

Portfields Post

We have had a great week this week, with Year 6 taking part in bikeability and our second week of swimming lessons in Year 4. On Wednesday, we welcomed our Year 4 families in to find out all about our exciting trip to Woodrow High House in February and look forward to talking to Year 6 families next week about SATs & the IoW trip in the summer. We also have a maths workshop for our EYFS families to help you support your child's learning at home.

We had spoken to several parents this week to discuss sporting events going forward. Please see the information below for further information about how we plan to provide opportunities to the maximum number of children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Communications Pathways

We have updated the information on the [Communication Pathway](#) section of our website. Please see it for important information about contacting your child's teacher, reporting absences and

EYFS Updates

A reminder to parents of children in reception that important information will be shared via Tapestry. If you do not have access, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Autumn Parents Evenings

This year, we will be utilising a hybrid approach to Parents Evening. This means you can either have a face-to-face appointment or video appointment, whichever you prefer. Appointments will be available to book from 7am on Wednesday 27th September until 10am on Monday 9th October at 5pm.

In order to book an appointment, you will need to visit <https://portfields.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and sign in. For this, you will need the following information:

- Your details (It is important that these match our records)
- Your child's details (It is important that these match our records)

- If you have recently changed your contact details and are unable to login, please try the details we previously had on file.

If you have more than one child attending our school, you only need to login for one and are then able to make appointments for both children.

In order for appointments to run to time, teachers will be strictly following the 10 minute appointment time for face-to-face appointments. This will ensure that all families have time to discuss their child and ask questions.

If you have any issues signing up, please contact the school office.

Year 4 Residential Trip to Woodrow

Thank you to the families attending the parent information session on Wednesday. The presentation and link to the Woodrow website can be found here: <https://www.portfieldsprimaryschool.org/y4-residential-to-woodrow/>

Year 6 SATs evening

Please be reminded of the Year 6 SATs evening taking place on Monday 25th September. This will start at 6pm and last for roughly one hour.

Car parking

We have received several complaints from local residents with private driveways being blocked, the Dove car park and the Co-op regarding inconsiderate parking at school drop off and pick up times. Please be mindful when parking, as this is for the safety of not only your children, but yourselves and other pedestrians around you. Please do not park on private property. Thank you for your continued support.

Sportfields Update

At Portfields we are very proud of the sporting opportunities we offer our pupils. Last year, we took part in an amazing 65 sporting events with a staggering 239 children representing the school. However, we don't want to stop there.

In order to offer as many children as possible the opportunity to take part in a sporting event, this year we will be introducing three levels of competitions: Performance, Development and Participation events.

Performance Events

Performance events will be our most competitive level of events. These are traditional "A team" events. Our aim is to field teams in order to reach finals and ultimately win competitions. These events will include trials, wherever possible, and selection based on performance in PE lessons. To increase opportunities for all,

children can compete in a maximum of three teams per year. Discussions will be had with children regarding their preferences.

Development Events

These events will enable us to offer opportunities to those children who may not have been selected for Performance Events but have shown an interest in representing the school. These will still be competitive events against other schools and will enable more pupils to take part.

Participation Events

These events will largely be for KS1 pupils where traditional competitive events are not always appropriate. For example, multi-sports events alongside other schools.

Ability Events

These events will help us ensure that children with Special Educational Needs, who may struggle in mainstream events, are offered opportunities to take part in sporting events. These are in addition to Performance, Development and Participation events, which are open to all pupils as we pride ourselves on being a full inclusive school.

We hope that by offering different opportunities we are able to increase participation in sports events even more this year and have more pupils represent our school.

FOPS Lottery

Win a Harry Potter Bundle in our Super Draw for only £1

You have a chance of winning Tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child and a family pass to the Warner Bros Studio Tour! and up to £25,000 in our Lottery. All this for £1 a ticket and you will also be helping FOPS to raise money for the school, as we receive 40p for every ticket sold.

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning this fabulous prize you can enter

Go to: Yourschoollottery.co.uk

Search for: Portfields

Further details in the attached leaflet, the draw takes place on Saturday 28th October. Anyone over 18 can join the lottery, so please let family, friends and work colleagues know they can also take part.

Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising. FOPS

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (Month)

Mon - 25.09.23 - Bikeability

Mon - 25.09.23 - Y6 SATs Information Evening

Tue - 26.09.23 - EYFS Maths Workshop

Tue - 26.09.23 - Y6 Pupil Leader Interviews

Wed 27.9.23 - Year 5/6 Netball League week 1 @ Hazley (Performance event)

Next Month (Month)

Tue - 3.10.23 - KS2 X Country @ Green Park (Performance event)

Wed 4.9.23 - Year 5/6 Netball League week 2 @ Hazley (Performance event)

Thu 5.10.23 - Year 5/6 Boys Football League week 1 @ Fairfield (Performance event)

Mon 9.10.23 - Year 5/6 Netball @ Shenley Brook (Development event)

Tue 10.10.23 - Year 3/4 Netball @ SMSG (Development event)

Tue - 10.10.23 - Parents Eve

Tue - 10.10.23 - Mental Health Day - Children may wear yellow

Wed 11.10.23 - Netball League week 3 @ Hazley (Performance event)

Thu - 12.10.23 - Parents Eve

Mon - 16.10.23 - Heron Forest School Day

Tue - 17.10.23 - Owl Forest School

Tue 17.11.23 - Year 5/6 Netball @ Oakgrove (Development event)

Wed - 18.10.23 - Kingfisher OL Day

Wed - 18.10.23 - Basketball (Ability Event) - To Be Confirmed

Wed 18.10.23 - Netball League week 4 @ Hazley (Performance event)

Thu - 19.10.23 - Swift Forest School Day

Thu - 19.10.23 - Last Day for Children

Fri - 20.10.23 - Inset Day (No Children)

Future Confirmed Dates

These dates were not included in the communication at the beginning of the year but have now been confirmed.

6.12.23 - Rocksteady concert

13.12.23 - Year 6 Christmas Cracked

13.3.24 - Rocksteady concert

Celebrations

Portfields Stars

Oak - N/A

Chestnut - N/A

Elm - N/A

Starfish - Teddy

Shark - George
Seahorse - Finn
Frog - Emily
Salamander - Ayomiposi
Toad - Callum
Newt - Isabella
Gecko - Charlotte
Crocodile - Hannah
Chameleon - Oliver
Iguana - Rory
Stegosaurus - Alexander
Velociraptor - Trixie
Triceratops - Baaba
Kingfisher - Alexis
Swift - Matthew
Owl - Saskia
Heron - Lois
Dolphin - Ajibike
Rhino - Zak
Meerkat - Michael & Dollie
Jaguar - Taylor