

## **Portfields Post**

We've had a fantastic end to a great half term that has been packed full of wonderful learning, superb enrichment activities and amazing opportunities for the whole school. We finished this week with school photo day, which as I'm sure you can imagine, is always somewhat of a hectic day.

A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support over the past eight weeks and to the whole staff team for your hard work and dedication.

Have a lovely half term,

Mrs Folkard.

## **Notices**

### **[Competition Time - design a Christmas Lantern and Christmas Story](#)**

#### **Lantern Competition**

As part of Newport Pagnell Light Switch On - Saturday 30th November - there will be an opportunity for children in Newport Pagnell to carry a lantern as part of the Christmas day parade. Therefore, we are holding a competition for all children to design a Christmas lantern over this half term. Please ask your child to include something christmassy or festive e.g. snowman, star. There are many examples if you search online 'christmas lantern ideas'.

The designs need to be back in school by Friday 8th November - there will be a winning design from each class. If your child's lantern is chosen, they will be supported at school to make their lantern.

Then on Saturday 30th November, your child will need to be accompanied by an adult (over 18) to walk in the Christmas parade on 30th November. You will need to be available to meet at the Christmas tree at 4.30pm.

Please use the sheet attached or simply create your design - don't forget to have your child's full name and class on it.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful designs!

#### **Christmas Story Competition - Key Stage 1 - year 1 and 2**

The team at the Christmas Light Switch On are hosting a competition open to all children in key stage 1. They are asking for an original Christmas story with a maximum of 800 words. There is no minimum requirement to enter. Illustrations are

welcome and more than encouraged too. The overall winner per school will be invited to attend our storytime with Santa for free as a special guest and have their story read out by Santa to all of the children attending. The storytime event this year is the 18th of December and they can cater for allergies and intolerances upon request. Storytime with Santa is an event where stories are read by Santa, where the children are invited to sit around the fireplace and drink hot chocolate and enjoy a biscuit, whilst being enriched with Christmas tales and playing fun Christmas themed games together with our Elves. They'll also get the chance to meet the big man himself AND receive a gift on the night.

Entries need to be returned to myself at [headteacher@portfields.org](mailto:headteacher@portfields.org) or brought into school by Monday 4th November. Please remember to add the child's name and class.

### [EYFS - Learning journal session](#)

If you have not already completed the Parentmail form to book onto the learning journal session please do so as soon as possible. The forms are located in your Parentmail account under the **Forms** section.

### [EYFS - School nurse screening](#)

As per the parentmail sent on the 18th October for the school nurse screening, please remember to sign up to their online portal as per the letter.

### [Flu Catch up](#)

If your child missed their flu vaccination last week in school a catch up session will be at Giffard Park Community Centre on Tuesday 29th October between 10-2pm. There is no need to book, it is a drop in session.

### [Poppy appeal](#)

We are pleased to be selling poppies and other merchandise to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. A suggested minimum donation of £1 per item. These will be on sale after half term from reception.

### [School photos](#)

Children have had their individual and sibling photos today, they will be bringing home a QR code which is unique to your child. Photos will be ready for viewing online in approximately 2 weeks. You can register for notifications to advise when they are ready to view.

## **H&S Update - Are you aware of Legionella disease?**

Legionnaires disease is a severe type of Pneumonia caused by the Legionella bacteria.

People can become infected by inhaling contaminated aerosols or droplets or soil. Legionella is found naturally in freshwater, but people only get sick when it grows and spreads in man-made water systems like hot tubs, fountains, and plumbing systems.

As a school to make sure we prevent the spread of Legionnaires disease we complete the following:

-An expert external contractor comes to site once a month to test water temperatures throughout the school at different locations and will inform us if we need to make any adjustments.

-We have TMV valves (thermostatic mixing valves) installed on every single tap around school to maintain safe water temperature.

-Once a week we run the taps in areas that have not been used for 7 days to reduce the Risk of Legionella growth.

- We have a Legionella Risk assessment completed in full every 4 years and reviewed every 2 or if we have any significant changes to the water system.

-As part of our Legal requirement we also have a Legionella Written scheme in place-this is a risk management document that identifies the measures needed to reduce the risk of exposure to Legionella bacteria in our water systems.

If you do have any questions about Legionella Disease or how we control the Risk please contact Mr Welford and he will be happy to help.

### **Contact details**

If you change any contact details including house moves, contacts etc please email [admin@portfields.org](mailto:admin@portfields.org) to advise.

### **Dates**

#### **New dates in red**

#### **Dates (Next half term)**

Mon - 4.11.24 - Children Return

Tue - 5.11.24 - Y5/6 Football @ Portfields

Thu - 7.11.24 - Y5/6 Football @ Glebe Farm

Thu - 7.11.24 - Y6 WOW Day - Simon the Explorer (Aston Hall)

Sun - 10.11.24 - Remembrance Sunday - Pupil Leaders

Mon - 11.11.24 - EYFS Intake Stay & Play - Forest School - 9:00 - 10:00am

Tue - 12.11.24 - EYFS Intake Stay & Play - Forest School - 1:30 - 2:30pm  
Tue - 12.11.24 - Odd Sock Day  
Tue - 12.11.24 - Y5/6 Football @ Green Park  
Thu - 14.11.24 - Y5/6 Football @ Glebe Farm  
Fri - 15.11.24 - Child in Need/Harry's Rainbow - Non Uniform - wear the rainbow  
Fri - 15.11.24 - PINs coffee morning 9.30-10.30am Lagonda Hall  
Mon - 18.11.24 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)  
Mon - 18.11.24 - Y5/6 Basketball @ Radcliffe  
Tue - 19.11.24 - Y5/6 Football @ Portfields  
Tue - 19.11.24 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)  
Tue - 19.11.24 - Gecko & Iguana Forest School Day  
Wed - 20.11.24 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)  
Thu - 21.11.24 - Y5/6 Football @ Glebe Farm  
Thu - 21.11.24 - Y5/6 Basketball @ Ousedale  
Fri - 22.11.24 - Chameleon & Crocodile Forest School Day  
Tue - 25.11.24 - Y5/6 Basketball @ Radcliffe  
Thu - 28.11.24 - Y5/6 Football @ Glebe Farm  
Fri - 29.11.24 - EYFS "Wedding"  
Mon - 2.12.24 - Y5/6 Basketball @ Radcliffe  
Tue - 3.12.24 - Parents Evening  
Wed - 4.12.24 - Christmas Rocksteady concert - 09:30am & 1:45pm  
Thu - 5.12.24 - Y3/4 Dodgeball @ The Webber Independent School  
Thu - 5.12.24 - Y5/6 Swimming @ Bletchley Leisure Centre  
Thu - 5.12.24 - Parents Evening  
Fri - 6.12.24 - Bottle Tombola Mufti-day  
Mon - 9.12.24 - Heron & Owl Forest School Day  
Mon - 9.12.24 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS1) - 1:30pm  
Tue - 10.12.24 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS2) - 1:30pm  
Wed - 11.12.24 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)  
Thu - 10.12.24 - Swift & Kingfisher Forest School Day  
Fri - 13.12.24 - Christmas Fair  
Fri - 13.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day  
Wed - 18.12.24 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)  
Fri - 20.12.24 - Last Day of Term