

Portfields Post

Welcome back. This week has been a great start to an extremely short half term. It's been lovely to hear the year 3 children talk so enthusiastically about their trip to the Roald Dahl museum and to see the Year 1 children carry out their aeroplane science experiments. We've also had some very damp forest school sessions but the children have all loved the opportunity to get outside and learn in our amazing setting.

This week, we have also relaunched our website after a much needed face lift. We are delighted with how it's ended up.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Parents Evening

On Monday, our parents' evening booking system went live. If you are yet to book, please visit <https://portfields.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating world book day. The children, and staff team, are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. If your child does not want to dress up - this is absolutely fine - they can come in their own clothes along with their favourite book or read (comic, annual, cook book etc). Your child will come home with the WBD book tokens - these can be used in various book shops - see here for more information:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/>

We will be having an exciting day full of stories and reading. Plus, you will be able to vote for your favourite staff team WBD outfits!

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

The Year 6 pupil charity ambassadors would like Portfields to support red nose day on Friday 15th March. Children can come in their own clothes and red noses (optional). ParentPay will be open from Friday 15th March for a week if you would like to donate to the charity.

Get Your Joke On!!

As part of Red Nose Day, please ask your child to choose/make up their funniest joke. These will be shared on the day - best jokes from every class will be going into our very own joke book. If your child may not remember their joke, please write it down for them and give them to your child's class teacher.

Portfields Together - NEW DATE

On Tuesday (19.3.24) we have our next Portfields Together meetings. The time's themes are community, Portfields alumni and impact since Ofsted. There will be a parentmail form to confirm your attendance.

The meetings are held at 9am and 7pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible attending and helping us shape the future of Portfields.

Discos

Please note, the **Year 6 disco will now be on Monday 25th March and Year 5 will be on Tuesday 26th March.** The timings are as follows:

Monday 25th March 2024

EYFS and Year 1: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Year 3 and 4: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Year 2: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Year 6: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Year 5: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Please ensure your child brings their named water bottle to the disco. There will be water available. The children will be given a bag of sweets at the end of the disco to take home. The cost of the disco will be £2.50 per child and cover the cost of the DJ and sweets. Any profit made will go towards ensuring our residential trips are cost effective for all of our families.

ParentPay will open today - Friday 1st March. Please make payment and give your consent to attend by Friday 22nd March 2024. Without this consent, children will be unable to attend.

[The Big Plastic Count](#)

We are taking part in The Big Plastic Count from 11th-17th March 2024 – and we invite you to take part at home too! By joining thousands of people across the country and counting all the plastic you throw away for a week, you can gather vital evidence on how much plastic we use.

It's easy to take part! From Monday morning until Sunday evening, count as you throw! Simply mark every piece of plastic package on the Let's Count Tally Sheet, which is attached, as you throw it away. This isn't about rating anyone's recycling habits, and we wouldn't want anyone to feel embarrassed by how much plastic they use, we won't see your individual results!

At the end of the week your class teacher will give you a code to submit your results. More information at [Home | The Big Plastic Count](#)
From the Eco Team

[Staffing Update](#)

Mrs Ward, class teacher in Chameleon, will be starting her maternity leave on the 8th March. We wish her and her family all the very best as they welcome their bundle of joy. Teachers Mrs Zahid, returning from maternity leave, and Miss Parish will be Chameleon's new class teachers until the end of the summer term.

[Class Charts](#)

A reminder if you are yet to sign up to Class Charts, our behaviour software, please do so. This will allow you to see all the positive points your child has earned and spend their points on a range of rewards. An email was sent with the steps to all parents this week.

[New Website](#)

This week we launched our new and improved website. It's full of useful information about the school and information about what your child will be learning.

In response to parent feedback, we have added year group pages, information about our Sign of the week and our language of the term.

We hope that you find it useful

www.portfieldsprimaryschool.co.uk

[Cross Country Cancelled \(Again\)](#)

Unfortunately due to the poor weather, this weekend's cross country competition has been cancelled by the organisers. The new date is Saturday 23rd March. We expect the timings to be the same.

[FOPS Notices](#)

FOPS are still looking for a volunteer to help with our Social Media. We need someone that would be willing to post items on behalf of FOPS on our Facebook page and our other social media platforms. The volunteer does not necessarily need to be a committee member, but would be welcome to join. If you have some time and would be willing to help with this, please email friends@portfields.org. and we can give you further details on the role.

We will be holding a stall on Friday 8th March to sell any left over gifts from the Special Lady Day stall. This will be held outside the small hall from 3.20pm. Cash & Card accepted.

FOPS Fundraising meeting is being held on Wednesday 13th March to discuss the Summer Fayre and other fundraising activities. Everyone is welcome to attend. We need your ideas and suggestions. The meeting is being held online and If you are interested in attending please email friends@portfields.org. and we will send you the link.

[Premier Easter Camp](#)

Please see attached leaflet for details on how to book the Premier East Camps, with which they are currently offering 20% off.

[Dates](#)

[New dates in red](#)

[This Month \(March\)](#)

[Tue - 5.3.24 - Portfields Together 9am & 7pm - postponed, new date 19.3.24](#)

[Tue - 5.3.24 - Chameleon Parents Eve](#)

[Mon - 5.3.24 - Starfish Forest School](#)

[Thu - 7.3.24 - Chameleon Parents Eve](#)

Thu - 7.3.24 - World Book Day
Fri - 8.3.24 - FOPS Special Lady Stall
Mon - 11.3.24 Newt & Salamander - Forest School
Tue - 12.3.24 - Space Centre Trip
Tue - 12.3.24 - Frog & Toad Forest School
Wed - 13.3.24 - Rocksteady Concert
Fri - 15.3.24 - Red Nose Day - non-uniform and noses
Tue - 19.3.24 - Parents Eve
Tue - 19.3.24 - Portfields Together 9-10am and 7-8pm (after parents evening)
Wed - 20.3.24 - Y5 Easter Cracked Trip
Thu - 21.3.24 - Parents Eve
Thu - 21.3.24 - Class and Leavers Photographs
Fri - 22.3.24 - Dolphins Forest School Day
Mon - 25.3.23 - Disco (EYFS and Y1, Year 3 and 4)
Mon - 25.3.24 - Jaguars Forest School Day
Tue 26.3.24 - Meerkats Forest School Day
Tue - 26.3.23 - Disco (Y2, Y5, Y6)
Wed - 27.3.23 - EYFS Spring Hat Parade
Wed 27.3.24 - Rhinos Forest School Day
Wed - 27.3.24 - Last Day for Children

Next Month (April)

Celebrations

Portfields Stars

Oak - N/A
Chestnut - Millicent
Elm - James
Starfish - Charlotte
Shark - N/A
Seahorse - Teddy-John
Frog - Jack
Salamander - Eleanor
Toad - Marianna
Newt - James
Gecko - Emma
Chameleon - Olivia
Crocodile -Robyn
Iguana - Ozde
Stegosaurus - Austin

Velociraptor - Sofia

Triceratops - Kyron

Kingfisher - Oliver

Swift - Alexandra

Owl - Mia

Heron - Rafaella & Katie-Rose

Dolphin - Elsie

Rhino - Gerran

Meerkat - Zachary

Jaguar - Phoebe