

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

17th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your continued patience, understanding and partnership with our Covid 19 risk assessment and the requirements we are required to ask you to follow from the NHSUK. We respect the range of views from across the community and understand the concern when your children have had to self-isolate.

## School Closure and Weather Warning

We are sorry to be closing tomorrow alongside all North Somerset schools. **North Somerset have asked that we share the clear advice to avoid coastal locations and any unnecessary risk.** Please do stay safe.

## Pupil Achievement

We do hope you are pleased with the mid-term reports. We took onboard your valuable feedback in the 2021 parent survey and have introduced these to give you more information about your child's learning at the mid-year point. We look forward to sharing more information with you at the parent's evenings on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. More information on how to book your online appointment will be sent out after half term.

Myself, Mrs Sargent and Mrs Hardwidge met all year groups last week to discuss the progress of classes and review support. These meetings have allowed us to plan interventions, academic mentoring and tutoring. With approval from our governing body, we have also utilised some funding to provide additional staffing to support children across the school.

## Wraparound Care Bookings

Just a reminder to make your bookings for March-April on the Play Station Wraparound Care booking form that was sent out on 7th February. The booking form will close on Sunday 27th February at 1pm. After this date, please email [theplaystation@portisheadprimary.co.uk](mailto:theplaystation@portisheadprimary.co.uk) for any amendments or additional bookings. Please note that for on the day bookings/amendments, these must be communicated through the school office.

## **World Book Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

This year we will not be dressing up. This means you don't need to spend money or time on costumes. We would encourage you to read a story at home, visit the library or if you have some spare money, buy a new book you can share together. Book tokens will be sent home with children on the day.

In school we are focusing on reading and Mrs Barrett has some great activities for classes to inspire a love of reading and books. She is sending out more information separately.

## **Inclusion Coffee Mornings and Catch Ups**

From Term 4 we are delighted to share that Mrs Hardwidge will be hosting the following coffee mornings to support parents and families.

- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9am** - Child difficulties e.g. bed wetting, support with how to access NHS support for incontinence, sleep
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm** - Autism and social communication
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am** - Supportive parents - a member of supportive parents will be attending and running the session for parents of children with additional SEND needs
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9am** - Mental health and Year 6 transition
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9am** - Dyslexia and Dyspraxia- our advisory teacher will be running this session.

All of these sessions will be held in the cabin with refreshments. The sessions will last between an hour and an hour and a half. **More information about booking to follow next term.**

## **Celebration and Thanks**

- Mrs Sprake and Mrs Moss are completing some funded national professional qualifications
- We thank Mr Rose for his work with Campbell class and welcomed back Mrs Fletcher
- Mrs Bennett has had a wonderful first term with Seahorse Class and has proven already to be a wonderful asset to the school
- School visits in person and online from Greenpeace, the Fire Brigade, Dr Mike and Harriet T

## **In other news/things you may have missed or wouldn't know**

- A range of year group wow days
- Appointment of Poppy, our school dog
- Dog's Trust school assemblies and workshops
- Mental health and wellbeing training for staff
- Preventing sexual harassment training
- Blue/Brew Monday
- Planting a cherry tree donated by the people of Japan
- Edna Clayton's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday
- School Games Award for PE and Sports
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Safer Internet Day
- Visit by Portishead Fire Station

- Phonics and Early Reading Information Evening
- Team Eco 6 – championing sustainable eating to save the planet
- Many governor visits to challenge and support leaders and assess the impact of our school improvement work

**Coming up next term .....as well as World Book Day**

- More Wow days – kicking off with Year 6
- Avon Wildlife Trust Assemblies
- International Women’s Day
- Parents Evenings (Online)
- Red Nose Day
- World Maths Day
- Mother’s Day
- Recorded information sessions for parents

And much much more.....

Have a lovely half term break

Kind Regards

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