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Learning and achieving together

Thursday 6th July 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our very busy term continues at a pace with so much to celebrate as a school and community and as we approach the end of term and prepare to say our goodbyes I am painfully aware that my time at PPS is also coming to a close.

FOS Fair

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported at the summer fair last weekend. It was a fabulous team effort from the FOS committee and their team of volunteers. I am also very grateful for the support of the staff team and to the children who also contributed to the running and organisation of the event, particularly Sam, Lucy and our Year 6. Thanks also for the great job you have all done selling raffle tickets. **A special thanks to our Co Chairs, Tara and Jude.**

There is one more opportunity to have fun with FOS. Nutty Noah is performing in the school HALL ON Friday 14th of July. Tickets are available through FOS.

SEND Update

Unfortunately, Mrs Merriam is in hospital having her appendicitis. Her work stream will be managed by Mrs Sargent and our partners at the Trust. If you have any SEND concerns in the meantime please speak to your class teacher in the first instance and then contact Mrs Sargent via the school office.

We wish Mrs Merriam a speedy recovery.

Eco-Forum

Well done to our fabulous Eco Team (Mr Taylor, Mrs Perry and Mrs Wallace) for organising and running the first Portishead Schools Eco-Forum. It was a fabulous day of enrichment for all of the children who attended, and we are very proud to be leading the trust in this key area. Trustees have written to the school to thank us for the work this team is leading. We are very very proud!

EYFS Sports Day

A big congratulations to our children in Dolphin and Octopus class who enjoyed their first sports day this afternoon. It was a pleasure hosting parents for the event and we are very proud of the children.

Class Showcases and Reports

We are delighted to welcome you to our class showcases next Thursday evening after school from 3.20 onwards. This will be another chance for you to look at books and check in with class teachers. School reports will come home next Friday. This is later than usual due to later KS2 SATs and the later release of the children's results which need to be included with reports.

Move Up Day Tuesday 11th of July

We are looking forward to our move up morning on Tuesday. Children will be meeting their new teachers for a morning of activities and we will be joined by our new EYFS classes. Children moving to Gordano will have a whole day at their new school. Mrs Sargent will be releasing the new names of classes very shortly.

Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards

Last night we were delighted to host the 2023 SAFYAS's having won the Paul Heim Award in 2022. It was a privilege to be inspired by the stories of how children and young people have been challenging discrimination, working with conflict resolution and supporting and caring for others. Well done Bodhi from Year 4 who gave the welcoming speech.

Staffing Update

We are very sorry to share that Mr Abrahams and Miss Treveil are leaving our support staff team in July. Mr Abraham is training as a teacher and will excel in this new role and Miss Treveil is going to work with adults with additional needs. We are extremely grateful for their contribution to our school.

Thank You

I wanted to save my last letter to focus on the children, staff and governors of the school so will say my thank you today. It has been a great privilege to serve the community of Portishead Primary School over the last 11 years. We have faced some challenging times together and shared many more happy memories. It has been a pleasure to share in the childhood of so many children and get to know so many families in our town.

I am very grateful for the role you play in supporting the school in the education of your children and for the commitment and kindness (and sometimes patience and understanding) you show the staff team.

Thank you also to the amazing team of governors I have worked with.

The loss of Ben Pritchard, his courage and the courage of his family, was a significant moment in my headship. I don't for one second expect anything from you as I prepare to leave but for those of you that would like to show some kindness, rather than any gift, please consider a donation to the Bemoeben Foundation.

To help with this, Friday the 14th will be a non-uniform day with and you can make donations using the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/richard-riordan-1688569942813?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/richard-riordan-1688569942813&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=81306962287f49418e723a2d299be13f

The charity his parents run does an outstanding job and any support would make a big difference.

I look forward to the last 2 weeks of term and all that we have planned for our Year 6 leavers in the final week of term.

Kind Regards,
Richard Riordan
Headteacher