

Portfields Post

This week has been a fantastic week, despite the cold weather, with fantastic learning happening throughout the school. We also had the fun of our Pupil Leaders, School Councillors and Young Interpreters visiting the Tower of London yesterday, and despite quite a lot of traffic, everyone came back smiling and enthused by what they had seen. We finished the week with a special wedding this afternoon in EYFS, building on their reading of the "Scarecrows' wedding."

Finally, today we celebrated Mrs Stewart who has been part of the Portfields' family for 20 years today! Thank you so much for your commitment, care and compassion you show every day! From everyone at Portfields!

Have a lovely, festive weekend.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Christmas School Discos

The school discos are on the following dates/times:

Tuesday 19th December 2023

EYFS and Year 1: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Year 3 and Year 4: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Year 6: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 21st December 2023

Year 2: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Year 5: 4.45m - 5.45pm

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 remaining balance will be given to FOPs towards the canopy fund raising.

ParentPay will open today. Please make payment and give your permission by Friday 15th December. Without this consent, children will be unable to attend.

If your child is in EYFS, Y1 and Y2, their disco starts at 3.30pm. Children can come to school in their disco clothes and stay after school until the disco starts at 3.30pm.

Christmas Concert and Party Day - 20th December 2023

On Wednesday 20th December, we will be having a whole school outdoor Christmas concert at 9am - 10am on the top playground. Please stay after drop off and join in. Please send your child into school with a festive hat/reindeer/tinsel/own made hat.

On the same day, all children can dress up in their own party clothes as it is their Christmas party day! The children can bring in a special lunch/snack including chocolate, sweets and treats. Please make sure this still remains nut free.

The children will have fun and games all day.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre

On Friday 8th December, we will be wearing Christmas jumpers or festive clothes to raise awareness for Save the Children. Children can come in non-uniform and wear their Christmas jumpers, sparkly, colourful outfits. Parentpay will be open from Friday if you would like to donate anything you can to Save the Children.

It will be our annual Christmas Fayre too! There will be so much to do!

Year 5 and 6 children will be running Christmas games in the Year 6 block and Year 5 classrooms. To play the games, you will need to buy a token for 50p. This will give you two chances to win! Tokens can be purchased from an adult in the classrooms or by the refreshments - we can take cash or card.

Network Rail Safety Videos

Network Rail have created two railway safety videos. Please note these are the recommended age ranges, we would always advise you to view the clips first to gauge suitability for your class. Thank you for helping us raise awareness of rail safety.

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1

<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

New primary schools version: suitable for KS2.

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

FOPS Christmas Pots

All children will be bringing home a paper cup. If they could decorate and if possible fill with a small gift up to the value of £1 and these will be sold at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December to raise money for the school.

All cups are recyclable and compostable, but to help protect the environment, some suggestions could be to make the pot into a Christmas Decoration, Storage Container, Gift wrapping etc - anything that can be reused again.

If the decorated pots could be returned to class on Friday 8th December and they will be collected by a FOPS member. **Please do not bring it back before.**

Thank you for your support with this activity.

FOPS

Appointments or leave of absence

If your child has an appointment, please can you call or email the school office to advise of the appointment in advance on 01908 616060 or admin@portfields.org

If your child will be absent from school for a planned absence, please complete the absence request form which can be found on the school website or alternatively, please contact the school office and one can be sent to you.

Premier Winter Camp

Please see attached leaflet for the Premier Winter Camp.

School Job Vacancies

Please do visit our [school website](#) to see the exciting staff vacancies we currently have. We look forward to receiving your applications.

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (December)

Mon - 4.12.23 - Y3/4 Football Friendly @ Home (Performance)

Tue - 5.12.23 - Y3/4 @ 5pm-6pm - Phonics Workshop (Invites to be sent

Tue - 5.12.23 - Y5/6 @6pm - 7pm - Phonics Workshop (Invites to be sent)

Wed - 6.12.23 - Rocksteady Concert (TBC)

Wed - 6.12.23 - Boccia and Curling (Ability)

Fri - 8.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day - non-uniform

Fri - 8.12.23 Christmas Fayre (TBC)

Mon - 11.12.23 - Y5/6 Football Friendly (Development)

Mon - 11.12.23 - Music Concert (Lessons)

Wed - 13.12.23 - Christmas Dinner Day Wed - 13.12.23 - Year 6 Christmas Cracked

Wed - 13.12.23 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (To KS2)

Thu - 14.12.23 - EYFS Nativity - 9:15
Fri - 15.12.23 - EYFS Nativity - 2pm
Mon - 18.12.23 - Y5 CO Crew
Tue - 19.12.23 - Y5 CO Crew
Tue - 19.12.23 - Disco (EY,1,3,4,6) **see above for times**
Wed - 20.12.23 - Whole School Carol Concert **9am - 10am**
Wed - 20.12.23 Whole School Christmas Party Day - party clothes
Thu - 21.12.23 - Disco (Y2 & 5) **see above for times**
Fri - 22.12.23 - Last Day

Next Month (January)

Mon - 8.1.24 - Children Return
Thu - 11.1.23 - Y3 Portals to the Past
Mon - 15.1.24 - EYFS Application Closing Day (Via MKC website)
Wed - 17.1.24 - Young Voices
Mon - 22.1.24 - Y5 Portals to the Past

Next Month (February)

W.b Mon - 5.2.24 Y6 Mock SATs
Tue - 6.2.24 - Chestnut Scrap Book Session
Wed - 7.2.24 - Oak Scrap Book Session
Fri - 9.2.24 - Elm Scrap Book Session
Wed 14th - Fri 16th - Y4 Residential (Woodrow)
Fri - 16.2.24 - Last Day of Half Term

Celebrations

Portfields Stars

Oak - Amelie
Chestnut - Pixie
Elm - Eric
Starfish - Riley
Shark - Giuliana
Seahorse - Oliver
Frog - Adil
Salamander - Amelia
Toad - Alex
Newt - Florence
Gecko - N/A
Chameleon - Honey
Iguana - Israel
Stegosaurus - Jamal

Velociraptor - Thomas

Triceratops - Callum

Kingfisher - Meadow

Swift - Finley

Owl - Jack

Heron - Liliana

Dolphin - Shara

Rhino - Maison

Meerkat - Kyle

Jaguar - Faizan