

### **HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes**

Please find attached a letter from Mrs. Kelly Perrett, Chair of the Governing Body of Mayfield School regarding the appointment of a new Headteacher. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Howard on his appointment and wish him well in this new role.

Please be aware that, in line with all maintained schools in Portsmouth, Mayfield will be closed to all staff and pupils on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. This additional holiday is in lieu of the Jubilee Bank Holiday scheduled for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. I do hope you have the opportunity to enjoy this extended break. Mayfield will reopen on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the normal times.

### **Mayfield as a Polling Station**

Portsmouth City Council have asked us to act as a Polling Station for the local elections on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The Polling Station will be located in the Main Hall with voters accessing the venue by the main path and external doors. There will be additional temporary fencing in place to make sure that members of the public are not able to get into the main school building, which will be operating as normal.

### **School Uniform Survey**

In line with Government guidelines, we are consulting with parents on aspects of our uniform to ensure that it is purposeful (that is, to make all members of the community feel equal) and cost effective. The survey will close on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022. If you would like to take part in the survey (one per household) please click on the following link [Mayfield School \(office.com\)](https://www.mayfield-school.com/office)

### **FOM Summer Fete Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Friends of Mayfield are running our summer fete on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 3-6.00pm, If you are interested in having a stall or helping with this event, please contact us on [FOMevents22@gmail.com](mailto:FOMevents22@gmail.com)

### **Year 9 HPV- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Please find a link to the Year 9 HPV parent letter attached - specifically to be sent to **ALL Yr 9 Parents only** for HPV Session on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

### **[Medical Response | Mayfield School](#)**

For those that consented previously and have received dose 1 via paper consent forms, they will complete it the same way, via paper. The immunisation team hold these consent forms and will bring these to the session.

If parents of pupils in Year 9 who have yet to receive any doses of HPV now wish to give consent for this vaccine once they receive this message, they can follow the online consent process as described in the parent letter.

The team will be monitoring and checking all parents that submit consent for Year 9 to check against those that already have paper consents, and deactivating their inhealthcare consent if this is the case. Only those that have not received a previous dose will have inhealthcare econsents for vaccinations on the day.

Any parents that have any queries, must email the immunisation team on [snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net](mailto:snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net) and not Mayfield staff.

### **Extra-Curricular**

Having listened to pupils and parents' feedback, we will be changing the booking system to ensure that pupils can't book on cooking club two half terms in a row. This is an extremely popular club, and we would like to ensure that as many pupils as possible have an opportunity to access the club. Over the past term we have increased the number of cooking clubs we are able to offer, going forward there will be one club for each of the junior year groups.

### **Exam Invigilation Opportunity**

We have some opportunities to join our examination invigilation team for this summer. The hours are flexible, and we can work around the availability of parents and grandparents who may need to drop off on the school run before starting work. The examinations this summer will be running throughout May and June. Details of the rates of pay and duties are available on the vacancies page of our website: [Vacancies | Mayfield School](#) or email our Exams Officer, Helen Patis on [Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) if you would like further information about the role.

### **Volunteering Opportunity**

Over the course of this year, we have started to resume our programme of trips and visits. We are always keen to have parent, carer and wider family volunteers to help us with this programme. If you are interested in helping at the school, can you please complete the volunteer application form that can be found on the vacancies page of our website:

[Vacancies | Mayfield School](#)

Please note that all volunteers must read and sign the 'volunteer policy'.

### **Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier**

It was lovely to welcome the pupils back to school this week. On a sunny Monday morning it was lovely to see so many pupils ready to start school promptly and waiting for the gates to open at 7:45am.



On Tuesday, Year 10 pupils took part in an event where they were told all about apprenticeships and had the exciting opportunity to speak to current apprentices from a wide range of industries. This was a great opportunity for the pupils to network with current apprentices and think about their future options and aspirations for when they leave Mayfield- reminding them their 'Only Limitation is their Ambition'. Any feedback please email, [denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:denfordr@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

If you would like to research more about apprenticeships, please use this link as a starting point [Amazing Apprenticeships](#).



Internal exams start next week for Years 7,8, 9 and 10. A timetable for these can be found on our website using the link below:

[Communications From Us | Mayfield School](#)

All pupils have been spoken to by their teaches about the content and format of the exams. It is a great opportunity for the pupils to practice taking exams as well as show off what they know. Please encourage them to come into every exam and do their best.

Year 11 linguists completed their speaking exam in both French and Spanish this week. This means 25% of the exam is now finished. Well done to all of them and thank you to our MFL staff for supporting them. Bon travail and ¡Buen trabajo!

We are excited to introduce a 'fortnightly teaching focus' across the senior section. Following on from the disruption to learning caused by Covid, we are looking to 'reskill' our students in some of the common teaching activities used across the school. Each subject has been planning some exciting opportunities to support pupils to develop their learning and social skills. This fortnight we are looking at the activity known as 'think-pair-share'. We will be asking pupils to consider their responses to challenging questions individually before collaborating with a partner and sharing with the class. Please do take the opportunity to discuss this with your child and what they have been talking about in lesson.

Hot Chocolate Friday returned this week. Well done to all these pupils for being nominated. The criteria this week was "Outstanding House Ethos". The nominees were:

Discovery	Katherine and Megan
Victory	Lenny and Bradley
Endeavour	Archie and Ethan
Intrepid	Katie and Henry



As ever it was a lovely experience and every week, I very much enjoy getting to hear about school life from the pupil's perspective.

Please could you check that your child is coming to school with their full equipment please. In order to access the learning, they need to be ready with:

pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, purple pen, highlighter and a scientific calculator.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers**

Welcome back to the summer term! It is a very short half term and please remember that the children are not in school on Monday or Tuesday next week.

