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I am delighted to be able to invite any interested party to our official “ground breaking” ceremony. This will take place on Thursday 13th February 2020. The timings are as follows:

8:30am to 9.00am	Guest gather on the East Field muster point
9.00am	Lord Mayor arrives
9.00am to 9.30am	Ground breaking ceremony takes place
9.30am to 10.30am	Refreshments available in the Main Hall

Please note, that there will only be limited shelter available if the weather is not favourable. We hope to see you there!

We are actively recruiting new members to the school’s fundraising group called “The Friends of Mayfield”. These volunteers come together to organise a range of fun events such as the Christmas Fayre, Summer Fete and after school activities which help bring the school community together and provide an invaluable income stream. Being a member of this team is also a great way to meet new people and share your skills and experience. There is no minimum time commitment and the FOM are happy for volunteers to give as little or as much time as can be spared. If you are, or someone you know, interested in finding out more, please contact Mrs. Judith Firth, Chair FOM on FirthJ@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Please be aware that as we come to the end of this half term, we will be posting out a letter to all parents and carers as well as sending home reports for all pupils. It is essential that we have your correct contact details. If these have changed recently, then please alert us by sending an email to our SIMS Manager, Mrs. Helen Patis on Patis@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Please note that Friday 14th February will be a non-uniform day for ALL pupils across the school. We are holding this to raise funds for the Year 8 camp. If your child wishes to take part, then we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 which will be collected by class teachers for Primary and on the gate for Seniors. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

To help our families plan their time, we have produced an extract of the school calendar containing all of the key dates for Spring 1. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Head of Seniors (Miss. Louise Hillier)

Week beginning 10th February 2020 is a Week A

The Theme for the week is Health: Looking after ourselves

If you have a child in Year 11 please note that they have been given a copy of the March mock exam timetable. A copy can be found on our website [here](#). There are only three weeks before the exams begin. Please discuss the study plans your child has written in tutor this with week them. They should be revising all subjects but they should have a greater balance of English, Mathematics and Science before the March mock exams. It is important that pupils remember that just having a study plan is not enough- they need to make sure they are following it! If you have any questions regarding Year 11 or the exams, please contact Mrs Head on head@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

After half term our Year 8 Pupils will commence the exciting process of selecting their option courses for next year. The options process starts with a series of three assemblies, during which pupils will be told about the option courses available to them as well how the option process works. On the day of the final assembly, Thursday 27th February, we have the Year 8 Options and Parents Evening. This evening runs between 4pm and 7pm. This event is a fantastic opportunity to both discuss your child progress as well as find out more about the subjects your child is interested in taking as an option. To help you and your child make an informed decision about which options to select, there is the Year 8 Option booklet available on our website [here](#).

Please note the options process for Year 8 takes place online. Details on how to login will be made available on the day of the Parents Evening. There will also be support on logging into Options Online available on the evening. Please book your appointments for the Parents Evening via our website [here](#). If you have any questions about the options process please contact Mrs Cleary on clearya@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Our Year 9 option process will be taking place later in the half term. Please put the date of Thursday 2nd April in your diary as this is the date of the Year 9 Parents and Options evening.

All pupils will be receiving their Spring 1 report on Tuesday during tutor time- please ask your child for it to prevent the report languishing at the bottom of their bag! If you have any questions about the report then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance- a full list of tutors with contact details can be found [here](#).

If your child is in Years 8 or 9 then please note that all Spring 1 Prep projects are due in before half-term. All deadlines for each subject, including the final hand-in date, for all projects should be clearly written in your child's planner. If you have any questions regarding Prep then your child's tutor is the best person to contact in the first instance.

Can I please remind you that the only jewellery pupils are allowed to wear is one earring in each ear and this must be in the lobe. It must be a small stud. Nose piercings are NOT allowed in school and must be removed. There should be no rings, bracelets or necklaces. Thank you for your support in this matter.

For the safety of our pupils and the general public it is important that our pupils remember the rules of the road and cycle safely to and from school- on the road, not on the pavements. They should also be wearing a cycle helmet. In addition, pupils should also remember the Green Cross Code and cross roads safely, looking both ways at all times especially when leaving the gate at the end of the school day.

Head of Primary (Mr. Matt Stedman)

This week, we have welcomed parents and grandparents into the classrooms in our Family Learning Week. The children have loved showing their work to their special adults and I hope that you found the lessons to be useful in furthering your understanding of how your child learns at school. In addition to the lessons, we held an information talk for parents on PSHE in the Primary Section and the powerpoint for this talk can be found [here](#).

Next week is the final week of the half-term, so this half-term's Prep Projects are due in on Monday. The Booking System for the Spring 2 Extra-Curricular programme also closes on Monday at 12pm. Please make sure that you have booked your child's clubs before the booking system closes as late bookings cannot be accepted.

It was my pleasure to give out our first ever Platinum Awards and medals for children who have achieved 1,000 Achievement Points this year. We also awarded the House Points Cup for January to Endeavour House, who narrowly pipped Intrepid to win the Cup. Well done to the Blue House!

Year R have some very exciting events planned for next week. Year R parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 12th February at 3.15pm for the grand opening of our new Outdoor Classroom. We will be saying 'Thank You' to the Site Team for creating this wonderful new learning facility for us, while enjoying some squash and biscuits. On Friday, Year R have been invited to visit the building site of the new school to see the diggers at work. It promises to be a fascinating trip!

Year 5 are having another Mayfield 'first' next week when we host our Bikeability trainers. More information about the Bikeability Week can be found [here](#).

Year 4 are also looking forward to their Residential visits to Minstead that take place straight after the half-term holidays. A letter was sent home earlier this week with the kit list and the final details for this trip. A copy of this letter can be found [here](#). The dates of the trips are as follows:

- Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th February
- Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th February
- Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th March – Yangtze Class

Please see your child's class teacher if you have any queries or questions about these visits.

Finally, I would like to give parents advance warning of our annual dress-up day for World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. On this day, your child can come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. We will look forward to seeing all of your amazing costumes!

Letters sent home this week can be found [here](#):

- Year 5 Bikeability
- Year 4 Minstead
- Year 2 Beaulieu

Head of Pre-school and Nursery

Our topic will continue with the theme 'space'. In class we are reading the book 'Q Pootle 5', who crashed to earth in a spaceship. The children will try to make a replacement spaceship out of the available resources.

Learning intentions linked to class subject are:

- Construct with a purpose in mind;
- Use simple tools to effect changes;
- Fine one less than a given number using 1-5.

Letter sound is 'R' – children take pride in their work so please create a collage with the sound of the week and bring back into school.

Finally, the last day of term is the 14th February, have a lovely half term.