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I write today with some news that is both sad and exciting all in one breath. After many, many, happy years at Chase Lane, **Miss Purton** will be retiring this Easter.

Miss Purton joined Chase Lane in September 1985, a whopping **36** years ago! In her time at Chase Lane Miss Purton has achieved many things but the main thing is that she has spent 1 year of her life with a staggering 1080 children. In terms of teaching, that means she is over 1000 years old!

Over the years, Miss Purton has led in many curriculum areas but I am reliably informed that her greatest achievements were when she led on PE. Miss Purton used to spend evenings and weekends taking children across the borough to various activities such as cross country, athletics, football matches and swimming galas.

In addition, Miss Purton organised and attended the Year 6 residential for many years and for some of those years attended two per year! You may have even attended one of these yourself! This meant taking children to the Isle of Wight and Botley camp and being willing to support the children 24 hours a day for a week at a time!

Miss Purton's dedication has never waned and in more recent years, has been noted with her work for the Chase Lane community. Her dedication has always been over and above expectations. She always supports the Parent Teacher Association with key events like fairs and bingo nights, giving up her time freely.

Miss Purton is retiring from full time class teaching but she is not getting away that easily. You might still see her around school as she will be continuing to support small groups of children in the afternoons on a part time basis.

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Chaudhary from the teaching team, will be taking over Miss Purton's class for the summer term. This will provide great consistency for the children as Mrs Chaudhary has worked at Chase Lane for many years now and all of the children know her well.

Please join me in thanking Miss Purton for the incredible dedication that she has shown Chase Lane over the years and wishing her the very best of health as she steps back to a very long and happy retirement.

Wishing you the very best for your retirement on behalf of the whole school community!

Mr Jeffery



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School Dinner Menu w/c 29th March 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Main Choice	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Hot n Kicking Chicken	Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread
Vegetarian Choice	Jacket Potato served with various fillings	Fresh Vegetable & Chickpea Stir Fry	Vegetable Korma
Sides		Jacket Wedges Noodles	50/50 Mixed Rice
Vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables
Desserts	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit

EASTER MENU
Thursday 1st April

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables
Roasted Pepper Penne & Vegetables

Roasted Potatoes
Honey Glazed Carrots
Spring Garden Peas

Yogurt
Chocolate Krispy Nest
Easter Fruit Platter



Attendance w/c 15th March 2021

Congratulations to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year groups:- over 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	Ash	100%
Year 1	Cedar & Hawthorn	97%
Year 2	Elm & Beech	96%
Year 3	Hazel & Willow	100%
Year 4	Pine	96%
Year 5	Sassafras	99%
Year 6	Oak	100%



The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our whole school attendance was **96.8%**. Congratulations to the following classes who achieved 100% attendance last week: **Ash, Hazel, Willow and Oak**. Keep up the excellent effort everyone!

End of Term Early Closure

Please remember that school closes for the Easter holidays next **Thursday 1st April**, one hour earlier than usual. Please see below the end times for your child's class :

Nursery Afternoon session	2.20pm
Reception	2.20pm
Year 1	2.25pm
Year 2	2.30pm
Year 3	2.30pm
Year 4	2.25pm
Year 5	2.20pm
Year 6	2.35pm



Thank you in advance for your cooperation in collecting your child promptly.

COVID-19

We kindly ask that parents/carers remain vigilant and continue to comply with the rules of lockdown. These rules currently include staying at home and not mixing with households indoors or outdoors.

You should also limit contact with others outside of school and outside of your household, this will help limit the risk to our children, families and staff from COVID-19 and we urgently need **EVERYONE** to follow the guidelines.

There are 2 main types of test to check if you have coronavirus now:

1. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests - this test checks for the genetic material (RNA) of the virus in the sample. You send the sample for processing at a lab.

2. Lateral Flow Device (LFD) - this tests detect proteins called 'antigens' produced by the virus. They give rapid results, in 30 minutes after taking the test.

If your child or anyone in your household has any Covid symptoms, however mild, they must isolate straight away and request a PCR test from www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

If your child becomes unwell with any symptomatic symptoms, you must book a PCR test for them and not a LFD test. Children will not be allowed to return to school until we receive the negative results a PCR test.

LFD test should only to be used for people **without** symptoms (asymptomatic testing) because they are used to help stop the spread of the virus. Our staff continue to take part in LFD test twice a week to ensure we keep all our school community safe.



Spring Parent Consultations

Online Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 29th & Wednesday 31st March for parents who have requested a further discussion with their child's class teacher and booked a slot via SchoolPing.



Please remember, you will need to log on to Teams with your child's login at the allocated time and the class teacher will call you directly.

We ask that you appreciate that we have never had to have parent's consultations like this before but we wish to maintain open communications where possible.

Thank you for your continued support in all of our unusual lockdown arrangements!

Easter School

The impact of the past year has been tremendous on all children but we have identified that some children would benefit from additional teaching. This will help us to ensure that our Year 6 children are Secondary ready. It has therefore been arranged for different groups of Year 6 children to have extra lessons in Reading and Maths. There is no charge for these lessons. The lessons will be taking place from 9.00am until 12.00midday, **Monday 12th April to Thursday 15th April**.



Vocabulary Corner

Ebullient - cheerful and full of energy

Example:

'The children were **ebullient** as they returned to school'.

