	Year R Reading	Year 2 English	Year R Reading	Year 4 Maths Year 1 English
10.45am	Year 1 Maths	Year 3 English	Year 4 English Year 5 English		Year 2 Maths
1.15pm	Year 4 Topic	Year 5 Topic	Year 1 Topic Year R Reading	Year 2 Topic Year 3 Topic	
After school	Parents information talk on PSHE				

Due to pressures on space in the classrooms, we are limited to 10 visitors per session. In the first instance, parents can only book one space per session. However, if places still remain at the end of next week, we will send a text on Friday to open the Booking System for both parents to be able to attend.

I would particularly like to draw parents' attention to the talk on PSHE on the afternoon of Monday 3rd February at 3.30 and 4.30pm in the Main Hall. This an information meeting where we will explain our school's approach to the teaching of Personal, Social and Health Education in the Primary Section. We will be explaining the key topics that form this programme and when the different topics are introduced to different year groups in an age appropriate way. There is no need to book for this meeting.

We have some exciting events planned for next week. We are looking forward to the opening on the new Outdoor Classroom for Year R, which will enable us to keep enjoying the outside environment in all weathers. Year 2 are also looking forward to experiencing what it was like to be in school in Victorian times when they have their Victorian Day on Thursday 30th January. On Friday 31st January, children in the Infant Section will get to take part in the Talent Show auditions in their classes, with each class choosing a winner to progress to the Grand Final on Friday 7th February.

We are now midway through the half-term and I hope that your child is making good progress with their current Prep project. The Prep projects for this half-term and the weekly homework arrangements for each year group can be found [here](#).

Letters sent home this week can be found [here](#):

- Year R Prep letter
- Year 2 Beaulieu letter

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

This will be the last week looking at the topic 'Winter'. In class we have been looking at cause and effect by creating Ice hangings to hang inside the classroom and also outdoors, children have been making observations throughout the day and recording what they see. For the last week we will be doing some Science experiments to see if we can make ice grow and make our own frost?

Learning Intentions linked to class subject:

- How tall can you make your ice tower grow;
- Use mark making implements to record information;
- Use different shapes to create a snowman.

Letter sound for the week is 'P'. Please create a collage with your child, this helps to promote language and we use their lovely creations at circle time for letters and sounds.

A gentle reminder: please bring in hat and gloves, along with your child's coat as we play outside daily.

Finally, Miss Gough who has just returned from maternity leave has made the decision to leave Sunbeams for the moment to spend more time with her daughter she will leave on the 14th February, we wish her well it will be sad to see her leave. Miss Jennings who will replace Miss Gough will be joining us from the 10th February.