### **Portfields Post**

What a fantastic week we have had. It's been a busy week this week with lots of fabulous learning happening across the school. It's been great to speak to so many children about the new things they have learned and the fun they have had.

During assemblies this week, we spoke to the children about keeping themselves safe. We helped the children understand that it is their right to be happy and safe, and to encourage the understanding that any problem or worry that they may have is legitimate, and to share their worries – big or small – with their trusted adult; at home, at school, or with ChildLine.

The assemblies and the content was delivered in a sensitive and age appropriate way and included the PANTS rule.

For further parent information about keeping children safe and safeguarding, please find more information on the NSPCC website:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Folkard.

#### **Notices**

### **Absence Requests**

If you are taking your child out of school for a planned absence, please complete the absence request form at least two weeks in advance and return it to reception. These can be found on the school website under FAQs, or you can collect one from reception.

Each request is reviewed on an individual basis by the Headteacher, and unauthorised absences may be at risk of a fine by the local authority.

#### **Medication**

As you are aware, we have a new electronic system (Medical Tracker). If your child is prescribed short term medication, ie, antibiotics or pain relief, or requires travel sickness medication for a school trip, please come to reception to complete an electronic form in advance of the medication being required.

If your child is feeling slightly unwell, and requires calpol, please provide the school reception with pain relief which can be administered during the school day. The school does have calpol which can be used in emergency situations only.

If any of your child's medical requirements change, please ensure you advise the school.

## **School Photographers**

We have the school photographers coming into school next Thursday 21st March, to take class photos and the year 6 leavers photos. Please can all children wear their full school uniform, even if it is their normal PE day.

### **School Council Meeting**

Due to the school discos on Monday 25th March, there will be no school council meeting. The meetings will resume after the Easter break on Monday 15th April.

### **FOPS Notices**

We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase pre-selected sweets and chocolates in advance of the end of term Tuckshop, which we are hoping to hold on Wednesday 27th March.. The prepaid sweets will be available to collect from 2.45pm to 3pm on 27th March from the school front gate.

If you would like to order please click on the link below.

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

Orders must be placed by Friday 22nd March

We need your help to run the Tuck Shop. We are looking for a minimum of 3 volunteers to help from 3pm until approximately 3.45pm. If you would be willing to assist us with this popular event, please email friends@portfields.org. If we do not get enough volunteers the Tuck Shop may not take place

FOPS are still looking for a volunteer to help with our Social Media. We need someone that would be willing to post items on behalf of FOPS on our Facebook page and our other social media platforms. The volunteer does not necessarily need to be a committee member, but would be welcome to join. If you have some time and would be willing to help with this, please email friends@portfields.org. and we can give you further details on the role.

If anyone is interested in having a Stall at our Summer Festival on Friday 12th July 4pm until 7pm, please email FOPS for further details and an application form on friends@portfields.org.

## **Dates**

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

# **This Month (March)**

Tue - 19.3.24 - Parents Eve

Tue - 19.3.24 - Portfields Together 9am & 7pm

Wed - 20.3.24 - Y5 Easter Cracked Trip

Thu - 21.3.24 - Parents Eve

Thu - 21.3.24 - Class and Leavers Photographs

Fri - 22.3.24 - Dolphins Forest School Day

Mon - 25.3.23 - Disco (EYFS,1,3,4)

Mon - 25.3.24 - Jaguars Forest School Day

Tue 26.3.24 - Meerkats Forest School Day

Tue - 26.3.23 - Disco (2,5,6)

Wed - 27.3.23 - EYFS Spring Hat Parade

Wed 27.3.24 - Rhinos Forest School Day

Wed 27.3.34 - Y5/6 - Ability Sports Event

Wed - 27.3.24 - Last Day for Children

### **Next Month (April)**

Language of the term - Cantonese

Mon - 15.4.24 - Children Return

Mon - 22.4.24 - Velociraptor Forest School Day

Tue - 23.4.24 - Y5 First Aid Day (Aston Hall)

Tue - 23.4.24 - Triceratops Forest School Day

Wed - 24.4.24 - EYFS Forest School Day

Thu - 25.4.24 - Y1 Exotic Animals (Aston Hall)

Thu - 25.4.24 - Stegosaurus Forest School Day

Fri - 26.4.24 - Y5 FIrst Aid Day (Aston Hall)

Tue - 30.4.24 - Elm ScrapBook Session

### **Next Month (May)**

Wed - 1.5.24 - Oak Scrapbook Session

Fri - 3.5.24 - Chestnut Scrapbook Session

Mon - 6.5.24 - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

W.b 13.5.24 - KS2 SATs Week

Mon - 20.5.24 - Y6 IoW Parent Meeting

Tue - 21.5.24 - Past Productions WOW Day (Y4)

Thu - 23.5.24 - Parent Showcase (Science)

Fri - 24.5.24 - Last Day

## **Celebrations**

### **Portfields Stars**

Oak - Ammaar

Chestnut - Dan

Elm - Sofia

Starfish - Beth

Shark - Hugo

Seahorse - Finn

Frog - Esme

Salamander - N/A

Toad - Elizabeth

Newt - Lewis

Gecko - Ozgu

Chameleon - Harry

Crocodile -Frank

Iguana - Ella

Stegosaurus -Nikolas

Velociraptor - Leo

Triceratops - Freddie

Kingfisher - Lochlan

Swift - Ishaan

Owl - Max

Heron - Ewa

Dolphin -Matthew

Rhino - Layla

Meerkat - Saffron

Jaguar - Orla