

### **Interim Headteacher Message**

This week all out staff worked very hard to make the transition days on Monday and Tuesday very successful for all the pupils who took part. Over the two days we met most of our 60 new Year R pupils, our 30 new Year 3 pupils and our 110 new Year 7 pupils. It was lovely to meet so many parents on Tuesday night for the Year 7 transition evening and I am looking forward to meeting the Year R parents on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you have any questions regarding transition, please contact Mrs Anders on [anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:anderse@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) and she will direct your query to the most appropriate person.

This week has been hot, but the weather forecast for next week is that we will see even warmer days. We are currently under our 'hot weather protocol' until the end of the summer term where pupils and staff are not required to bring or wear a blazer to school. In addition to that, all pupils should be keeping themselves well hydrated. Could senior parents please remind their children to bring in a refillable water bottle every day for the rest of the term to help to mitigate the heat. I spotted some Infant pupils topping up their sunscreen today at lunchtime- very sensible! Pupils will be outside during the day so we would strongly urge all children to come to school with sunscreen on and also the means to apply more during the day as necessary.

### **End of term arrangements**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is the last day for all our pupils.

Senior pupils will be dismissed at 12pm and Primary pupils will be dismissed at 12:10pm. We will then welcome back all our current pupils, and new entrants to Years 3 and 7, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Inset Days – September 2022**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September are going to be Inset Days. The first day back for all pupils, other than Year R, will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Meet the New Headteacher event**

Mr Howard is hosting an event on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm in school for our neighbours and members of the local community. We will be delivering flyers to local houses, and we will publicise this on our website and social media- please do "save the date".

### **Attendance matters**

Attendance is the responsibility of everyone. As parents/carers you have a legal responsibility to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. At the end of this term, all parents/carers will be receiving a posting home containing information around their child's attendance for this year. It will also contain information to some changes regarding attendance for the next school year.

As a school, we want to work with you to overcome any barriers to your child attending school so please do contact us if there is anything that we can do to help support you with your child's attendance.

### **FLS@Mayfield**

What have we been doing so far in FLS@Mayfield and in our Future Leaders Extra Curricular Club – Year 3?

In FLS@Mayfield the Year 9 girls have been working really hard on planning a session for our Year 3 extra-curricular club. Having been split into groups to take on a session each they have planned powerpoints, activities, resources and booklets for the club. So far, they have delivered sessions 1-4

and it has been a resounding success. The girls overcame confidence issue to present to a large group of younger children and their peers. They have worked as a whole team directing the group when they were leading the session and also being directed by their peers when it was someone else's session. We have been blown away by what our FLS team have planned and delivered.

The Year 3s have thoroughly enjoyed the activities so far that have included being a secret agent, using the concept of art to represent the changes of recent COVID times, mathematical and logical thinking alongside presenting and voting skills. There are other exciting activities to come that promote leadership in our younger pupils. All of this enables them to work on skills such as working as part of a team, working individually, standing up and presenting to the group, practising sequencing and logic-based skills, thinking outside the box about how concepts can be represented alongside learning about a whole host of famous role models, past and present. It is a joy to see our young pupils developing skills that will last them a lifetime and having fun doing it.

### **Travel Plan**

The school is required to have a Travel Plan in place, and we are currently reviewing our plan at the end of our first year in the new school building. Senior section pupils will be asked to complete a short questionnaire in their tutor time sessions next week. Please can **Primary parents** complete the Google questionnaire below for each of their children. It should take less than a minute each:

<https://forms.gle/sBqVqKq4sJ8rQs6h8>

Many thanks!

### **Mobile Phones**

We have noticed an increase in pupils attempting to use their mobile phone in the building. The use of mobile phones is strictly regulated and if a pupil is using a phone without permission – this is forbidden and will be confiscated if seen. This is non-negotiable so please speak to your child regarding this. If pupils refuse to hand over their phone, the schools behaviour policy will be applied.

### **Uniform**

The Mayfield uniform comprises black trousers, a Mayfield blazer, white shirt and Mayfield tie. If pupils wish to wear a skirt to school, it must be a Mayfield skirt and must be of a suitable length, not rolled up to make it shorter. If you need financial support with purchasing uniform, please email Mrs Anders on [AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

We have a well-stocked pre-loved uniform shop on site. Please consider donating uniform items to us if you are buying over the summer holidays. We are always in need of:

- Blazers;
- Ties;
- PE tops;
- Skirts;
- Trousers.

Donated items can be left at reception in a bag marked Friends of Mayfield. Please note that any items of lost property left at the end of this term will be donated to the pre-loved shop.

### **Demolition Update**

To keep the community up-to-speed with recent developments on the demolition of the old building, the latest edition of the Kier community newsletter is attached.

## **ClassCharts**

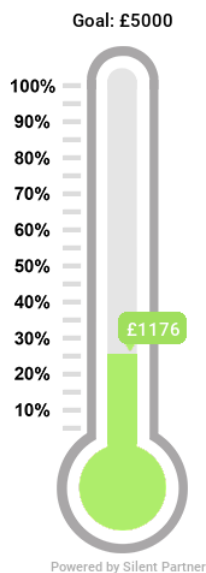
During the remainder of this half term, we are asking senior staff to trial a new piece of software called ClassCharts. This will be gradually rolled out to the whole school in September, and it is hoped that it will give parents a better understanding of what is happening in terms of learning behaviour for their children. More information about this roll-out will be with you towards the end of term and will be sent out by post.

## **FOM**

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

We are looking forward welcoming you to the Summer Fete Next Friday 3-6pm, we have lots of wonderful things planned including inflatables, BBQ, ice-creams, tennis dome, games and meet the reptiles. All funds raised will go towards our fundraising target for our outdoor spaces, please come along and support your PTA.

Thank you for all your support with our year R-3 Disco's this week, pupils had a great time and you helped us to raise £438 towards our fundraising total.



## **Free School Meals Vouchers for the Summer Holidays**

Portsmouth City Council have confirmed that they are restarting the free school meals voucher scheme for the summer holidays for pupils who are eligible for free school meals based on their family income. Parents will receive a voucher worth £75 to cover each eligible child at the start of next week. If you have not received your voucher, please email [stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk) so that any errors can be rectified before the start of the school holidays.

If your circumstances have recently changed and you wish to benefit from this scheme, you can complete an eligibility check for free school meals via the Portsmouth City Council website:

[School meals - Portsmouth City Council](#)

The form is very quick to complete, and your eligibility is confirmed to the school within days.

### **Extra- Curricular 2022-2023**

We have listened to the feedback from our pupils, parents, staff and governors, and as a result we are making some important changes to our Extra-Curricular provision starting in September. We will continue to offer a range of free Extra-Curricular clubs each afternoon.

Booking will continue to open as usual, as per the table below at 6pm, two weeks before the half term that the clubs start. Please see below for the day when booking opens for your child/ren.

Year Group	Year R	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6	Year 7 & 8
Booking open	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, and staff pupils, will be able to book a day earlier to enable us to support these families.

To improve the quality of the provision on offer and to enable clubs to be run by two members of staff, there will be a reduction in the number of clubs on offer.

We will continue to run our chargeable tea club provision from either 3.30pm or 4.30pm.

If you believe that your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium funding and have not already applied, please contact Mr Stedman on [StedmanM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:StedmanM@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk).

If you have any issues with booking these clubs, please contact the Extra-Curricular Team on [Extra-Curricular@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Extra-Curricular@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

### **Families needing support**

We understand that some families may be facing financial difficulties and hardship. The link below is a direct link to the Portsmouth City Council website where you can find links to different areas of support, such as a link to the HIVE where you can get support with uniform, food banks and many more.

