

Portfields Post

This week we have been blessed with glorious sunshine both at school and in the Isle of Wight where our Year 6 children have had a fabulous time on their residential trip. Those that stayed behind have enjoyed their time at school. A huge thank you to the team of adults who attended the Year 6 residential. The children had an amazing time and we couldn't do it without all your hardwork and commitment.

The weather looks like it will be a bit cooler next week which will come as a welcome change after an extremely hot week in school. The children have done fantastically well despite the heat and done some fantastic learning.

Next week we start the week with EYFS & KS1 Sports Day on Monday (See below) and welcome our new EYFS cohort in on Tuesday. We have our whole school transition day on Wednesday before finishing the week off by taking the EYFS children to the farm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

EYFS / KS1 Sports Day

We are excited to welcome families to school for EYFS / KS1's Sports Day on Monday between 9.15am and 11.30am. If you would like to come and watch your child, we will be opening the school gates at 9am where you will be able to make your way to the field. During sports day, you are welcome to follow your child around during the activities. If you need to leave during sports day, please come to reception to inform the staff, so we can ensure you are able to exit through the main gate.

Can you help decorate our carnival float?

We are in need of some enthusiastic parents to help decorate our float for the Newport Pagnell Carnival. If you can help, between 6-8pm, on Friday 5th July, it would be great. We will be meeting at school and decorating the lorry before the big event on Saturday. Please email admin@portfields.org if you are able to help.

Cricket Experience Days

We have arranged a special cricket taster experience for all year groups. Please can you ensure your child wears PE kit on the following days:

EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 - Thursday 4th July

Years 3-6 - Tuesday 16th July

Mr Lucas.

Votes for Schools

During assembly this week we learned about the importance of respecting others. After assembly, the children were given the opportunity to vote on the following questions:

This week's question is:

All: Have you heard people using unkind names?

Last week's results:

EYFS/KS1 - Should adults choose whether you join in with activities?

Yes = 66%

No = 34%

KS2 - Should compulsory volunteering be introduced for 18-year olds??

Yes = 29%

No = 71%

Interestingly, the older the children, the more likely they were to answer no. In Year 6, 90% of children said no, compulsory volunteering should not be introduced, compared with 53% in Year 3.

This week's home bulletin is now available on our website. [Click Here](#)

Thames Valley Violence Prevention Parent Workshops

Join this Free, online parent information session. Run by the Ben Kinsella Trust, the leading national charity working to educate young people on the dangers of knife crime, the sessions are run by an expert trainer who has been working with parents across the country.

During the workshop you will develop understanding around the following topics:

- Share the latest research conducted with young people from across the Thames Valley on their perceptions and how we can best communicate
- Share the "Stay True to You" resources and approach with a focus on how to hold those difficult conversations
- Young people, brain development, behaviour and responses to stress

- The importance of healthy, safe attachment for young people
- The stages, signs and risk factors of exploitation
- Gangs - what they are, how they operate, and why?
- External influences - language, social media, gang-related music
- Building resilience within the family and community
- Further support available for families

[Book Your Place Here](#)

FOPS Summer Festival Help

Could you or someone you know spare some time on the afternoon of Friday 12th July from approximately 1pm to help with setting gazebos and tables for the Portfields Summer Festival "Portfest". Anyone is welcome, grandparents, other family members or friends. We need as many volunteers as possible, so we can be ready to open the festival at 4pm.

Volunteers are required for the stalls. Could you volunteer for 1 hour any time between 4pm and 7pm. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to do face painting, so if this is something you would be interested in doing, please email and let us know your availability.

If anyone has a gazebo or table that we can borrow for the event let us know by email on friends@portfields.org.

Summer Festival Raffle Tickets

Don't forget if you want to purchase tickets for the Portfields Summer raffle in advance of the festival this can be done at

<https://forms.gle/EH53W4fmPoQ21xtF8>

Payments need to be made to:

Metro Bank

Account Friends of Portfields School

Sort Code 23-05-80

Account 20306173

Please complete the form and transfer funds by Monday 8th July. Tickets will be sent to classes after this date.

The draw will take place on Tuesday 16th July and prizes will be sent to your child's class.

Lots of fabulous prizes including £100 cash.

[Premier Summer Camp](#)

Please see attached leaflet for the Premier Summer Camp.

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (July)

Mon - 1.7.24 - EY & KS1 Sports Day (09:15 - 11:30am)

Mon - 1.7.24 - Music Celebration Concert (TBC)

Tue - 2.7.24 -Y6 Santander Money Session

Wed - 3.7.24 - Whole School Transition Day

Thu - 4.7.24 - EYFS & KS1 Cricket Workshop

Fri - 5.7.24 - Carnival Float Decorating (6-8pm) @ School

Sat - 6.7.24 - Newport Pagnell Carnival

Mon - 8.7.24 - Portfields Got Talent Auditions

Mon - 8.7.24 - Y6 Forest School Day (Dolphins & Meerkats)

Tue - 9.7.24 - PTG Semi-finals

Wed - 10.7.24 - National Youth Brass Band Assembly

Thu - 11.7.24 - Y3/4 Sports Day (09:15 - 11:30am)

Thu - 11.7.24 - Y5/6 Sports Day (1:30 - 3:20pm)

Fri - 12.7.24 - FOPS Summer Festival

Fri - 12.7.24 - Rocksteady Concert (TBC)

Mon - 15.7.24 - Jaguar & Rhino Forest School Day

Tue - 16.7.24 - PGT Finals

Tue - 16.7.24 - KS2 Cricket Workshop

Thu - 18.7.24 - Y6 Award Ceremony (9:30 - 11:00)

Thu - 18.7.24 - Y6 Prom (6pm - 8pm)

Fri - 19.7.24 - Last Day for Children

Next Year (2024-25)

Next Year's Term Dates are available on the school website. [You can find them here](#)

Celebration

Portfields Stars

Oak - Kaylynn

Chestnut - Aria

Elm - Rosie

Starfish - Ella-Rose

Shark - Maisie

Seahorse - Mabel

Frog - Poppy

Salamander - Matilda

Toad - N/A

Newt - Olivia

Gecko - Mylo

Chameleon - Darcey

Iguana - Max

Crocodile - Leo

Stegosaurus - N/A

Velociraptor - Trixie

Triceratops - Jack

Kingfisher - JJ

Swift - Finley

Owl - Stephen

Heron - Daniel

Dolphin - N/A

Rhino - N/A

Meerkat - N/A

Jaguar - N/A