

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has thrown a bit of everything at us this week so I am very grateful for the resilience the children and staff have shown as we approach December and all that excitement and joy that this special month brings us!

## Parents' Evenings

What a pleasure it has been hosting you at school for our first face to face parents' evenings for far too long. We have really appreciated the opportunity to share your children's books with you and host you in our classrooms. Our governors also enjoyed the opportunity to meet you and help direct you to your classrooms. It is still hard to believe that for so many of you this will have been a first experience of this, including some of our staff! Thank you for joining us and respecting the length of the appointments, and a thanks also to Mrs Merriam for her work on the tannoy system.

## Some Requests for Help

### FOS

Our school works best as a partnership and with the challenges all schools face within the current economic climate the fundraising FOS carry out is increasingly important. We would really appreciate your support with volunteers to help run our first full Christmas Fair. We can't do it without you and this year for the first time in a long time, we can utilise the whole school hall and classrooms.

**Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December** will be a non-uniform day. We ask that you donate a bottle for the tombola or cake for the café. No theme – dress to impress, but also an opportunity to show your soccer allegiances if you so wish.

We also need you to spread the word, bring your wider family and friends and come along to support the event between **12 and 3pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December**.

## Preparation and Planning

We really do appreciate just how busy family life is, none more so that getting ready to leave the house in the morning! As term has progressed we have a growing number of items being dropped to the school

office throughout the day. Whilst we are happy to support as our children always come first, we need your help to reduce this in order for the admin team to carry out their other really important roles that support the education and safety of your children. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

## **Nuts**

Just a reminder that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies, please can we ask you to refrain from giving your children anything that contains nuts to eat in school.

## **Celebration of Success**

Well done to our boys and girls who have represented the school with such humility at sporting events. They have enjoyed great success, made great memories with their team mates and shown great maturity and sporting conduct. Our Year 5/6 boys have reached the county football finals.

Congratulations to our staff quiz team who narrowly pipped our governors to victory at the staff quiz. Thanks to all the teams who took part and a special thank you to Bethan who hosted the event.

We have hosted a number of visitors who have come in to pass on their thanks for the hard work of the children. Anne Taylor's daughter, Karen, and sister Mollie visited to thank us for making the wonderful Remembrance Banner for the war memorial in St Peter's Church. We would also like to thank Louise Malik from the LSP who presented a bird bath to our Eco Committee for their work for the Trustees of the LSP.

I have hosted 10 parent tours since September and just wanted to share what a pleasure it is showing new visitors around our school. Our displays, and the learning and behaviour we see around the school are exceptional. It is no wonder that our academic results are so high and I am very proud of our amazing children and the staff team.

## **It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas**

1 month to go until the sound of reindeer hooves and jingle bells and only 3 weeks of school left until we break for the holidays. We respect that not everyone in our community celebrates and though we are not a church school we enjoy a full festive calendar of events outlined below. Everyone in school is very excited about the events coming up. Please see below.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Non-Uniform Day, donate a bottle for the tombola or cake for the café

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – 12-3pm FOS Christmas Fair

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.30pm Octopus Class Nativity to parents (doors open at 2.15pm)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - 2.30pm - Dolphin Class Nativity to parents (doors open at 2.15pm)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 6-7.30pm Year 5/6 Carols at Church

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 6-7.30pm Year 3/4 Carols at Church

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – 2.30pm Year 1 Christmas Sing

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your support for the school and for sharing our commitment to teaching our children kindness and a respect for others, in a world where equality isn't guaranteed for everyone.

Kind regards,

Richard Riordan  
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