

### **HT Message – Mr. David Jeapes**

Dear member of the Mayfield Community – please do take some time to read the attached letter from myself and the Chair of the Governing Body, Mrs. Kelly Perrett.

### **Collection for Displaced people**

As a school we want to build an awareness of the world around us and the difficult situation that many people around the world find themselves in at the present time. As such we would like our school community to help us collect items to be sent to help support them in difficult times. Please bring in any donations you are able to make and hand them to your class teacher, tutor or house office. The unopened and unused items we will be collecting are as follows:

1. Toothpaste and toothbrushes
2. Toiletries
3. Nappies
4. Sanitary pads
5. Paper towels/tissues
6. Antibacterial hand gel and wash
7. Disposable and reusable masks
8. Combs
9. Microfiber towels
10. Reusable plates, cups and cutlery
11. New packaged socks

### **Friends of Mayfield**

#### **Year 6 Rescheduled Disco - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5.30-6.30pm**

Tickets purchased for the original event in November are still valid, if pupils no longer have these tickets, please do not worry we have a list of names and will send a sims message to all those pupils who are able to attend.

#### **Year 7 Rescheduled Disco – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7-8.30pm**

Tickets purchased for the original event in November are still valid, if pupils no longer have these tickets, please do not worry we have a list of names and will send a sims message to all those pupils who are able to attend.

If you did not buy a ticket for the last Disco and would like to come tickets will be available to buy from main reception on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Tickets will not be available after this time.

#### **FOM Quiz night – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

No this is not an April fool! We will be running our quiz night in the main hall, £3 entry on the door, no need to pre-book just turn up. We would like to get as many quiz teams together as possible so please spread the word all welcome, this is an adult only event. Please bring your own drinks and snacks, the winning team will take 50% of the entrance fees, so the more people we have in attendance the more money in the prize pot! Dominoes will be selling individual pizza's for £3.

### **Easter Holiday Activities for Years 1 – 9**

One of our Extra-Curricular sports providers CM Sports have organised a programme of Easter holidays activities at Mayfield for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> April. This programme is available free of charge to any pupil in Years 1 to 9 who is eligible for free school meals. Bookings should be made directly with CM Sports using the details on the attached flier. Children who are not eligible for free school meals may also be attend, but there will be a charge for this. Please contact CM Sports for further information.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Portsmouth City Council have funded a £50 supermarket voucher to cover the Easter holidays for each child who is eligible for free school meals due to their family income. The vouchers have been emailed out through the Edenred portal on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> or posted out this week.

This will be final holiday when these vouchers will be provided as the government funding is ending. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you have not received your voucher by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, please email [stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

### **Hybrid Parents Evenings**

It has been our pleasure to welcome parents back onto site for the recent Primary and Year 9 Parents Evenings. Both of these events were organised as hybrid parents evenings where parents had the choice of joining face-to-face or online and we are keen to hear the views of parents about how these worked. If you have any feedback about these hybrid events or suggestions for how future parents evenings could be organised, please email Matt Stedman, Director of Business Operations on [stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:stedmanm@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

### **MENACWY Immunisations for Year 9 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The School Aged Immunisation team will shortly be offering the Meningitis ACWY and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio vaccinations at Mayfield School for Year 9. Please refer to the link below for the parent leaflet which contains further medical information and the letter with the consent form.

[Medical Response | Mayfield School](#)

The deadline for completion of the online consent form is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022. If you have any questions regarding this process, please email [snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net](mailto:snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net)

### **National Theatre Day**

As part of our National Theatre Day celebrations we were very lucky to have 'Voices of the Holocaust' in to perform 'Kindness: A legacy of the Holocaust' for our KS4 History and Drama pupils and our Bee Kind group on Tuesday. It was a wonderful and thought-provoking performance which inspired pupils for their studies.



Downtown Pompey also visited to run a 'True Colours' workshop exploring ideas of identity through Drama, with year 5 & 6 and year 10, well done to all pupils who took part.



### **Red Nose Day**

We had a cake sale to raise money for comic relief today, thank you for all the donation and delicious cakes!



