

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first week back! We have been delighted to welcome your children back to school and have been so impressed with how quickly they have settled. Our new EYFS children have begun their transition to fulltime primary school provision and have been a joy to visit in class.

Thank you for all for the support you have provided at home to help your children transition in to school.

Contacting Us

We are here for you and you can contact our teaching team using the year group emails if you need to. Our staff will respond within 48 hours but you often find a response significantly more quickly.

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Our First Week

The school has been as busy as ever. Myself, Mrs Sargent (our Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Merriam (our SENDCo) have enjoyed visiting children in classes and chatting to children during our regular breaktime and lunchtime school walks. Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 have all enjoyed WOW days this week and the whole school is abuzz with learning.

Year 6 Camp Meeting

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The powerpoint from yesterday's online Year 6 Camp Information Meeting has been added to our website. You can access it here:-

[Link to Year 6 Camp Meeting Powerpoint](#)

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Last night the country learnt of the peaceful passing of our Queen, aged 96, marking the end of her historic reign. Her Son, King Charles III, said the death of his mother was a "moment of great sadness" for him and his family and the loss would be "deeply felt" around the world.

This morning it was my solemn duty to lead the school in a celebration of the Queen's life in our first whole school assembly of the new school year. We shared a series of photographs of Her Majesty, from her birth in 1926, throughout her life, many including informal moments as a child, young woman, mother and grandparent. We finished with a round of applause in celebration of a life well led, in the service of others, with grace, kindness and humility.

It was a very dignified, respectful but positive experience for us as a community.

As we find out more about the forthcoming national events that will mark the Queen's passing and the transition from her Majesty to the reign of King Charles III we will keep you updated on how we will join in as a school.

Feeling Very Proud

So, the week ends in a significantly more sombre mood than any of us expected. However, in school, as we reflect on the moment of history we find ourselves in, it also remains a special week for us because today marks the end of our first week back to school. Our children have excelled, they have laughed, reconnected with friends, enjoyed working with their new staff teams and made the most of each learning experience they have been provided with.

Thank you to the staff team for the planning and hard work reconnecting and the resetting of expectations involves. We are overwhelmed with pride for a fabulous start to the new school year.

Diary Dates

Friday 16th September – Year 6 Lifeskills Trip

Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd September - Year 4 Barton Camp Trip

17th and 22nd November - Parents' Evenings

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend despite the solemn circumstances of this moment in history. We give thanks to the life of service, humility and kindness our beloved Queen led. Our thoughts are with her family and those closest to her who will feel her loss all the more deeply.

God Save the King.

Richard Riordan
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