

# Mayfield Messenger

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Ready, Respectful, Resilience, Responsible, Resourceful, Reflective

Dear parents and carers,

## A message from Mr Howard

“It’s worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change.”

## HM Queen Elizabeth II

It seemed fitting to begin with the words of the monarch whom our nation has just lost. The words of this inspirational woman, the likes of which our country may never see again, ring true for many of us as we begin the new academic year as our ‘Mayfield family’.

All journeys begin with small steps, and it is these little things that will eventually create something great. The children’s first week back has been brilliant to see, for example, some of our new Year R children starting school for the first time, Year 6 transitioning into Year 7, and I personally enjoyed seeing all of the children in their assemblies.

It has been a pleasure welcoming you all to our school and I look forward to leading your children on that journey to something great. May I wish you all a safe and restful weekend after what has been a difficult 24 hours for our nation.



## Arrangements for our annual Open Event, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Our annual Open Event for admission into Year R, 3 or 7 for September 2023 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October between 5.30 and 7.30pm. So that we have time to prepare the classrooms and site for our visitors, we will be running a slightly shorter day:

- The **Senior Section will close to pupils at 1.35pm**. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will receive this at the morning break time
- **The Primary Section will close to pupils at 3.30pm.**
- **There will be no Extra-Curricular or Teatime Club on this day**

## School Photographer Visit, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September

The school photographer is visiting us shortly. Pupils will have their photos taken on the following days:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Year R, 1, 2, 3 and 10

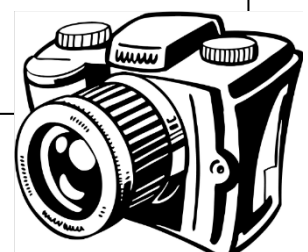
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 4, 5, 6 and 7

We will also be taking photographs of sibling groups. We will automatically arrange for sibling groups to be called for a photo if they involve solely Primary children or siblings from both the Primary and Senior sections.

We have some slots available for parents to request a photo of sibling groups from the Senior section only.

Please complete the Google form below if you would like your children to have this opportunity for a sibling group photo:

<https://forms.gle/NDYmctNjmdNDDVYa7>



## ClassCharts

**We nearly have all of the school signed up to Classcharts. Only 250 families are left.**

ClassCharts is our main form of communication with parents and carers around rewards and behaviour. Our behaviour system and behaviour policy has been updated and details will be sent out to parents/carers regarding this in the coming week.

Pupils will be given information around changes to the system through tutor time and from their class teachers.

We would like every parent and carer to have a log in for ClassCharts so that you can monitor the progress your child is making in their class.

Please email Mr Godfrey on [godfrey-michael@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:godfrey-michael@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)



## Community Event

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our first community event on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The event was well attended and feedback was positive. In order to continue the momentum of working together, we have planned in 4 more community events. These are;

Every Tuesday at 5-6pm

15<sup>th</sup> November,

7<sup>th</sup> February,

25<sup>th</sup> April,

13<sup>th</sup> June



## INSET day

The INSET days for the rest of this academic year are;

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**



## Water bottles

All senior pupils are required to bring in water bottles. Unfortunately, we do not have a supply of cups to fill up.



## Allergies

I would like to bring to your attention that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies.

I am therefore requesting that when you or your child are preparing a lunch, none of these foods are in your child's lunches.

Thank you.



## Author visit in Primary

On Monday morning we have author, Cressida Cowell, visiting our school for an author visit. The children in Year 4 and 5 need to have pre-ordered a book for this and the bookings for this event are now closed.



### **The Mayfield Messenger**

Last week I shared how we wanted to review our communications. I have therefore reflected on the 'Mayfield Messenger'.

I sent out a link to collate feedback on how this form of communication has previously been used by our community and you as parents and carers. Unfortunately, we have only had 23 responses. In order to gain a wider view, we would like your feedback.

Please click [here](#). to help us better understand your views. Thank you.



### **Year 7 tutor Evening**

The **Year 7 Tutor Evening** is scheduled for **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** between **4 and 6pm** in the **Main Hall**.

This is the opportunity for parents of our new Year 7 pupils to meet their child's tutor face-to-face and talk about how they have settled into their first few weeks in the senior section.

**Parents can make their appointment through the Online Booking System from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you all there.**

### **Mobile phones**

We have asked that all pupils and students put their mobile phones away as soon as they enter the school grounds.

Pupils who have been seen with their mobile phone, will be asked to hand it in to pupil services and collect at the end of the day.

We would very much appreciate you reminding your child/ren of this routine.  
Thank you



### **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](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

**We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday**