

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

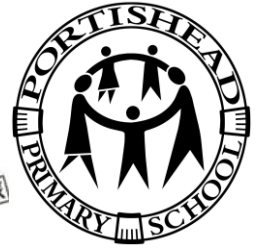
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Learning and achieving together

6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a lovely first week back and for your continued cooperation and support. It already feels like we have been back for more than four days, in the nicest possible sense.

Curriculum and Wellbeing

This week children have enjoyed getting outside with their friends and this will be even more important now we are in full lockdown. Children will go out at every opportunity as long as they come to school dressed for cold and damp weather. Our staff have the freedom to take them outside between playtimes and lunchtimes to support wellbeing whilst keeping bubbles separated.

On that note Mrs Merriam and Mrs Blackmore-Squires have begun to plan what we will focus on this year for the next level of our healthy schools award. This will have a wellbeing focus as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.

Year 2 enjoyed forest schools activities this week with Mrs Wallace and we intend to extend this for all year groups over terms 3 and 4.

We are planning to reopen the library to year class groups with sterile time between bubbles. This will provide children with access to a wider range of books in a safe way. We will let you know when this starts up as there is some work to be done in prepping new books and making the space Covid safe.

Thank you to FOS

I am always impressed with our committee members and volunteers who put so much effort into their roles, fundraising and building community spirit. Many of you will have enjoyed the Scarecrow trail and will be looking forward to some of their future plans. We were presented with a large black history book donation that we are adding to the school library. You can read more about this on our website. Well done team and a big thank you.

Family Support

A second lockdown is not the news we were hoping for and we recognise this presents multiple challenges unique to each of us. If your financial situation changes and you think you may qualify for free school meals please let us know or access the information on our website to apply for them. Likewise we can provide access to the foodbank with vouchers and recommendations for Christmas hampers. Asking for help in this way if it is needed is a strength. Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you need us.

Anti-Bullying Week 16th – 20th November

During the week we will be reviewing our policy and charter with children. I am training all children in KS2 as anti-bullying ambassadors via Teams and your children will be taking part in themed activities in classes. The week starts with Odd Socks day on Monday the 16th- (but school uniform or PE kit). We look forward to building on the excellent work our ambassadors have done in previous years.

Events

Weds 11th – We will stop to pay our respects on Armistice Day.

Friday 13th – Non-uniform for Children in Need – donate online at Children in Need.

Monday 16th – Odd Socks Day to kick off Anti-Bullying Week 2020.

Keep an eye on our calendar on the website for more dates, events and school news.

A big thank you to the staff team for the great job they are doing with our children and a big well done to all of our classes who have been a pleasure this week, as always.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to the members of our school community who have served or are serving as we take time out on Sunday to remember all of those who have fallen and the sacrifices of their families. It is a great time to share family history and keep your stories alive. Many people will be paying their respects across the country on their doorsteps at 11am this Sunday.

Stay safe. I hope you enjoy some outdoor time over the weekend and thanks again for making our school the special place it is.

Kind Regards
Richard Riordan
Headteacher