

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

## Thank You

Another fabulous year at PPS has drawn to a close. Well done to our amazing staff team, governing body, Friends of School and all of our volunteers and visitors who have made 22/23 such a successful and enjoyable academic year for our pupils.

The school continues to exceed national outcomes and thrive in ever increasingly challenging circumstances.

## Year 6

Our year 6 children have once again exceeded national norms in their KS2 SATs and we say goodbye to them with a sense of pride in both their academic achievement and the fine young people they leave us as. They have character in abundance and are well set to thrive in the next stage of their education. Friendships forged over the last 7 years will evolve and many new opportunities await them. We also say goodbye to some families and we thank you for your support along that journey.

## Goodbye to our Clerk to Governors

A big thank you to Cathryn Butler for her significant contribution to the governance of our school in her role as clerk to governors. We say goodbye and thank you with a heavy heart and huge gratitude.

## BeMoreBen

Thank you for your kind donations, including our Year 6 children who donated £50 from their leavers fund! In total over £700 was raised and I will close the fundraising link on Monday at 10am just in case anyone wants to make any last-minute donations. This money will make a huge difference – I am genuinely touched by your generosity. This is an incredible amount.

## National Pay Dispute

We go in to the summer with optimism that the national pay dispute will come to an end. We understand that this has presented you with some challenges and have valued your understanding and patience.

## Safeguarding

During the summer break if you have concerns about a child, please don't wait until September to contact the school. Please use the contact information in the link below.

<https://nsod.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/site.page?id=gE-ZtDakyBs>

## Term dates 23/24

- Term 1 - Monday 04 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
- Term 2 - Monday 30 October 2023 to Wednesday 20 December 2023
- Term 3 - Thursday 04 January 2024 to Friday 09 February 2024
- Term 4 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
- Term 5 - Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
- Term 6 - Monday 03 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

The school will be closed to children on the following INSET days.

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Mrs Sargent and the new staff team look forward to welcoming you back to school with our new EYFS classes on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of September**. Exciting times ahead and I know how welcoming and supportive you will be of the new team. They will excel.

### **Final Farewell**

It has been a privilege to teach and lead in this school. I first joined as deputy and Year 1 class teacher in 2007 and came back as the Headteacher in 2012. 11 years as head has been an honour. Thank you for your kindness, support and understanding during this time. Your children have been amazing and I wish you, your families and the school a very happy and successful future.

Have a great summer break .

Kind Regards,  
Richard Riordan  
Headteacher