

Mayfield Messenger

6th January 2023



Ready, Respectful, Resilience, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

A message from Mr Howard

Welcome back!

I hope that you enjoyed the festive period and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2023.

With a new year comes a new motto for our school! As you are aware all pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers were invited to vote for our new school motto and so I am therefore pleased to introduce:

Believe. Achieve. Succeed

During the first week back I shared our new motto with primary children and to each house in the seniors. The assemblies made reference to the motto and what each part means making links where **Believe. Achieve. Succeed** can already be seen in school and outside of school.

Believe. Achieved. Succeed. received an overwhelming number of votes and was first choice by far.

The wording of our motto – and the fact that we have chosen it together as a school and as a community – means that it is more meaningful to our pupils and easier for all stakeholders to refer to.

Alongside introducing our new motto, I would also like to introduce you to our new senior teaching staff – Mr Power (English), Mr Firth (Maths), Mr Kapnisi (Science) and Mr Astill (Maths). I would also like to welcome our new Assistant Headteacher in Primary, Mrs Higgins.

I know that you will all welcome them into our Mayfield family.
I wish you all a brilliant weekend!

Primary school nurse clinic

Please see the dates for the primary school nurse clinics happening this term.

Families can sign up via the main reception. You do not need to explain the reason, you just need to put your name down.

31st January 2023
28th February 2023
28th March 2023

All from 9-11am



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;

31st January	All from 9 - 11AM
28th February	
28th March	

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

Parents/carers evening update

Parents Evening

Year 8 parents evening – 9th February 2023

We have changed the dates of Year 7 and 9 parents evening.

Year 7 parents evening is now 27 April 2023.

Year 9 parents evening is now 23 March 2023.



Zig Zag lines and drop curbs

To keep everyone safe, these are a no stopping zone between 8am and 5pm and parents/carers **should not** pull in to drop their children off on these markings.

Parking enforcement officers from Portsmouth City Council are making regular visits to the school and will be issuing on the spot fines.

INSET day

This is just a reminder that there will be **no school** on these days due to staff training.

Monday 23rd January 2023

Friday 23rd June 2023



During the festive break, the Mayfield half term news was sent via Classcharts.

If you did not see it, please click on the link below.

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Attendance

Thank you to parents 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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Community Event

Our first community event, on Tuesday 6th September, was well attended and feedback was positive. We had planned in 4 more community events but unfortunately, due to the visit by the Ofsted inspectors, we had to cancel the event on the 15th November. Our next event is on;

Tuesday 7th February 5pm-6pm

After this, the last 2 events are;

Tuesday 25th April 5pm - 6pm

Tuesday 13th June 5pm – 6pm.

We look forward to welcoming you all back. Refreshments will be available.



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.



Have you changed your contact details?

If you have changed any of your contact details including mobile phone number and home address, please can you contact the school office to let them know.

general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

This is important so that we can make contact with you in an emergency.



Bike and scooter helmets

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



ClassCharts

We are continuing to look at ways to reduce the number of platforms used to communicate and record in school. ClassCharts is our main form of communication with parents and carers around rewards and behaviour and **we are looking at other aspects of ClassCharts beyond the reporting of behaviours, such as parent messenger and attendance.**

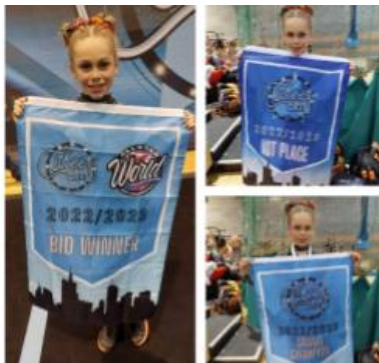
We would like every parent and carer to have a log in for ClassCharts and **we nearly have all of the school signed up to Classcharts.**

Please email Mr Godfrey on godfrey-michael@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk for further information in how to get set up.



This week's successes outside of Mayfield are;

Lillie-Mai in Year 8 and her team won a cheerleading competition. They are now going to complete a Cheerleading competition in Orlando, Florida later this year.



Jensen in Year 4 did tremendously well in the national Gymnastics Championship before Christmas and booked himself a place at the reward squad GB camp in Lilleshall in the New Year. So he is now number 1 in the South and 4th in the nation.



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

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