

HT Message

As is customary at Mayfield, we are planning to offer all pupils a traditional Christmas lunch in the last week of this half term. Pupils who are in receipt of 'free school meals' will not have to make any further contribution; this includes all pupils in Years R, 1 and 2. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.10 for all other pupils which can be made via the 'parent pay' system for Seniors or 'Sco-pay' for Years 3, 4 and 5.

Rehearsals are in full swing for this year's school production, which is 'High School Musical'. We have several performances scheduled on 4th, 5th and 6th December. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £4 for children. All payments should be made via our 'Sco-pay' system. Tickets will be issued directly to pupils via the school office.

The 'Friends of Mayfield' are running a Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December between 3:00pm and 5:30pm. All members of our community are warmly welcome to attend. Every penny raised will go towards supporting the school. I would be grateful if you would consider sharing a copy of the flyer which can be found [here](#) via your social media channels.

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all the key's dates for Autumn 2. This can be downloaded [here](#).

*****School Closes at 1:35pm on Friday 20th December to all pupils – there will be no after school clubs or tea-time club*****

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

This week we had our Certificate Evening where the class of 2019 come back to receive their GCSE certificates. It was lovely to see them again and to catch up with how far they have moved on since leaving us. Our current Year 11 are diligently applying themselves to their mock exams. They are revising well and taking the many revision opportunities that our staff are offering them. The mock exams continue for another few weeks. The full timetable is on our website [here](#).

Mr Batchelor launched our Enterprise Challenge this week in assembly for tutor groups. The aim of the challenge is for each tutor group to select two winning ideas to go forward to represent their House at the Christmas Fayre. There have already been some fantastic ideas generated so we look forward to seeing the winning teams at the Fayre!

Years 7 and 8 are currently working on their Autumn 2 Prep projects. These are on our website here. If your child is having any issues or problems with these projects, then your child's tutor would be happy to help or will be able to direct you to the person who can. A full list of tutors is on our website [here](#).

Last week Mrs Roger's spoke to all the pupils through assemblies about Bullying. Her assembly was extremely moving and struck a chord with many of us who heard it. She encouraged the pupils to be kind to each other- and used the old adage "if you have nothing nice to say then say nothing at all". She encouraged the pupils to look out for each other and reminded them of the support available for them at school. Information about the support we offer is available on our website [here](#).

Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)

Thank you to all the families who supported our Children in Need events last week. As a Primary section, we managed to raise £500 through our non-uniform day and the School Council competitions, which is a fantastic achievement.

Our Assembly this week focussed on National Road Safety Week. This year's theme is called 'Step Up o Safe Streets' and the children have been thinking about how they can stay safe as they walk to and from school. We talked about the need to follow the Green Cross Code and wear bright clothing on the dark winter mornings and nights so that they can easily be seen. We also talked about the need for children who cycle or scoot to school to wear a helmet and how this will be a compulsory requirement after Christmas.

Next week is Enterprise Week for pupils in Year 4 and 5. Each class has been given the challenge of coming up with a business idea for a service or product that they can sell at the Friends of Mayfield Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December. The Friends of Mayfield have kindly donated a £30 start-up fund to each class to get their businesses up and running. It promises to be a fascinating competition to see which class are the most successful entrepreneurs!

To help parents plan ahead for next month, there are a number of events and performance scheduled in the lead up to Christmas. The key dates for these are:

- Monday 9th December at 2.30pm – Year 4 Rainforest Topic Assembly
- Monday 9th December at 6.30pm – Portsmouth Schools Carol Singing Concert at Fratton Park
- Wednesday 11th December at 2.30pm – Year 1 and 2 Christingle Assembly
- Thursday 12th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm – Year R Nativity Play

Further details on how you can book your tickets for these events will be sent out next week.

We are now halfway through this half-term and I hope that your child is getting on well with their Prep project. To support families with completing these projects, we have organised another Family Drop-in Session on Tuesday 10th December between 3.30 and 5.30pm when you can use the school's resources and equipment to help your child to complete their project. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any queries or questions about the Project for this half-term.

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

Just a gentle reminder, please send your children into school with their coat, hat and gloves. We play outside daily and the weather is getting colder.

The class topic will now be Christmas Celebrations until the end of term. The children will be learning about the Christmas story and its meaning. In small groups, we shall visit the school library as a source for information to help us gain an awareness of how children and families from around the world, celebrate Christmas.

We shall be learning about the different traditions, faiths and cultures and compare these to our own.

Learning intentions linked to class topic:

- Develop an understanding of the Nativity Story.
- Talk about what happened and who was part of the Nativity Story.
- Discuss in class who celebrates other festivities at this time of year.
- Look at different faiths, traditions, and cultures.

Letter sound for the week in class 'J' please work with your children on this activity and create a collage. This will promote language and introduce new words to build their vocabulary.

Dates for diaries

Christmas shopping day will be from Monday 2nd December

Preschool Nativity Thursday 12th December.

Nursery Nativity Thursday 19th December.

Christmas party 20th December last day of term.