

HT Message

At 11:00am on Wednesday 11th November we will be observing a two-minute silence to support **Remembrance 2020**. I would strongly encourage every pupil to consider purchasing a “poppy” and wearing this to show their support. The Senior Prefects and myself will record a short assembly to explain the significance of this event. Please note that during the silence we will close our office and reception area.

Following the Government’s announcement of a National Lockdown we will implement the following modifications to our current practices:

Face Coverings

From Monday 9th November, we strongly urge all parents and carers when coming onto the school site to wear a face covering when dropping off or picking up children in our Primary Section.

Additionally, as a further tightening of current practices within our Senior Section, we will require pupils in Years 7 to 11 to wear a face covering when:

- arriving to, or leaving, the school site;
- when in corridors at any time (not just during changeover of lessons).

Pupils may choose to wear a face covering at other times such as in lessons or during their social times – but this is not compulsory since pupils will be in their ‘year bubbles’.

This requirement does not apply to Primary Section children.

We recognise that some pupils will not be able to wear a face covering for health or welfare reasons. In these cases, please alert Mrs. Erika Anders, SENCO, on AndersE@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

One-way system

Following some helpful feedback from parents, we will be introducing a ‘one way’ system into the Junior Section during drop off and pick-up times. Staff will be on hand to guide parents through this. We hope that this measure, combined with the wearing of face coverings, will provide further reassurance to parents and carers.



Extra-curricular provision and extended school day for Years 5 and 6

I would like to confirm that our planned extra-curricular programme for Autumn 2 will continue as published. Also, I would like to share with you the very positive feedback from staff around the impact that the extended day for Years 5 and 6 is having – as ever, thank you for your support with this.

Friends of Mayfield

Friends of Mayfield would like to thank all pupils from across the school for their fantastic pumpkin decorating entries and would like to congratulate the winners who will be receiving their prizes today. Winners names and pumpkins can be seen [here](#) (Whole School Postings). We would also like to announce our next competition for Autumn 2, a virtual festive card competition. Full details can be found [here](#) (Whole School Postings).

Finally, I hope you agree with me that the trajectory for our school is a very positive one. However, we do recognise that, from time to time, parents or carers may have cause for complaint. If you are unhappy about any aspect of the work of the school then please email Mrs. Lynne Hollis, PA to the Headteacher, on Hollis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk outlining the nature of your concern. Please note that we have a stepped approach to investigating complaints and the Headteacher will, initially, ask a member of the Leadership Team to look into any issues raised.

The Governing Body has a number of policies which they have asked me to draw to your attention:

- Complaints;
- Safeguarding;
- Whistle Blowing.

To help you plan your time, we have provided a list of key dates for the Autumn 2 half term [here](#) (Events).

Head of Senior (Miss. Hillier)

Week beginning 9th November is a week A

Theme of the Week: Laws – How the law protects us

As a school we are responding to the changing situation and following all guidelines. We have required senior pupils to wear a face covering in busy corridors since September, but we still have a number of pupils who are arriving each day without one. Could you please help your child to organise themselves with a face covering every day- your support with this is really appreciated.

Thank you to all the Year 10 parents who attended the virtual Parents Evening on Thursday. If you were unable to attend, please email your child's teacher if you have any specific questions about their progress at school.

You may be aware that Mr. Brian Wilkie, MBE was a former pupil of Mayfield School. Following a very successful career, he has set up a scholarship programme which funds at least two pupils to study "A levels" at The Portsmouth Grammar School. I am very pleased to confirm that the "Wilkie Scholarship 2021" is now open. Please see a message from the Headteacher and Mr. Wilkie [here](#). If you would like to apply then send a letter of application to Mr. David Jeapes, Headteacher, via Mrs. Lynne Hollis, PA to the Headteacher, on hollis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk. This should be limited to 1000 words and outline:

- Your achievements to date. Both in and out of school;
- What 'A' level programmes you wish to follow;
- What your university and career ambitions are.

Letters must be received by 4:00pm on Friday 11th December.

Years 7 and 8 should be undertaking their Prep projects for Autumn 2. Details about these are on the website [here](#). In addition, your child will have homework in Maths, English, Science and Spanish to complete on an ongoing basis.

Head of Primary (Mrs Rogers)

It has been another busy week for primary pupils which included an exciting trip to Butser Ancient Farm and the start of our year 5 and 6 after school PE sessions.

On Friday 13th November, we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need, with each child bringing in £1. This year we are going to create a 'Mayfield Rainbow' by having each year group wear a specific colour. We will then take a picture of each year group separately and photoshop it all together to create the rainbow. The Year Group colours will be:

Year R - Red
Year 1 - Orange
Year 2 - Yellow

Year 3 - Green
Year 4 - Light Blue
Year 5 - Dark Blue

Year 6 - Purple

We do not expect the children to come fully dressed in their Year Group's colour - Just a t-shirt/ jumper or even hair bow/hat will be fine. We will also be selling raffle tickets for 10p each to win a giant Pudsey bear or Pudsey mug. Please note that these items have been quarantined for a number of weeks. Please make sure that any money is placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and number of raffle tickets to be purchased clearly written on it.

On Wednesday 18th November Mr Ralls has arranged a BBC workshop called Ten Pieces for pupils in all year 6 and some year 5 pupils to get creative and enjoy music. Ten Pieces will bring together UK schools with BBC musicians for online workshops.

These workshops offer children the chance to meet a musician, hear them perform and ask them questions. Workshops take place online – beaming professional musicians directly into the classroom for a bespoke musical encounter.

In order to improve communication with parents we are going to be sharing our celebration assembly slide with you each week via the SIMS parent app.

Finally, the weather has turned significantly colder since we have returned from the half-term holidays. It is therefore important that your child wears a coat to school every day and they start to get winter ready with a hat and gloves. Thank you in advance for your support.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

Welcome back after the half term. This is the last part of the academic year and it is a busy time in class, rehearsals have already started for this year's Christmas Nativity and are going well.

The class topic for the next two weeks will be spiders – we shall be looking at the different species and where in the world they are found. We will support the children to use different reference sources for information.

Learning intentions:

- Finding out about different species of spiders;
- Design a web using a range of techniques;
- Sort spiders into different sets;
- Use language to join in and anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.

Letter sound will be 'F' - we look forward to seeing what you create at home together.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the day their symptoms appeared. Anyone with

symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or calling 119. Don't forget to inform us at school.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home, and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your **'Support Bubble'**.

Further information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

The 14 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken at home.

Hope you find the above information helpful. Thank you for your continued support and commitment in keeping each other safe by wearing face coverings when coming to school.