

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy first 3 weeks back at school and the pace continues as we stride towards the half term holidays already! Fantastic to be back at the front gate today seeing everyone after a week of early morning SATs preparation.

Celebration

A huge congratulations to our Y6 children who have taken their KS2 SATs this week. We couldn't be more proud of their attitude, calmness and team work. When their results come back in July they will know that they could not have done any better which is all we can ask of ourselves.

Across the school there has been some fabulous learning going on. I really enjoyed seeing the Year 4 children making the most of their Roman themed wow day.

Our Year 2 children have begun their KS1 assessments. These are done very differently to the Year 6 SATs and rightly so.

Thanks to all of the parents who were able to attend the Year 1 phonics check information session. If you missed the session you can access the Powerpoint from the weblink below.

<https://www.portisheadprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Workshops+and+Information+Sessions+For+Parents&pid=164>

Our visits to our Reception classes are always a joy. It is inspiring to see how much progress the children have made since September!

We really enjoyed hosting our Inclusion coffee morning last week, led by Mrs Hardwidge and supported by SENDIASS. Great advice, great support, great company and some rather tasty biscuits.

Walk to School Week 16th to 20th May

Next week is walk to school week and all classes will be recording their class data. We know it isn't possible for everyone to walk, especially if you are driving on to work after drop off. Could you park locally and walk the last section of your journey and enjoy the slower pace, our beautiful locality and the sunshine on your skin?

Jubilee Celebrations 26th May

On Thursday the 26th of May we would like children and staff to come to school wearing the colours of the Union Flag as we celebrate the diamond jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the longest reigning monarch in History. Activities this day will include:

- Portrait painting – these will be entered into a local competition.
- Singing in the field.
- History lessons.
- An afternoon tea with cupcakes.
- All children are learning the National Anthem.

Parking

Unfortunately, a member of staff's scooter was knocked over in our car park on Monday afternoon and this was not reported to the school. This accident resulted in some damage and has had a financial impact on our staff member as well as causing them significant inconvenience.

Please can we remind all parents that our car park is for staff and visitor use only, unless by prior agreement with the school at drop off and pick up times.

Promoting Female Engagement in Science

The University of Bristol ChemLabs primary outreach team are coming to deliver a talk and workshop to the Year 6 girls with the aim of promoting women in STEM. The workshops will involve using chemistry to explore scent and will take place on Monday afternoon. Thanks to Miss Levy for organising.

Our boys will be enjoying a range alternative science activities with Mrs Barrett and the Year 6 team.

News from Governors

This term governors have been in school to take part in our termly safeguarding committee meeting and oversaw the administration of the KS2 SATs. They have been engaged in a number of Trust wide policy consultations and will be represented at the Trust AGM on the 17th of May. Our next LGB meeting is on the 18th of May and the chair of governors is also attending the Year 6 camp.

We will have a vacancy for one parent governor from 27th June. This will involve nominations and then an election. The vacancy will be open to parents or carers of children currently at our school. Letters and application forms will be sent out next week and the process is organised and overseen by the clerk to governors and headteacher. Once letters have gone out I will be happy to catch up with anyone who would like more information about the role.

News from the LSP

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.

Could you or someone you know be a Trustee?

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership seeks to have a range of skills on its Board, with experience and expertise from across a variety of professional backgrounds. We are keen to hear from individuals who are willing to commit to our

vision and values and who are excited about improving outcomes for young people. A willingness to work constructively and effectively in accordance with the 'Nolan Principles: Standard of Public Life' is essential.

For more information explore the link below.

[Lighthouse Schools Partnership - Could you be a Trustee?](#)

Key Dates

- 18th May - School Class Photos
- 23rd May – Year 6 Camp
- 26th May School Jubilee Celebrations
- 27th May INSET Day and Year 6 return from Camp
- 6th June (Week of) – Arts Week and Year 1 Phonics Check

Kind Regards

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