May 2025

Pastoral NEWSLETTER

FERNHURST JUNIOR SCHOOL
Together Towards Success

Dear Parents,

Coffee Morning – 1st July 2025 – 9.00-10.30am - Building Resilience for Transition
There will be a short presentation and a chance to chat about how we can support our children through the challenges of transition, whether that is moving to another school or changing teachers.

All parents are welcome to attend, including the new, year 3 parents. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!



Portsmouth Leisure Card

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With the summer holidays approaching, check to see if you could be entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card.

It offers discounts of **up to 50%** at some Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as other services and attractions.

The Card **is free** and available to those who receive **means-tested benefits** living within PO1 – PO6 areas of the city. *(and some properties in PO7 qualify where these pay council tax to Portsmouth City Council).*

You can enjoy BH Live sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre, discount on beach hut rental and allotments and much more. *Please note discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent with your Leisure Card.*

The Leisure Card is valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

- **How to apply:** visit the Portsmouth City Council website, search for Leisure Card and apply online www.portsmouth.gov.uk or you can visit your local library, community centre or housing office and ask for an application form *(please bring along proof of the benefits to be checked)*

If you have any questions; call 02392 688797 or email CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Eligible benefits.

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Housing benefit
- Council Tax Support (excludes statutory 25% single persons discount)
- Pension credit (guarantee credit element only)
- Foster carers with foster children (use the online application form and upload a signed letter from your supervising social worker as evidence)
- Children & Young Adults in Supported Accommodation – (aged 16 – 25yrs cared for by PCC - validated by their social worker or PCC sponsor's letter
- Asylum Seekers – Please note you will be asked to reference your Home Office Number supplied by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary

Milton Youth Club



Activ8 Minds Half Term Holiday Club

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Sport & childcare specialists

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

TUESDAY 27TH MAY - FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025

THEMED DAYS | SPORTS | TEAM GAMES | ART AND CRAFTS



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Household Support Fund Exceptional Hardship Scheme
The HSF Exceptional Hardship Scheme has been created to assist households in exceptional hardship and unable to afford essential daily living costs or an essential household purchase due to an unmanageable drop in income or increase in household costs. The scheme is open to residents who meet the eligibility criteria and haven't received an exceptional hardship payment in the last 6 calendar months. Please see attached for the scheme policy and FAQs, they include details of eligibility criteria, household income thresholds and how to apply.

Applications can be submitted using the following link - Household Support Fund - apply for the Exceptional Hardship Scheme or by visiting the Portsmouth City Council website and searching for 'Household Support Fund' and following the link to the application form.

The scheme will open for public applications in four windows. The first application window is now open and will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 12 June 2025, with further windows anticipated to open in July, October and January. Exact dates of these application windows will be published on the Household Support Fund webpage. This scheme has a limited amount of funding, and the scheme will close earlier if all funds have been distributed.

Information and support to make an application is also available via the Household Support Fund helpline on 023 9268 8010. If you have any questions about the scheme, please contact the team on hsfhardship@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

Young Carers Activities
Please find attached a copy of the young carers May Half Term Activity Programme. Registered young carers and their families received their copy via email last week. Although the deadline for booking has passed, there are still spaces at most of our activities.

Please be aware that the following criteria must be met before a young carer can participate in holiday activities:

- They must be between **5 and 18** years of age. (Portsmouth Carers Service also have a group for **young adult carers** aged **18 to 25**).
- They must be **referred and registered with our service**.
- Parents/guardians must have completed a **Consent for Youth Group form**.

If a family have not completed this, they can complete an electronic form on the PCC website (search young carers, complete the 'Consent to access youth group' form towards the bottom of the page: Introduction to access youth group - Portsmouth City Council - My Portsmouth

Yours sincerely



Mrs Hudson
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