

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful end of term we have had. The sun has shone and it finally feels like summer is here even if it felt like we skipped Spring! There has been so much to celebrate over the last few weeks but to end the term with such a special Year 4 performance and a visit to the Lion King last night has been fantastic.

We also shared reader, writer and mathematician of the term awards in a special assembly yesterday. Congratulations to all of those children who were selected for an award.

## Sports Days 2023 – updated dates

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y4,5,6

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y1,2,3

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – YR

12:55pm Gates to the school field open to parents until 1:10pm

1:10pm - Children to be brought out to sit under the shade in their year groups

1:15pm – Events start

## Staffing News

Congratulations to Mr Capel who has been selected to become a mastery maths specialist for the Boolean Maths Hub. It is fantastic to see him get some external recognition for his maths leadership work and professional expertise.

Senior leaders and governors have been busy this week recruiting for our September vacancies. Our new Deputy Headteacher will be Mr Alistair Meredith and will be joining Team PPS to work alongside Mrs Sargent from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We will be sharing full details of our other appointments after the half term break to allow the appointees schools to communicate with their school communities. What we can say, is how excited we are to have appointed such talented and experienced staff for the new school year.

## Governance

Even as an experienced headteacher, I sometimes forget that the members of our governing body are all volunteers. As we approach the final term of the school year I just wanted to highlight the extraordinary work they do behind the scenes, ably supported by our superb clerk Cathryn Butler. This term has been especially busy for them and we really appreciate the time, energy, challenge and support they bring to the school. This is exemplified none more so than by the significant and substantial contribution of our chair of governors, Mrs Helen Dawes.

## Attendance

Our current school attendance rate is 95.1%. We are looking forward to seeing this rise over the remaining 7 weeks of term 6 with your diligence.

This term 223 children have 100% attendance- fantastic!

Well done to the 17 children across the school who have maintained 100% attendance across the school year.

## Science Day

Our thanks to Mrs Davies for organising a very special Science Day today. Children enjoyed a special whole school assembly first thing this morning and then took part in a workshop to discover more about some of the lesser well-known scientists from history. In addition to this classes enjoyed some shared learning with their buddy class from a different year group and enjoyed science learning throughout the whole day.

## Value of Term 6

Our Value of term 6 is **Challenge**. Children will be learning about:

- be brave and try new things
- stand up for what we believe
- try again even if we fail
- step out of our comfort zone
- be courageous as we face our fears
- Look to the future with hope and optimism

Enjoy the half term break and the wonderful weather we have been blessed with. We have our last INSET day across the LSP on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** and will look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

Kind Regards,  
Richard Riordan  
Headteacher