

## **Portfields Post**

Welcome to our last Portfields Post of an extremely busy last week of this half term. This week has been full of excitement with Year 5 finishing their DT projects, amazing art and super science.

I was delighted to welcome a photographer this week to take photos of our school. I received the pictures back this afternoon and can't wait to update the school website.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Osborne and Mrs Bangash, who will both be thoroughly missed. I wish them both all the best at their new schools.

All that leaves is for me to wish you a fantastic, restful half term break.

Mrs Folkard.

## **Notices**

### **SEND Workshops**

On November 15th we will be hosting two SEND parent workshops. The first will be at 9am and the second at 7pm. The sessions will be run by Ms. Brittin and Miss. Rae and will be for parents of children with special needs. The session will focus on the provision offered at Portfields through the graduated approach and also go over the thresholds and guidance for applying for Educational Health Care Plans. The second half of the session will provide an opportunity for parents to network and give attendees a chance to discuss and share experiences.

### **Portfields Together**

On Thursday 9th November, we are pleased to hold our next Portfields Together meetings, these will be 9-10am and 7-8pm. In this meeting, we will be discussing our school values and ethos, specifically looking at inclusivity and special educational needs. A form has been sent out on ParentMail to book your space, we hope to see you there!

### **Y2 Forest School Correction**

In last week's Portfields Post we incorrectly reported the dates for forest school. The correct dates for Y2 classes are as follows:

- Frogs and Toads – 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Newts and Salamanders – 6<sup>th</sup> November

### **FOPS - Santas Grotto**

This year the Friends of Portfields School will be offering all Portfields children the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto for 'Story Time with Santa', during our Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December.

The cost for your child to visit will be £5, which will also include a gift.

If you would like to book a time slot this can be done

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=shop>

There are limited spaces, so please book early to avoid disappointment. All bookings must be placed by 30th November

Personalised Santa Letter

As an alternative we are also offering you the opportunity to have a personalised letter from Santa. The cost for this is £1.50 or £3.50 with a gift. If you would like this please order from

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=products>

Orders must be placed by Tuesday 31st October

Thank you for your continued support. FOPS

### **Trips This Year**

Please see attached a list of the trips and visits we will be going on this year. Some are yet to be confirmed, as are the prices, however we were eager to give families as much time as possible to prepare for upcoming trips.

### **Upcoming Trip Reminders**

A polite reminder that the deposits for Y4's residential trip to Woodrow, Y6's residential to the IoW and Y6's visitor (Explorer Academy) are now due. Payments are due by Wednesday 1st November via ParentPay.

### **Sports Field Update**

This half term we have taken part in 11 events, with 57 different children representing the school.

Next half term there are already 10 different events planned including our first ability event in December.

Well done to everyone who has represented the school this half term!

### **Dates**

**New dates in red**

**This Month (October / November)**

Mon - 30.10.23 - School Reopens to Pupils  
Wed - 1.11.23 Y5/6 Tag Rugby League (Performance)  
Thu - 2.11.23 Y5/6 Football League (Performance)  
Wed - 2.11.23 - Individual & Sibling Photographs  
Sat - 4.11.23 - Cross Country Competition  
Mon - 6.11.23 - Y3/4 Basketball (Development)  
Wed - 8.11.23 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Performance)  
Thu - 9.11.23 - Portfields Together 9am & 7pm  
Thu - 9.11.23 - Y1 Trip to Woburn  
Mon - 13.11.23 - Odd Socks Day (Children can wear odd / funky socks)  
Mon - 13.11.23 - Y5/6 Basketball (Performance)  
Tue - 14.11.23 & Wed 15.11.23 - Y2 Safety Seymour  
Tue - 14.11.23 FOPS Bags2School collection  
Wed - 15.11.23 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby (Performance)  
Wed - 15.11.23 Sharks Forest School Day  
Wed - 15.11.23 - SEND Parent Workshop (9am & 7pm)  
Thu - 16.11.23 - Flu Immunisations  
Thu - 16.11.23 Seahorse Forest School Day  
Fri - 17.11.23 - Children in need - Non-uniform  
Mon - 20.11.23 - Elm Scrap Book Session  
Mon - 20.11.23 - Y5/6 Basketball (Development)  
Tue - 21.11.23 - Parent Showcase (Art)  
Wed - 22.11.23 - Chestnut Scrap Book Session  
Wed - 22.11.23 Starfish Forest School Day  
Wed - 22.11.23 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby League (Performance)  
Thu - 23.11.23 - Y5/6 Football League (Performance)  
Fri - 24.11.23 - Oak Scrap Book Session  
Fri - 24.11.23 - Non-uniform (bottle donation)  
Sat - 25.11.23 - Newport Pagnell Lights Switch On (Christmas Dancers Performing)  
Mon - 27.11.23 - Crocodile Forest School Day  
Tue - 28.11.23 - Iguana Forest School Day  
Wed - 29.11.23 - Gecko Forest School Day  
Thu - 30.11.23 - Chameleon Forest School Day

### **Next Month (December)**

Wed - 6.12.23 - Rocksteady Concert (TBC)  
Wed - 6.12.23 - Y5 Boca & Curling (Ability)  
Fri - 8.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day  
Fri - 8.12.23 Christmas Fayre  
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 - 20.12.23 - Music Concert (Lessons)

Tue - 19.12.23 - Disco (EY,1,3,4,6)

Wed - 20.12.23 - Whole School Carol Concert

Thu - 21.12.23 - Disco (Y2 & 5)