

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please pass on our thanks to your children for a wonderful and very busy week back at Portishead Primary School. You can see and read about some of the things we have been up to on our Facebook page and school website.

## Anti-Bullying Week 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of November

This week I worked with and trained our 10 new anti-bullying ambassadors to plan this really important annual event.

On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November we will celebrate diversity wearing school uniform but Odd Socks - you can be as creative and colourful as you like.

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> it is also Children in Need and children are invited to make an online donation and come to school in their pyjamas. It is cold so please be mindful of this when selecting your outfit and consider how you can layer up for the weather.

During the week we will also share online assemblies, our updated anti-bullying charter and school policy.

My thanks to our wonderful ambassadors who will work with school staff to plan events throughout the year that embed our anti-bullying culture and promote kindness, respect and inclusivity.

## School COVID-19 Risk Assessment

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership Trust has issued and updated our trust wide risk assessment template which we have personalised. You can find this on the policies page of our website.

Please note the much more robust approach to face coverings on the school site that acknowledges it is not possible to socially distance at pick up and drop off. **It is now a requirement for all visitors to the site to wear a face covering unless exempt.**

**The Lighthouse Schools Partnership are taking this approach at all schools in the Trust.**

**“In cases of non-compliance the member of SLT on duty will remind those not wearing masks of the requirement to do so. In the case of continued non-compliance this will be followed up by a letter reiterating our approach.**

**Further non-compliance will lead to the headteacher sending a Final Warning Letter. As a last resort the headteacher and in the case of further non-cooperation, in consultation with the MAT/LA, will consider the potential of approaching DS and activating the 'Landlord Right' to warn the parent/carer and then, if necessary, proportionately ban them from the school site, backed by potential criminal sanction under section 547 of the Education Act 1996."**

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and trust that you will work with us so that we are not in the awkward situation of having those difficult conversations.

## **Self-Isolation**

When to self-isolate:

**Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab) on GOV.UK as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK

When Not to self- Isolate:

**If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:**

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19

## **Poppies**

Thank you for all of your generous donations. We will continue to offer poppies and merchandise at the gate next week. This year marks 100 years of the Royal British Legion and the Portishead Branch, which was one of the first formed. It is currently a very challenging time for many veterans. Please reach out to the RBL who run a variety of events if you need a helping hand or just a brew and a chat with another veteran. You can find the local branch on Facebook.

## **Phone Smart**

Here's a link to the Phone Smart programme from EE. It's designed for children and parents for when their child is getting their first phone and teaches them how to stay safe and kind online. It's totally free and you don't have to be an EE customer to sign up.

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>

## **Times Tables Rockstars Challenge**

For Maths Week England we want to make maths exciting and high profile in our school. Years 2 to 6 will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from England from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November. It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com).

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. TT Rockstars are giving out prizes to the top 3 classes nationwide.

## **Looking Forward**

It is bonfire night tonight. I shared the fireworks code with children in assembly this afternoon and we hope you all have a safe and enjoyable bonfire experience.

Our Reception and Year 1 teams are planning their Christmas performances and we look forward to these going ahead at the end of the term. Dates and arrangements will be shared in good time.

As the temperature continues to drop please ensure that every child comes to school dressed for the weather. Our classrooms need to be well ventilated and we advise children and staff to layer up accordingly.

Please support our FOS team as they continue with their excellent fundraising – money raised is going towards the refurbishment of Pirate Island.

Kind Regards

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