

9th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

First, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Now all the festivities are over, we have welcomed your children back to school to continue our journey together.

We have lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children this year, which we are sure will inspire and engage them in their learning. With that in mind, we are really pleased to be taking part in an extension of the 'council's school attendance campaign' this year by providing the children with an aspirations week.

This will take part in the week beginning 20th January and will be started with an interactive assembly from the Air Ambulance Service – the charity we have decided to support this term. Throughout the week the children will have visits from people from all different occupations, including Portsmouth's South MP, to expose them to all the possibilities they could have in life. We are linking this week to the attendance campaign to show the children how vital school is and what attending regularly can help them to achieve; look out for our posters around the school.

Our aspirations week will finish on Friday 24th January where we will be asking children to come to school dressed up as someone from their dream job. On this day, we will be asking for a £1 donation for our chosen charity – The Air Ambulance Service, who rely heavily on donations to keep their service going. We are sure you will agree with us that it is an extremely worthwhile and invaluable resource available to people when they are at their most vulnerable.

It will be a great week for the children, who will hear from people in careers they may never have even heard of, which will hopefully broaden their aspirations for the future. We hope you are able to support your child to fully engage in this week as well as offering your support for our chosen charity.

Yours sincerely

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