

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

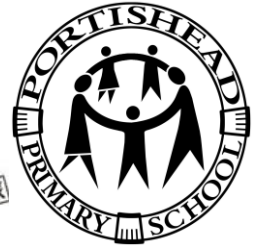
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Learning and achieving together

11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## End of Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst it hasn't been the term we had hoped and planned for, our shared adversity has facilitated a deepening of our partnership as we have worked together to overcome the challenges of the whole school closure.

Once again, I thank all critical workers, working tirelessly to keep the country and our community running, providing world class health care for those in need (including members of our staff team) and those working to vaccinate and reduce the risk to us all, including blue light colleagues.

Thanks also to everyone at home supporting children with remote learning, in most households with multiple children and holding down a job (again including members of our own staff team).

Whilst keeping our school open and managing our remote learning offer, my colleagues have worked tirelessly and flexibly to ensure that our offer is the best it can be. All staff have risen to this challenge in a way that everyone can be proud of.

The optimism and enthusiasm of your children, alongside your thanks and kind messages have been the fuel that has made this possible. They have been a pleasure to work with online and in the building and we are extremely proud of them.

Please find below a link to a short video that Mrs Barrett has prepared on how to submit assignments and respond to feedback on Teams. As we build towards a return to school we would really like to see everyone accessing as much as possible and handing in assignments. This will make the transition back to school and full time education much easier for those children working remotely.

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## Staying Active in Half Term

Mrs Moss has signed the school up to take part in an active challenge over the half term break. Children and school staff can log their distances using the link below. We encourage you all to take part in a safe and socially distanced way. Can you beat Mr Capel or Mr Cook?

<https://thechildrenschallenge.com/feb-1521-half-term-competition>

## Term 4

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is an INSET day** so there will be no home learning or key worker provision in school on this day.

My team are provisionally planning for a possible reopening from the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. The government are scheduled to make an announcement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February if this is the case. Once a date for reopening is confirmed we will begin information sharing with you to prepare you and your children for a return to school. You can rest assured that once we are ready to return we will continue with two mutually supportive priorities – learning and wellbeing/safety.

Please note that the 8<sup>th</sup> of March is an LSP wide INSET day and allocated as a Trust Curriculum Conference. This has been booked for many months and the key note speaker did not have any availability to lead training in term three or early in term 4, **therefore the 8<sup>th</sup> of March will be a school closure day for all pupils.** During this INSET day children will not be expected to complete 'home learning' tasks.

Our value for Term 4 is **Care** and the children will be following the PHSE unit – **Healthy Me**. These seem more apt than ever given where we find ourselves.

We will be holding virtual parents' evenings the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. These will follow the same pattern as before Christmas and the office will send out full details nearer the time.

### **Kitchen/Classroom Disco**

Friday's assembly will end the term with a 10-15 minute kitchen/classroom disco as a bit of fun and wellbeing time. Feel free to dress for the occasion.

### **Reporting Covid Cases**

We still need you to update us over half term. If in the unfortunate event a pupil who has been attending our key worker provision tests positive for Coronavirus having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school please email the school office using the email address [school.office@portisheadprimary.co.uk](mailto:school.office@portisheadprimary.co.uk). Please include in the subject header 'Positive COVID Test Result'. This will allow us to share any important information with anyone that may be affected. The email address will be checked once per day and we will not be responding to any other enquiries.

Where a pupil tests positive for Coronavirus having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### **Kindness**

We have continued to learn more than ever before just how valuable kindness is. It is the community of Portishead's greatest strength and one that we enjoy in abundance in our school. I have been lucky enough to have been professionally and personally touched by kindness, as many of you have through this second lockdown. Kindness in our actions, our words, with our time, kindness to ourselves and being kind enough to be able to forgive when needed will drive the success of the reopening of our schools and the healing of our communities from the impact of the pandemic.

Have a safe and enjoyable break. Please continue to let us know if we can help.

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher