

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

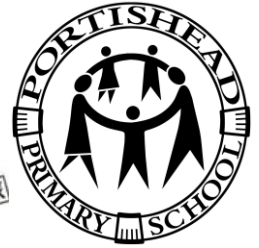
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Learning and achieving together

12th March 2021

Thank You for a Great First Week Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in our first week back. We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back to the school site, re-establishing our class teams and hearing the school full of laughter and joy. We have been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled and are grateful for your support and diligence in implementing the measures agreed in our risk assessment.

We recognise that there are some nuances that make things a bit tricky but trust that you understand why these systems are in place, as we look forward to a time when things become safer and our measures can be adapted accordingly.

Home work

We will not be setting any formal home learning tasks during Term 4 to allow children time to adjust to the routines and structures of being back with their class. Please use some time at home to support your child with their reading, spelling/phonics and times tables as these underpin a huge amount of what we are working on in school and are the quickest way to help your child feel more confident in their learning across the curriculum.

Reading - colour band books, free-readers and phonics-matched reading books and Bug Club. We ask children to read with an adult at least three times per week and for you to write a comment in their reading record.

Spellings/Phonics - overview or sounds to be learnt will be set by your child's class teacher.

Times Tables - Numberbots and/or Times Tables Rock Stars.

If you need log-in details for any of these, please contact your child's teacher via the year group email addresses.

Parents Evenings 16th and 18th March

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for a meeting with school staff next week. Approximately 60 families have not yet signed up. These sessions are really important to have a face to face (over the internet) check in with your child's teacher to discuss concerns, celebrate and check in.

Please see the link below to book your appointment if you have not been able to book just yet.

<https://portisheadprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please note that only one parent device can connect to the video call, for families where parents are in separate households and a second appointment is needed, please contact the school office to arrange this.

Red Nose Day 2021 Friday 19th March

We will all be dressing as superheroes on Friday 19th March (remember, not all superheroes wear capes!). Please donate £1 or more via this link if you can -

[Link to JustGiving page](#)

It is a shame but for hygiene reasons - no wearable Noses!

FOS – Non-Uniform Day Thursday 1st April

FOS are almost half way to their fund raising target of £10,000 for the year. I know times are tough but we do hope that you can continue to support them generously. There really is a **Non-Uniform Day on the 1st of April** – we wouldn't fool around about these things. Please check out their newsletter and Facebook page for more details of how to donate and the exciting plans they have coming up, including a pet competition!

Book Voucher Reminder

Paper vouchers were sent home this week. The book token is valid from Thursday 18th February – Sunday 28th March 2021, however participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond 28th March while stock lasts. Some supermarkets do stock the £1 titles; if you wish to find your nearest participating store, you can do this using the site below:

<https://www.booksellers.org.uk/wbd>

You can download a digital token here:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

Mother's Day

We recognise that families come in all shapes and sizes and for as much joy as this day bring to some, for others it can be a tough time. We thank those amazing women, whatever their role in the family, for the love and care they so generously give and we think of all of you for whom Sunday may be tough.

We are back, it has been amazing, thanks again to our children, staff and you all at home for making this happen!

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher