

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The busy start to Term 6 has continued at a pace and I offer my congratulations to all of our pupils who have taken part in national testing including Year 1 with their Phonics check and Year 4 with the times tables check.

## Staffing and Class Deployment

Mrs Sargent has been away from school recovering from an operation following a very complicated wrist fracture. She returned full time on Thursday and we are very pleased that she has made such a positive recovery.

We will be welcoming back Mrs Barrett from maternity leave in September and she will be dropping in to school over the remainder of the term. Sadly, this means that we will have to say goodbye to Mrs Mawdsley who has covered Mrs Barrett's maternity leave. Mrs Mawdsley will be joining Horfield C of E Primary School in September and we wish her well in her new role.

We will be sharing our Class teacher deployment with you all in advance of the move up day. Parents will also be informed of any changes to classes should we decide to mix any of the year groups up for September 23. All of these key issues are being discussed over the next 2 weeks with Mrs Sargent, making final decisions when she returns to school.

## Industrial Action

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of July are proposed days of industrial action by the NEU. We expect some of the previously affected classes to be closed and will communicate this closer to the time when we know more information. Our EYFS school trip to The Wild Place Project is unaffected.

Our understanding is that all teaching unions are currently balloting members regarding the pay and school funding dispute with the DFE for further coordinated industrial action in the new academic year. We will continue to keep you updated and hope for a swift resolution to the dispute.

## Sports Days for KS1 and KS2

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y4, 5, & 6

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y1, 2 & 3

Children should wear their PE kits including navy t-shirt on these days.

Entry is between 1pm and 1.10pm via the double gates by the staff car park.

**Entry after 1.10pm is not guaranteed and no visitors will be admitted through the main school office at any point.**

## Inaugural Portishead Schools Eco Forum

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June we are very proud to be hosting the first Portishead School Eco Forum with 48 children attending from 5 schools. Our Eco Club will be taking part in the inaugural flagship event for the trust. Great work by Mr Taylor, Mrs Perry and Mrs Wallace. The schools will be sharing best practice, taking part in workshops and will be joined by senior leaders from the LSP and North Somerset Council.

## Healthy Schools Week 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July

The week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July is healthy school's week. Children will be enjoying a range of lessons around a variety of health-related lessons and a visit from the RNLI water safety team.

## **WhatsApp**

We continue to have to deal with growing numbers of friendship issues caused by the use of WhatsApp outside of school. Please can I remind you that WhatsApp is a tool with an age limit of 16. A growing number of pupils are accessing this from as young as Year 3 and simply do not have the maturity to manage the complex social and emotional demands of its use.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

We urge you all to seriously consider when you introduce smart devices to your children's lives, which apps you allow them to use and how you supervise what they access and how they use them. Social media can and does impact negatively on mental health.

## **FOS Fair**

Our Friends of School will be hosting the annual summer fair on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June will be a non-uniform day with donations of a bottle for the Tombola in the morning. The fair runs from 12pm to 3pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,  
Richard Riordan  
Headteacher