

6th November 2019

Dear Year R Parents/Carers,

Re: Year R - Autumn 2

We want to start with a big thank you for your support with the successful start to the academic year. It was lovely to see so many of you at family learning week and we hope that you found it useful. We have noticed lots of home reading and phonics in school planners and have enjoyed talking with you about your child's progress in their first term of school. We have made some exciting changes to our environment which will enable the children to learn independently and apply their knowledge. Alongside this, we always take children on short visits in and around school e.g. College Park, local shops etc. Thank you for giving permission in the school handbook prior to your child starting school. Please contact Jo Buck if you have any concerns about this: buckj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Focus Children

We constantly assess your children in a variety of ways and to improve this further we are introducing 'Focus Children'. This is an opportunity for your child to shine during the week and to demonstrate their ability across all areas of the curriculum. We will send out a letter to you when your child has been chosen as a 'Focus Child' and would strongly encourage you to share your child's successes by sending in photos or comments about what your child has achieved at home.

Wellies

A massive part of our early years provision is our outdoor area. The children gain a variety of experiences, and it is often one of their favourite areas to access throughout the day. We have recently invested in 30 all-in-one wet weather suits for the children to use in the outdoor area and we have recognised that this still leaves wet shoes if there is a rainy day. We suggest that children bring in a named pair of wellies to keep on our wellie stands so that they can continue to access the outside area whatever the weather.

Nativity

We hope you have seen the calendar and made note of our Nativity date:

Thursday 12th December 2019 at 9.30am and 2.30pm.

More information about tickets and costumes will be sent out soon. Please contact Jo Buck if you have any concerns regarding this: buckj@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Donations

Due to our ever-developing curriculum, we have put together a list of items that we wish to add to our provision. If you happen to have any of these items available for donation, we would greatly appreciate it. Please do not feel the need to buy items from shops, it is only if these are spare items you might have.

Lego	Plastic buckets	Bottle lids
Postcards/ birthday cards/greetings cards	Milk crates	Conkers
Dinosaurs	Clothes pegs	Pine cones
Notebooks	Toy cars and diggers	Ladles
Plastic pipes	Stones	Food tins (cleaned out and without labels)
Hosepipes	Shells	Metal cutlery (knives, forks, spoons)
Skipping ropes	Rakes	Plastic cups and saucers
Tennis balls	Trowels	Cooking equipment (wooden spoons, stirring spoons, spatula)
Footballs	Metal pots and pans	Large electrical reels
Shower hoses	Pots and pans lids	Cardboard tubes
Fabric (big pieces, small pieces)	Cake tins	Washing up bowls
Ropes	Plastic mixing bowls	Nuts and bolts
Wooden planks	Plastic teapots	Flower seeds
Bread trays	Paper plates	Compost
Funnels	Plastic plates	ribbon
Plastic measuring jugs	Sticks	
Plastic cups	Sieves	
Plastic bottles	Spades	
	Corks	
	String/wool	

If you think of any other interesting items that the school might like, then please talk to the Year R team.

Kind Regards

The Year R Team