

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome children, families and staff back after the Easter break. We hope you enjoyed the time with your families, now straight in to a bank holiday Monday!

Covid 19 update

Across the Lighthouse Schools Partnership our Covid 19 risk assessments have ceased and have been removed from our website. All schools in the Trust now have a much wider Respiratory & Other Infectious Diseases Risk Assessment in place alongside many other risk assessments pertinent to our settings.

The school will continue with good respiratory and hand hygiene, ventilation and cleaning, monitoring reported cases and encouraging everyone to follow government guidance which includes anyone testing positive not attending the site.

Current NHS Guidance

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. **They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend**
- **adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days**

Communication

We have created a new page on the **Curriculum** tab of our website where you will be able to access the most up to date curriculum newsletters for your reference. This tab is also really useful to find out more about what the children are learning in subjects.

We have also added a new phonics video on the English page of the Curriculum tab which we would encourage all parents to watch from EYFS to Year 3.

Learning

Mr Capel, Mrs Sargent and myself had the pleasure of visiting maths lessons from EYFS to Year 6 on Tuesday. We were joined by our school improvement advisor from the Trust and a governor joined for the summary of feedback

on the day. It was fabulous to see the high-quality teaching and learning going on across the school and the children's behaviour for learning was a credit to you, themselves and the adults working with them.

Reading for Pleasure

Mrs Barrett and our reading team are working with staff to develop how we promote reading for pleasure. Staff have been working on the accessibility and organisation of our reading corners, new book shelves in KS2 and the library. We are using some very generous donations to the school to replace and supplement reading books as part of this project.

Encouraging regular reading outside of school and reading with your children is one of the most important things you can do to help improve the educational outcomes of your children.

Staffing News

We have welcomed Neill Bird and Abi Bradley to the school team. Neill has supplemented our business management team working with Debbie Stephens and Abi joins our SMSA team.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ulu soon, a much valued SMSA and we thank her for her care for our children.

News from the LSP

The Trust recently appointed a new Deputy Director for Education (SEND and Inclusion), Debbie Coker. She visited our school this morning and we look forward the support and challenge she will be able to bring to this key area of education, which is a school, Trust, LA and national priority.

The LSP Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 17th May @6.00pm (in person, not via Teams) – Venue: Backwell School Library and is open to anyone interested in attending.

Thank You

Thanks to the FOS committee and to all of you who have supported their fund-raising initiatives this year. We have been busy refurbishing Pirate Island and installing new equipment with their funds in consultation with the school council.

Key Dates

- 3rd May - First day back after bank holiday weekend
- 9th May - KS2 SATs week – (Year 6) Monday to Thursday
- 18th May - School Class Photos

Kind Regards

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