

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first week we have had back with children and staff establishing new relationships, expectations and routines. It has been a pleasure to visit classrooms, meet new faces and even get out on a school trip this week!

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone in the school community for the way we are adapting to and accepting the new context to which we have returned.

Curriculum

I was fortunate enough to have attended the Year 6 visit to Mojo Active on Wednesday. This was a fantastic day of team building and we fully intend to build on our outdoor education and forest school activities for the whole school. Mrs Wallace, Mrs Watkins and our leadership team have developed this to become a real strength of the school. We recognise the importance of this for children in supporting wellbeing as well as the team building and resilience it develops in them.

Our school diary is also filling up with WOW days which come in all different styles. Year 4 looked splendid on Wednesday for theirs and Year 5 will enjoy a special day on Monday in school uniform.

Remote Learning

Our remote learning offer is live on Teams in year groups using last year's login details, should you need it for individual children. Please contact the office or class teachers if you can't access it – of course we hope that this will be rarely required by individual pupils.

School Website – link to new video below!

We are really proud of our school website and it gets updated on a regular basis. You can find a range of information, news stories and support for health and wellbeing.

This week we have added a video that introduces the school and outlines our approach. Having missed the opportunity to welcome you all in to the school over the last 18 months you may well wish to have a little watch.

<https://www.portisheadprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Headteacher%27s+Welcome&pid=109>

Parent Partnership

My senior leadership team are busy finalising our school development plan (called a RAPP within the Trust). Included in this will be a number of opportunities for parents to engage with the school and develop your understanding of our teaching and learning. We look forward to hosting you so please keep an eye out on the school calendar, our e-mails and newsletters.

New Beginnings

Of course, one of the best parts of the first week back is welcoming new children and parents in Reception and across other classes. We have all been so impressed with their start to the year! For those Year 6 children that left us in July but have siblings in the school, please pass on our best wishes to them for the rest of Year 7.

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