HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes

With infection rates now dropping significantly within the school I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all pupils to attend school every day unless they are unwell. In the case of an absence, then parents can alert us using StudyBugs (<u>https://studybugs.com</u>) or by calling the attendance team on 02392 693432 and choosing option 1.

	175 non school days a year			175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments		
365 days in each year	190 School days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence		
		180 days of education	171 days of education	Half a term missed	38 days absence	
				161 days of education	152 days of education	47 days absence 143 days of education
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action	

I would like to share this infographic with you around the school year.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or need support in getting your child to school, then please contact Mrs Rolfe on <u>rolfe@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</u> or Miss Newnham on <u>Newnham-grace@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk</u> in the first instance.

FOM Summer Fete Friday 15th July

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

Year 9 HPV- Friday 13th 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 13th May.

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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 <u>snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net</u> and not Mayfield staff.

Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier

A very short week for us this week and a chance to look at what the FLS have been up to. A report below from Mrs Fairley.

FLS@Mayfield – What have we been up to this term?

We have been very busy this term at FLS working hard on planning and presenting skills. As part of the leadership program, planning and presenting effectively is a key skill we are developing. We have linked with the DofE to combine our skill set alongside volunteering in our primary extracurricular club for Summer 2. This is called 'FLS – Future Leaders Society', where primary pupils will look at famous role models and the leadership skills they possess. Running alongside, these pupils will develop these leadership skills in a wide range of fun tasks from code breaking, to sporting activities, to arts activities. There is something for everyone.



Sporting success this week

Mr Reid writes:

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys football team on reaching the final of the Portsmouth Cup. they had a great 2-1 victory over St Eds in the semi-finals of the Portsmouth Cup.

The final will be played at Baffins Milton Rovers Ground on Monday 9th May 2022 - 5pm KO.

There will be a charge to enter the ground for spectators, this will be £1 per person. Please come along and watch the boys become the new Year 8 Portsmouth Cup champions. See you there!!

Mr Browning writes:

Impressive Year 11 victory over Springfield on Wednesday 4th May - 7-0 in Cup semi-final with goals from Blakeley, Lenny, and MOM Jaydon.

Through to Cup Final- details of the match will be published as soon as we have them.



Hot Chocolate Friday this week was about celebrating some of our awesome Year 7 pupils. Between them these 8 pupils have over 2700 achievement points! How awesome is that?!

The pupils this week nominated were:

Discovery	Sydney-Mae and Ollie		
Victory	Coco and Sung Hei		
Intrepid	Ricardo and Chloe		
Endeavour	Olivia and Lottie		

We enjoyed talking about what they liked about the school and what we could do with Year 6 when they come up on transition day to make their entry to Year 7 as smooth as possible.





We are still getting a few pupils who are turning up to school on either a scooter or a bike without a helmet every day. You should have received a text home if your child is in this category. Without a helmet we will not allow pupils to use the school bike sheds. Thank you for your support with this.

Another reminder this week of the equipment that your child needs to bring to school every day: Black pen Pencil Purple pen Ruler Eraser Highlighter Calculator

Please ask your child to check that they have all these items and if they have lost any or perhaps have run out could you get them topped back up. Having all of this equipment ensures your child is ready for learning. Again, thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers

We have had a very short, but positive week in primary and the children have worked very hard and made us proud. The Dance Live team did us proud and really enjoyed showing off all of their hard work. Thank you so much to the staff and parents who supported this fabulous event.

Thank you for your patience whilst we embed our new morning gate routine. Please can I ask the following of those who are dropping off in the morning:

- That children dismount from bike, scooters and skates as soon as they come through the main gate;
- That parents/carers from years R to 3 queue from the black gate nearest Mayfield Road towards the building;
- That parents/carers from years 4 to 6 queue from the top black gate nearest to the building down towards Mayfield Road;
- That parents/carers do not allow children to walk over the bushes and shrubs that have been planted along the pathway

As the weather gets warmer, please can I remind parents to make sure that children have their water bottle with them, and that sunscreen is applied as necessary before school. It has been lovely to see the children in their summer uniform, but please can I remind parents that if they choose to send the children in wearing the **optional** summer uniform, that shorts and dresses must be Mayfield branded.

An important message to all year 6 parents from Mr Newsam

As I am sure you are aware, Year 6 will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 assessments next week: from Monday to Thursday. Whilst this is an assessment of the school, not the children, I can fully understand that some children will be worried and nervous. Please can I ask that children relax, enjoy the weekend and try and forget about school. To support this, the Year 6 team will not be sending any homework home this week.

Furthermore, may I ask that children attend school promptly next week. Any late comers, or children who are unwell, will still have to sit the assessments. This may need to be done in an alternate venue and may prove disconcerting to the children. Finally, may I request, that where possible, children do not wear their smart watches to school next week. They will not be able to wear them in the assessments, nor will they be allowed their phones on them. Whilst teachers can look after any technology, it may well be easier for items not to be worn.

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Year 1 have been exploring fractions in Maths. We found out that when finding a half, we need to split/share something into two equal parts.

In English, we have continued to read the story 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk'. This linked with our science lesson this week as we were lucky enough to plant our very own bean seed! We can't wait for our plants to grow and look forward to taking them home at half term.

In year 2 this week we have focused on instructions in English and how to improve a simple one. We have completed our maths work on measuring by seeing if the longer your shoes the taller you are, and we had fun finding out the answer! Yesterday we had our best PE lesson yet (according to many children) by using the school field and trim trail to improve our fitness and running speed in relay races.

This week Year 3 have got stuck in to making chariots for a DT project. We have looked at chariots and other moving vehicles and investigated how they might move. After that, we looked at axels and wheels and the best ways in which to get them to move. Then we needed to look at how we might join the different parts of our chariots. We then created a design criterion, planned and made our chariots.



This week many of our Year 4 children took part in the Dance Live finals and represented Mayfield superbly. Their behaviour was impeccable, and they worked incredibly hard. Their final performance was out of this world, and we are very proud of them all.



On a separate note, thank you to all of you who have helped with supporting children to learn times tables at home in preparation for the multiplication times table check in June. We have been using timestables.co.uk which has lots of games to help children practise as well as a test that is similar to the one that the children will be completing.

This week, Year 5 received an exciting challenge! They have been asked to design a water based beast, which could potentially be used for a new Fantastic Beast film. Following on from this, they have been busy learning about animals so that they can begin to design the most effective beast! They are very excited to start the planning process in Art, which will include sketching different potential beasts.

In maths, Year 5 have continued to learn about decimals. This includes adding and subtracting decimals using the column method.

In English, Year 5 have enjoyed writing character descriptions about fictional beasts. Within this, they focused on being descriptive by using figurative language.

On Thursday 26th May, all year R pupils will be finding out which House they will be in in September at our annual House Sort assembly. This is always a lovely assembly, and the children are always very excited to meet the sorting hat! Please keep an eye out in future Messengers for more information about uniform for Year R.

Finally, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be asking children to wear red/white/blue on the last day of this half term, Friday May 27th. We will be hosting a Jubilee themed reward event during the afternoon which all children will be welcome to participate in.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the warm weather that has been promised!