

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed working with your children this week after the half-term break. It is always a pleasure to welcome them back to school and re-establish routines even after 1 week of rest and enjoyment.

I am always very grateful for the warmth and consideration I am afforded when I bump in to children and families around our small town. It was lovely to enjoy some warm weather and make the most of the time off.

## School Rules

Our school council reps and anti-bullying ambassadors have been working with senior leaders to review our current behaviour policy and simplify and improve our school rules. Their hard work and commitment to doing this, as well as their thoughtfulness, wisdom and understanding has been a joy to watch. We have concluded our work with 3 very effective golden rules which are easy to remember and apply.

- Be Kind
- Be Safe
- Ready to Learn

## Physical Education in KS2

The school has enjoyed a very positive relationship with Gymclubs and we are sad to share that from Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> we will be working instead with a new company called Shine. We would like to thank Bex and her team of coaches for the fantastic work they have done with our children and families. Gymclubs will continue to run gymnastics sessions as an after school letting.

You can find out more about our new providers by clicking the link below. We will be sharing more details about our work with them and other services they offer in the coming weeks and I am pleased to say that they will be offering an Easter holiday club.

<https://myshine.co.uk/school-services>

## **Industrial Action**

Just a reminder that the school will be closed next Thursday for the majority of classes due to the ongoing industrial action being taken by the NEU. This national dispute is not a reflection of the commitment of our staff to your children and our community. We appreciate your understanding while they exercise their democratic right.

## **Lateness and Punctuality**

Rest assured that any children arriving at the office who are not actually late will be marked on the registers as arriving on time by the school office.

## **World Book Day**

Unfortunately, world book day falls on the day of industrial action, however we have made the following plans. Please note that we will not be dressing up this year.

- We are holding a book fair on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February in the cabins.
- Whole school homework – redesigning the cover for your favourite book.
- In school we will be doing book-based activities.
- For those at home on World Book Day.  
<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/celebrate-world-book-day-at-home/>
- All children will be given a book token which can be spent at the book fair or other retailers.

## **Energy Drinks**

We have noticed that a very small number of children have brought in Prime energy drinks. There is no dietary requirement with good nutrition and hydration for any child to require them and any brought in to school will be taken off of them. Many energy drinks contain high levels of caffeine which can be dangerous.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/water-drinks-nutrition/>

## **Parents' Evenings (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March)**

These will again be hosted in school and will be available to book from 6pm on Tuesday evening (28<sup>th</sup> of February), so please look out for an email with the booking link, that will be sent out during the day on Monday.

## **Cyber Protection – a video from Avon and Somerset Police**

Please click the link below to watch this useful video for parents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REAUTp71ATU>

## Staffing update

Today we said goodbye to Ness Forrest. Ness has worked in the school for almost 8 years and has given the staff, children and families of our school outstanding service. We wish her well in her new role as part of the LSP finance team.

Tim Sutton, our site manager who is contracted through WSS has been redeployed to a school in Weston, nearer to where he lives. His last day with us is Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Tim has been outstanding to work with and is a real unsung hero and thoroughly nice guy. He will be replaced by Paul Johnstone who will be taking over from Tim on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March.

Kind regards,

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