### **Head of Seniors – Miss Louise Hillier**

A huge thank you to all the Year 9 parents that took part in the Parents evening this week. It was so good to have parents back in the building and it was also great to be able to use all our recently honed technology skills to offer both in-person and virtual appointments. This was such a crucial evening for the pupils as they make their final decisions on Option choices for next year and I know Mrs Head was on hand to sort out any issues with accessing the online form. If you have any questions, then please contact Mrs Head on [head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk). I would like to thank our excellent prefects and young leaders who were on hand to guide parents and answer questions on the subjects they study- they were delighted to be back doing “normal” things after such a difficult period where Covid has stopped so much.

This week we have a two match reports:

Our Year 10 boys progressed into the semi-finals of the Portsmouth cup this week with a convincing 9-1 victory against TPA. A great all-round team performance with goals from Lenny B x2, Lenny M x2, Jack S x2, Michal G, Ivaylo B and Tommy K. Afie A made his first team debut to come off the bench and shore up the defence for which he was then credited MOTM.

The team look forward to a massive game against Robert May school in the semi-finals of the Hampshire on Monday, which will be their toughest test yet. Good luck to all involved.

Our determined Year 9 footballers shocked their ALNS opponents on Wednesday night with a deserved 2-1 victory in the Portsmouth Cup.

The team won due to two great goals from Jacob N and Roberto P.

On a difficult fast pitch and in difficult rain and wind conditions, Mayfield's high work rate and desire overcame a flustered ALN team that had beaten us 4-2 back in November.

An excellent result with 11 MOTM awards to be shared.





I would like to thank all the staff who run clubs to allow successes like these to happen.

This week the nominations for Hot Chocolate Friday were from Year 11. I had nine more awesome nominations of some extremely worthy pupils!

The pupils nominated were:

Discovery	Beth and Amber
Victory	Miruna and Gracie
Endeavour	Kyla and Erica
Intrepid	Tom, Molly and Kim



**Head of Primary – Mrs Fiona Rogers**

This week we have been very proud to see a number of our pupils participating in a swimming gala. This team of swimmers came 3rd out of 11 schools in the Year 4 Portsmouth swimming gala and were a real credit to the school.



Year 6 have really demonstrated their resilience superpowers this week when sitting their mocks SATS test. The children and staff have worked so hard and deserve a really big pat on the back!

We have loved seeing all the children dressed up for Red Nose today. Thank you so much for your generous donations to such a worthy cause. The total for Primary was £445!



Year R have done an amazing job of looking after the 5 ducklings that hatched last week. The children all had wonderful name suggestions for them, so we decided to challenge the children to write down their suggestions and put them in a basket so we could choose fairly. The names are: Chocolate, Bunny, Squish, Cutie Pie and Alfie. It has been very exciting to watch the ducklings splash, jump and dive as they swim around for the first time. We will miss having them at Mayfield School - goodbye ducklings!

Year 1 enjoyed reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and last week we invited Year 2 to our very own tea party.

We were so excited to have Year 2 join us this week as we enjoyed food, played games, and sung along to some of our favourite songs! Like the Tiger, we also loved having a tea party.

Year 2 have been busy this week learning all about different world and UK habitats and considering where Sunny the Meerkat would like to visit next. In Maths, we have focused on 3d shapes and using the correct language to describe them e.g. faces, vertices and edges. We have got really good at naming all the shapes and their properties - you could always test your child!! We were lucky to be invited along to a party with the Year 1 classes, where we enjoyed some music, singing and food together! On Wednesday, we spent a day creating some African inspired art after learning about the importance of colours. We created our own kente style cloth using printing inks and two different patterns. We practised our designs on a whiteboard before scoring our designs into some polystyrene tiles. We used card and tissue paper to make a sunset background before placing on some silhouette African animals. Finally, we made our own Maasi necklaces with paper plates.

Unfortunately, Miss Hanick and Mrs Beechurst have kept it all in school, ready to share at our next Parent Event.

This week, Year 3 learnt about the process of pollination and how bees and insects play a major role in this. In writing, we learnt a rallying cry from Boudicca to the Icenis and neighbouring tribes and created our own one as a commander of a Roman legion.

