

HT Message

By now I hope that you have seen the first video we have produced aimed at parents and children thinking about joining us in September 2021. This and the next video, featuring a group of pupils from Year 7, can now be viewed [here](#). I would be very grateful if you would share links to this via your social media networks.

We are working hard with our catering supplier, Caterlink, to provide an optimal service within the current pandemic restrictions. They have asked us to circulate the following links to two surveys they are running. Please feel free to share and complete these. The closing date for responses is 4:00pm on 31st October 2020:

[Link to survey for pupils in Year R to 6](#)

[Link to survey for pupils in Year 7 to 11](#)

Finally, parents in Year 5 and 6 will have received a letter from me detailing the next phase of 'catch up' support for children in KS2. We are intending to extend the school day as follows throughout the Autumn 2 half term:

Year 6 children to finish at 4:30pm on a Monday

Year 5 children to finish at 4:30pm on a Wednesday

I am very grateful to our staff for their support in offering the above provision which should help these pupils 'close the gaps' created by lockdown.

We are intending to appoint additional teaching staff to Year 2 and will be publishing our plans for our Senior Section soon.

To help you plan your time, we have provided a list of key dates for the [Autumn 1 half term](#) (Events Tab).

Head of Senior (Miss. Hillier)

The week beginning 12th October is a Week B

The Theme for the week is Health: Caring for mind and body

On our INSET day this week staff have been developing their ICT skills to support learning with our pupils. Your child should get into the habit of checking their school email account daily- please remind them of this! As well as emails from staff, from half-term they will receive emails from the SIMS App to alert them to homework that has been set. You will also note that this homework will also be visible on your SIMS Parent App. If you have not yet set the SIMS Parent App up, then I would urge you to do so as we are going to be sending home notices and letters, as well as homework, through this App. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs Helen Patis on patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Each year as a school we take part in Restart a Heart day. Although this year we cannot run the same range of activities we are having an assembly to remind the pupils and staff about "What to do" if they ever end up in a position where they need to carry out CPR. Please remember that there is a very useful app that you can download- "Save a life"- which shows the position of all the defibrillators in the country. In an emergency it would be a useful thing to have on your phone.

Years 7 and 8 should be working on their Autumn 1 Prep projects. There are details of these on our website [here](#). Please do talk to your child about how they are getting on.

Can I please take the opportunity to remind you that pupils are not allowed to wear any jewellery to school- including rings. Pupils need to remove them before they arrive. Pupils who do not follow our expectations around jewellery and uniform are provided with alternative working arrangements.

Lastly, a reminder that if bikes or scooters are brought onto the school site, children must be wearing a helmet. Please make sure that bikes and scooters must be stored inside the bike sheds.

Head of Primary (Mrs. Rogers)

It's been another busy week in Primary. We have welcomed back pupils and staff from Turtle class. The feedback on virtual lessons has been positive and the pupils have enjoyed seeing Mrs Davis on their screens every day!

We are looking forward to our very first virtual parents' evenings on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. Please use the booking system to make a suitable appointment with your child's teacher. Information about how to use the system for your virtual appointment can be found [here](#) (Whole School Postings Tab).

During today's celebration assembly, we have launched two new rewards in addition to Star of the Week and "Blue Slips". Every Friday one pupil from each class can win a lucky dip prize for demonstrating the ethos of the school. Prizes range from collectable football figures to sparkly pencils, yoyos, Lego cards and much more! (Please note that any lucky dip prizes have been quarantined for at least 72 hours.) We also shared information with children about our exciting end-of-half term reward events which will take place on Friday 23rd October between 2pm and 3.20pm. Every pupil will get to choose an activity depending on their conduct points this half term. Activities include the Mayfield Movie Experience, ball games, craft, Chrome books, puzzles and games, outdoor play and cake decorating.

The booking system for Autumn 2 Extra-Curricular opens next week at the following times:

- Monday 14th October at 6.00pm for Year R
- Tuesday 15th October at 6.00pm for Year 1 and 2
- Wednesday 16th October at 6.00pm for Year 3, 4 and 5

Parents of year 5 and 6 pupils will have received a letter via the SIMS parent app detailing arrangements for PE after half term. We would appreciate your support with this catch-up initiative.

On Monday 19th October we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival (virtually) and donating non-perishable food items to the local food bank. We are accepting donations from Monday 12th October until Friday 16th October which will allow for items to be quarantined before being passed to the Portsmouth Food Bank. For further information, please click [here](#). (Information for Parents – Primary Tab)

The first Prep projects of the school year are due on Monday 19th October. Details of Prep can be found in your child's planner. If you need support with Prep, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

A number of pupils are still without a PE kit. Please ensure that these are brought into school for pupils to wear during their PE lessons. If pupils do not have their kit, they will need to borrow spare PE kit from the school.

A reminder that if bikes or scooters are brought onto the school site, children must be wearing a helmet. Please make sure that bikes and scooters are stored inside the green fences using the cycle racks.

Please make sure that your child brings a named coat to school each day. We always try to ensure that pupils spend time outside during the school day and so coats are needed to keep the children warm.