We are now asking that parents/carers drop off and pick up all year R children from the black gate closest to Mayfield Road. From Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, we ask that parents leave their children at the black gate and not come to the year R classrooms. Staff will be at the gate ready to support children coming into school during these times. Many thanks for your support as we help families to prepare for the transition to year 1.

Also from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, all pupils in years 4 to 6 will need to enter via the black gate closest to the main reception. The gate on the junior side, closest to Mayfield Road, will no longer be opened in the mornings from this date. We ask that parents who are waiting to drop off please gather towards the reception end of the building to keep the main green gates clear for easy access for those trying to get in and out of the school site. Thank you for your support with this.

This week, Year R have been exploring the world of traditional tales. We have enjoyed the stories 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Many children have been creating their own stick puppets to act out the stories in the puppet theatre and some children have acted as the characters in role-play.

Year R have begun Phase 4 as part of the Little Wandle programme, which involves the children revising all graphemes and learning to blend or segment longer words or words with consonant clusters.

In maths, the children have been looking at methods to count larger quantities reliably and testing out which methods work best in different counting scenarios. By the end of this week, they have become SUPER counters!

This week in maths, Year 1 have been recognising and sorting 2D and 3D shapes.

In English, we have been introduced to a new book 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk'. We discussed the similarities between this book and books we had read before such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

We have enjoyed starting our new topic 'Gardeners' World' and looking at common wildflowers and trees. We are very excited for our school trip to Harold Hillier Gardens on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not received a letter, please ask your child's class teacher.

We are also looking for some parent helpers for this school trip. Please email Miss Hatton if you are interested in volunteering on this day.

Year 2 have started their new topic - It's all about Wolves! On Tuesday morning we enjoyed eating some pancakes as we read our new story, Mr. Wolf's Pancakes We all agreed they were delicious!! We discovered that Mr Wolf was not as kind as we thought.

We had fun during PE sending and receiving a large and small ball to your partner trying to be as accurate as possible.



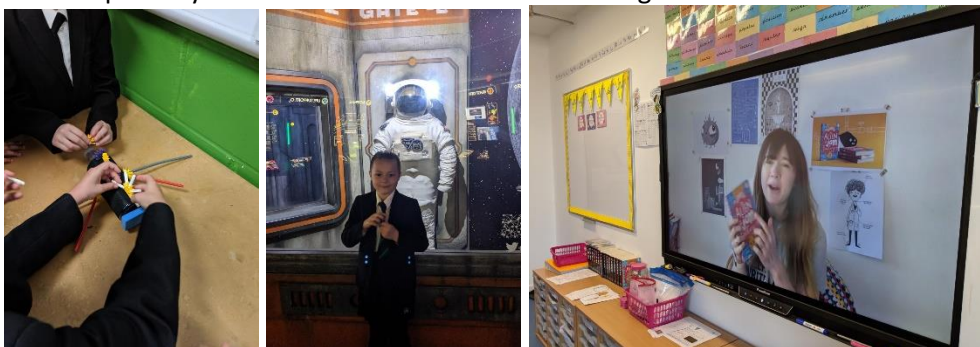
We have had a very exciting week in Year 3 to kick off our half term! We started the week with a virtual video from Chrissie Sains, who is the author of our book for the half term 'An Alien in the Jam Factory', where we took part in a challenge to design our own jam. Before we could do that, we took part in some product research and tasted lots of different jams. We created, designed, and advertised for our own jams.

On Tuesday, we visited Winchester Science Centre to look at different scientific inventions. We visited the planetarium too and took part in an exciting rocket workshop where we invented our own rockets.

Next week, we are taking part in some DT. We'd be grateful if you could bring in any FLAT cardboard (cereal boxes etc). Have a lovely long weekend!

This week, Year 5 started their new and exciting topic 'What a fantastic beast!'

To hook them into their new topic, we visited the Harry Potter studios, in London. When there, we were inspired by the fictional characters and how magical the stories are!



In English, we have started to read 'Fantastic beasts and where to find them.' This is a playscript which will help us soon write our own.



Year 6 have continued to revise previously learned topics in preparation for their end of key stage assessments later this half term. They have continued to demonstrate resilience in ensuring the work is completed to a high level, despite the emphasis placed on additional reading, grammar and spelling practise. They have enjoyed their new topic: 'Let there be light' studying the Golden Age of Islam. They have enjoyed discussing how Muslims lived around 1000 AD and comparing their lives to ours today.

Finally, a reminder that pupils must not bring their bike or scooter onto the school site unless they have a helmet. E-Scooters are forbidden. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely long weekend. I hope the sun keeps shining for everyone!



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29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Mayfield Community

As you will be aware, Mr Jeapes is leaving Mayfield at the end of the school year. Mr Jeapes has been an incredibly strong leader and the governing board thank him for his dedication and for the work that he has done for Mayfield School. We have been working hard to fill this position and I am sure you will all agree the candidate has big shoes to fill.

We are pleased to announce that Mr Howard was offered and has accepted the role of Head Teacher at Mayfield School starting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

Mr Howard prides himself on a values driven approach to developing a whole-school ethos, with understanding and developing behaviours for learning just one of his strengths. He recently won the 'Inspiring Fratton Award' for Outstanding Contribution to Education (2019) and 'The People's Choice Award' in The Teach Portsmouth Awards (2021). These have been great accolades for both Mr Howard and the schools he has led. The People's Choice award was voted for by members of the community, demonstrating the way that Mr Howard has earned the respect of many community members.

I hope you all will welcome Mr Howard to Mayfield School and support him in his future success.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Perrett  
Chair of governors