Another busy week in Year 4. We really enjoyed creating artwork to celebrate Pi day and building bridges for STEM week. We have been exploring adverbs to use in our adventure stories and in maths have been learning about how to calculate area.

This week, Year 5 have been learning about decimals! They have started to make links between equivalent fractions and decimals and have explored representing them in different ways.

In English, Year 5 have been writing persuasive adverts to persuade tourists to visit California! They have really enjoyed researching using laptops, and also learning different persuasive techniques.

In topic, Year 5 have explored the nutritional value of different burgers. They have enjoyed looking at the different burgers in various fast-food chains and were shocked when they saw the different nutritional values of the burgers.

Year 6 have demonstrated great resilience and tenacity in how they have focused on their mock SATs this week. Mr Newsam and the Year 6 team are incredibly proud of the effort they have put in, the respect they have shown and their ability to be reflective and strive to improve- well done Year 6!

## Is it safe to turn your back on Covid 19 Vaccinations?

COVID is over and done  
with now so is there any  
need to worry?

As restrictions have been  
lifted Covid 19 infections  
are again on the rise so  
we still need to take  
precautions.

I still have concerns about my  
child having the vaccination  
and I've not had my vaccination  
either.

You are welcome to attend  
a walk-in session and speak  
to the clinical lead to discuss  
your concerns. You could  
have your vaccination at the  
same time as your child.

My child missed the  
vaccinations in school  
where can I take them  
for a vaccination?

Vaccinations are still available.  
Check out the school website,  
social media platforms or go to  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/> for details of  
walk-in sessions.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO MAKE  
AN APPOINTMENT JUST COME  
ALONG.**





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Dear member of the Mayfield School Community,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to step down from the role of Headteacher at the end of the Summer Term 2022.

Having overseen the establishment of the 'all through' school and the move into the new school building, I feel that it is time to hand over the baton.

Since joining Mayfield in April 2011, I have worked closely with the school's Senior Leadership Team and staff body and am very confident that they have both the skills and capacity to ensure that our school continues to thrive.

I am very grateful to Portsmouth City Council officers; The Governing Body and our school improvement partners that have supported our vision over the last 11 years. I would like to reassure you that I will work closely with all stakeholders to help recruit the next Headteacher and ensure that there is no disruption to our pupils or their families.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the staff and our wonderful families and pupils, both former and current for your dedication and commitment. Undertaking the headship of Mayfield School has been the greatest privilege of my working life and I shall miss you all greatly.

I wish the school every success for the future.

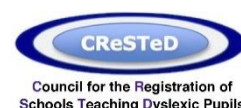
Yours sincerely,

**David Jeapes**

Headteacher of Mayfield School (2011 to 2022)

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Dear member of the Mayfield School Community,

I would firstly like to introduce myself; my name is Kelly Perrett and I have recently taken over the position of Chair of Governors and have two Children at Mayfield. I want to make a positive contribution to children's education and have an important part to play in continuing to improve school standards. I passionately believe that all children deserve a quality education experience in a safe and nurturing environment, with the support and encouragement needed to help each one of them realise their full potential.

In light of the latest news from Mr Jeapes, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure everyone that the governors will be ensuring there will be a smooth transition leading to the appointment of a new head teacher. Whilst we are sad to see Mr Jeapes go, it does provide an opportunity for new leadership and to take the school forward over the longer term - building on what has already been achieved over the past decade.

I would also like to thank Mr Jeapes for everything he has contributed in making Mayfield the school it is today.

Over the past 11 years Mr Jeapes can look back on a number of significant achievements. These include:

- Supporting the opening of a pre-school and nursery on to the school site.
- Establishing one of the first single site 'all through' state schools in the UK.
- Leading the school to an Ofsted judgement of 'Good' in the last full inspection of Mayfield.
- The construction and development of a new Primary Section within the original school building.
- Securing funding and providing significant input into the construction and design of our new school building.

He leaves Mayfield School as the largest, and one of the most oversubscribed, schools in Portsmouth.

For these achievements and many more, the Governing Body would like to thank Mr Jeapes and wish him the very best for the future.

We are entering an exciting phase of Mayfield's development and I look forward to announcing details of the new leadership later this year.

Yours sincerely,

**Kelly Perrett**  
Chair of Governors

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