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/benefits-and-support/help-and-support/help-for-people-in-financial-hardship-directory/>

### **Interim Head of Seniors – Mrs Fiona Rogers**

This week we have been using ClassCharts to help us celebrate the top 10 pupils for achievement this week. These pupils will be receiving an achievement postcard through the post this weekend so well done to all of them. Parents will be receiving their ClassCharts log in details via post (seniors) and bookbags (primary) during the last week of term. Please make sure that we have the correct address for ALL parents to ensure that everyone can access this information. If you need to update an address, you can do this by emailing Mrs Helen Patis, SIMs Manager on [Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Last night we were able to celebrate prom with our year 11 pupils. The weather was beautiful, and the evening was a great success. Congratulations to Cameron W and Lily C who were our “Prom Royalty” this year. Also, thank you to the House teams, especially Miss Hutchinson, who pulled out all of the stops to make this happen and to the staff who attended in order to support this important event.



Today our DofE pupils set out for another weekend expedition to South Downs, the weather is looking absolutely glorious for them, so we hope that they have an amazing time!

For the last fortnight of term, we have a new teaching focus in seniors. You will recall that these are to re-develop some of the learning skills youngsters have lost from the disruption caused by covid. This time we are introducing a range of new opportunities for youngsters to show off what they have understood in lesson. These may include using mini whiteboards, post-its or coloured cards. Hopefully your child will find these opportunities a useful extra way of demonstrating their understanding in lessons. Please continue to chat to them about their experiences in the classroom and whether they have found these activities useful.

Next week it is looking like it is going to be very hot. Please can I urge you to make sure that your child has a refillable water bottle with them in order to keep themselves hydrated during the school day. It is also a good idea for the to apply sun lotion each day to protect them when they are taking part in outdoor activities.

Finally, I have noticed that a large number of children in seniors are arriving late to school. This is causing a disturbance to period 1 lessons and could lead to an unauthorised absence mark which will impact your child's attendance. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time each day.

#### **Interim Head of Primary – Miss Pippa Andrews**

This week in primary has been one of transition. As you know, Monday and Tuesday gave all of our children the opportunity to experience their next year classes for two days. We are thrilled with how well those days went and how positively they have been received by staff, parents and children alike. The transition days are such important experiences for the children; they were able to meet and spend time with their teachers and classmates for next year so they can feel secure and confident about next year and hopefully alleviate any anxiety around the potential unknown of a new school year. See below for the thoughts of our children on their days.

It is really warming up – great for the promise of a Great British sunny summer but it can be a little more tricky in school to deal with hot weather! We have water fountains inside and in outdoor areas around school, these include drinking fountains and a place to refill bottles. Please can I ask all parents and carers to ensure the children have a water bottle in school that they can drink from and refill during the day as needed. Also, I encourage you to apply sun cream to children in the mornings (this is not something we can apply in school but the 'once a day' varieties are great to apply in the morning to keep the children protected throughout the day). Children can be sent into school with sunhat and/or sunglasses for outside breaks. However, these must be named and are the children's responsibility to look after!

### **Sports day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Next Friday is Sports day! Unfortunately, due to limitation of space with the building work on the grounds of the old school continuing, we are not able to invite parents to attend. However, plans are all underway and staff are preparing for the event. Children will go out to the old field in phase groups to participate (9-10.30am – year 5 and year 6, 10.30-12 – year 3 and year 4, 1.00-2.30pm year R, year 1 and year 2). All children can come to school in PE kits for the day on Friday. Kits will be sent home by Thursday at the latest and they do not need to come back into school for the final week of school. Please ensure children have adequate sun / weather protection for the day and a water bottle they can carry with them for the event. We look forward to sharing photos and news from the day!

### **Year group messages:**

Year 2 parents – please remember the trip on Wednesday next week, leaving promptly at 9am, no book bags needed. Plus, a reminder about year 2 performance on Thursday at 2:15pm. Please remember that it is a maximum of 4 people per child so as not to exceed capacity of the hall.

Year 3 and year 5 parents – both year groups are having parent sharing events at 2.45pm on Wednesday. We will open the black gates at 2.45pm to welcome you in. If you have children in both year groups, don't worry, you can move between the year 3 classrooms and the hall (where year 5 will be!). Children will be able to leave, with parents, once you've finished sharing in your children's work.

