



PURSTON INFANT SCHOOL
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15th June 2023

Hello to all our families and welcome back to the Summer term.

This term is always an exciting one with lots of things happening in each class for our children to enjoy. There is sports day, Featherstone Gala, different class trips, our class graduations and events for our Year 2 children to enjoy.

It will also be a bit of a sad time as along with our Year 2 children, some staff will be leaving too.

Firstly, Mrs Warren-Ellis has worked in school for 22 years in different roles in different classes and has impacted on many children's lives during that time, as well as making them smile. She is retiring from us but will continue to make a difference by volunteering in the community. Thank you, Mrs Warren-Ellis.

Mrs Roy and Mrs Reall, two of our experienced lunchtime support assistants are also leaving at the end of this term. They have both been here for 10 years and in that time have encouraged, helped learn to use knife and fork and most importantly cared for the children wonderfully. Thank you to both ladies.

Mrs Blewitt (Miss Hale) teacher in Elephants class will leave on the 30th June. She has been with us since September covering Miss Crossley's maternity leave. Miss Crossley will return during that week and Mrs Gascoyne and Miss Crossley will then be responsible for Elephants class until we finish in July. Thank you, Mrs Blewitt the children have loved, having you as their teacher.

All of the ladies mentioned above are valued members of the Purston family and we wish them well for the future.

Thank you, ladies you are fantastic.

- Further information about which classes children will be going into and transition / new class mornings will come out later this term.
- You may be aware that the Government have announced that all schools should have a school week of at least 32.5 hours for children to attend. This means there will be a change to our school's opening times.
- All fulltime classes in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be from Tuesday 5th September 2023 will open doors at 8:45am for children to arrive and at 3:15pm for children to be collected. Both Nursery sessions will remain the same.

On a personal note, over the next few weeks and then during the half term beginning in September I will not be in school as much. I have been diagnosed with Prostrate cancer and I will undergo further tests and begin treatment during this time. Whilst I am not in school Mrs Gascoyne will take my place and along with the other staff in school will ensure your children continue to have the best education possible.

Sports afternoon

Our **Sports Afternoon** will be held to **Tuesday, 20th June, weather permitting**, beginning at **1.30 pm** and we hope you can join us. There will be **no afternoon Nursery** that day unless the sports are cancelled because of bad weather, in which case school will be as normal. All Nursery children are invited to take part in the Sports Afternoon and parents should bring them along to the school field for **1.30pm**.

Nursery children should sit with their parents and staff will call them for their races.

Once again the running track will be positioned in the middle of the field; we ask that parents stay behind the bunting and not cross over the track to speak with their children. As you can appreciate, we are concerned for the well-being of the children and their safety is paramount to us. Entrances on both Nunns Lane and Bedford Close will be unlocked at **1.30pm** to allow us to set up the field and escort the children on to the field first.

After the races have finished, children will return to their classroom, in the interests of safety we ask that you collect your child from their classroom door. We look forward to seeing you then.

If bad weather is expected and we have to cancel we will inform all parents of this decision via parent mail and Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr Barnett



The Designated Senior lead for Safeguarding and Child Protection is the Headteacher, Phillip Barnett, supported by the Deputy Headteacher, Alison Gascoyne, and Family support worker Kerry Dyas.
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