

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to be impressed with the wonderful start to the school year we have enjoyed so far. Our community has already demonstrated our kind and respectful response to a significant historical event, rightly and swiftly adapting to the additional day of closure.

Our EYFS children have completed their induction period and start full time on Monday. They have settled in so well already and it has been a pleasure to drop in and see the whole classes learning together.

Today we have announced our school council representatives and our anti-bullying ambassadors. I look forward to working with them across the school year. I will be meeting with each group twice termly as a minimum. Both pupil groups have been a strength of our school, alongside the other pupil responsibilities we offer our children, and their work with us is central to our school vision.

Parent Workshops

We are delighted to offer you a range of opportunities to help develop your understanding of some of the key areas of our school. The majority of these are online and will be recorded so that if you are unable to attend you can watch the recordings. The recordings will be posted on the Parent Information section of our website.

<http://portisheadprimary.ovw5.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Workshops+and+Information+Sessions+For+Parents&pid=164>

- 4th October 6.00pm (Teams) Reading for Pleasure
- 11th October 9.15am (In School) SEND Information Session
- 11th October 6pm (Teams) Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- 19th October 6.30pm (School Hall) EYFS Phonics and Early Reading
- 2nd November 6.00pm (Teams) Maths Information Session

We will be arranging a behaviour session and anti-bullying session later in the school year. Teams links will be sent out to all parents in advance for those meetings held online.

Communication with Separated Families

As a school we understand that sometimes relationships between parents can breakdown. In these incidences and where parents have joint parental responsibility, we share information about the life of the school and the progress of children e.g. parents evening and school reports, letters etc with both parties.

Regarding other aspects of school life, it is our expectation that parents agree matters between themselves and share information with each other.

Parents should not expect our staff to intervene in other arrangements concerning their children such as moving address, holiday arrangements, etc.

Year 4 Camp

I was privileged to visit Year 4 Camp on 2 occasions, in addition to Mrs Sargent's visit on Wednesday. I was so impressed with the maturity of the children, the outdoor learning the staff provided and the exemplary levels of care with which the children were provided. I know these high standards were also recognised by our Safeguarding Governor, Kim Jones, who visited and pitched in with the catering.

Kind regards,

Richard Riordan
Headteacher
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