News from across the school ... in the words of the children (with thanks to Bella, Ada and Evie working to collect and report on views):

### **Year R:**

" I liked my new teacher"- Ryle, Tabitha and Evie

" I enjoyed making new friends and playing with them"- Rosie, Dolton and Olive

" I liked doing fun activities like painting and playing with toys and learning lessons like maths"- Olivia, Betty, Lucy and

### **Year 1:**

"I liked making friends and meeting my new teacher"- Matilda, Jamelia and Frankie

### **Year 2:**

" I enjoyed everything especially the teddies in the classroom and learning about the river"- Oliver

" I liked meeting new friends"- Jackson

" I liked that we got new teachers"- Beatrice

### **Year 3:**

" My teacher was really nice and the maths word search was fun"-Jacob

"I like my teacher and the class because it was the head of year four" -Ariana

"I liked that we were doing lots of activities"-Austin

### **Year 4 :**

"It was really fun and my teacher was really funny"- Lolly

"My teacher was strict but nice"-Jake

"I really like the teachers because they are nice"-Leo and Inara

### **Year 5:**

"I liked to see the new people in our class and do all the activities, including an egg-drop"- Annabelle

"I enjoyed meeting my new friends and teachers"-Teddy

"It felt very different and fun"-Ivy

**Year 6:**

"I liked the art lesson"-Eliza

"I liked dance and drama because it was fun and the teachers were nice"-Lilly H

"It was cool changing classes"-Summer and Amy

"We think the transition days are a really important part of Mayfield and we really enjoyed it" -Bella, Ada and Evie

# Mayfield School in Portsmouth

An update on the project we are delivering for your local community



Site Operations Today – 4 July 2022

We are halfway through the ground excavations now. The old concrete slab and footings have been crushed and will be re-used on site to provide the formation for the new playgrounds.

Final drainage works have commenced to the service yard north east corner.

## Appearance

We are putting increased measures in place to prevent the transition of mud onto the roads. These include increased frequency of road sweeping. We are reviewing operations when the weather changes and are mobilising for a better wheel washing solution inside the site.

## Environment

Some of the soils that leave the site are taken to a processing plant where natural biological additives are used to digest the hydrocarbons present making it better for the environment.

## Safety

We continue to inspect our perimeters daily and keep vehicles entry and exit speeds in check. If you see anything you don't think is right about the site – please let us know.

## Project Programme

### July 2022 –

Substructure and ground works for playgrounds. New fence lines to Nursery during summer holiday. Excavations and clean soil import continues.

### Aug 2022 –

Hard play areas brought up to formation and tarmac. Made ground dig continues.

### Sept 2022 –

Playground Areas handed over and playing field topsoiling commences.





# Mayfield School in Portsmouth

## Community

We are working with the School Business Studies department to develop our next workshop with the school.

In the period we attended a T-Levels education event where we presented to Teachers who will be teaching in this construction apprenticeships scheme.

If you have an event you'd like us to be involved in please let us know.

## Workforce

We have around 22 operatives working on site. In the hot weather we ensure the everyone has access to and is encouraged to use sun cream, drink more water and take regular breaks out of the sun.

The project has achieved 329,969 man hours accident free to date.



Inkwell Refill Bottles found under the school

## Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 Monday – Friday

08:00 – 13:00 Saturday

Out of hours contact telephone number  
02083 085051 ref: 10005866

**Kier project office**

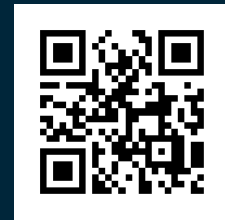
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Portsmouth, PO2 0RH

**Kier local office**

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Ford, Southampton, SO53 3TG

## Keeping you informed

Visit [www.kier.co.uk/projects/Mayfield-school-Portsmouth/](http://www.kier.co.uk/projects/Mayfield-school-Portsmouth/) or scan the below QR code for more information about this project



## Get in touch

If you have any questions or concerns then please get in touch with [mayfieldschool.community@kier.co.uk](mailto:mayfieldschool.community@kier.co.uk)

## Thank you!

