

Portfields Post

It has been lovely to spend time this week meeting all our new EYFS children and watching them settle into school life.

This week, we have launched our new house system, with the children finding out their houses, started our Mastering Number sessions in EYFS & KS1, and launched Times Tables Rockstars in KS2. We're excited to see the impact of these new additions.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Upcoming Parent Workshops

Mon - 16.9.24 - KS1 Maths Workshop (6:15pm - 7:15pm)

Wed - 18.9.24 - EYFS Maths Workshop (6:15pm - 7:15pm)

Wed - 25.9.24 - KS2 Maths Workshop (6:15pm - 7:15pm)

These sessions are an opportunity to learn more about the techniques we use in school to teach your child maths. We will go through where you can find information to support your child at home and discuss key terminology

Votes for School

During assembly this week we learned about the importance of respecting others. After assembly, the children were given the opportunity to vote on the following questions:

This week's questions are:

EYFS/KS1 -Should you do more cooking at school?

KS2 - Should cooking get more time in the curriculum?

You can find a parent bulletin, with useful information and news on our website.

Cross Country Training / Trials

In preparation for the upcoming Cross Country Competition, Mrs Rose-Stanley will be holding cross country training sessions during lunchtimes over the next two weeks. If your child would like to take part, please ensure they have suitable footwear to take part (they are able to bring trainers in a bag, incase it is muddy).

After the two weeks, a team will be selected to represent the school at the Cross Country Competition on Saturday 5th October. Even if your child is unable to attend the competition, they are still welcome to attend training.

Training will take place during their usual lunchtime.

[Times Tables Rockstars](#)

This week, we are excited to have re-launched Times Tables Rockstars in KS2 after a few years away. For those unfamiliar with the site, it's an interactive, rock-themed way of practising times tables. Children in KS2 will now have come home with their new username and password, stuck in their reading record book.

Year 3 & 4 will be set weekly Times Table Rockstars homework to complete.

[Please click here to see an explanation video](#)

[Lateness](#)

If your child is late to school please can all parents/carers walk your child/ren to reception.

If your child walks to school on their own we will now be sending texts home to inform you that your child has been late to school.

[Premier Holiday Camp \(Oct Half Term\)](#)

Please find attached the leaflet regarding Premier's holiday camp.

[Rocksteady Sign Up](#)

With Rocksteady Music School, your child can learn to play an instrument in their own band with no experience necessary. Please see the attached flyer about booking your child's place on Rock Steady.

[Houses](#)

We were delighted to inform the children of their houses this week and felt a real buzz around the school. Children in EYFS/KS1 will have a small coloured sticker on their reading record book with their house colour. Children in KS2 have been informed of their house colour verbally.

Please remember, there is still time for your child to vote for their new house name and motto. [Please click here to submit your vote](#) - Voting closes on Thursday 19th September.

[Pupil Leaders](#)

This week Mrs Folkard spoke to the Year 6 children about the leadership opportunities available within school. A reminder that applications for Pupil Leaders need to be in by Friday 20th September.

Dates

New dates in red

Mon 16.9.24 - KS1 Maths Parent Workshop - 6:15pm
Wed - 18.9.24 - EYFS Maths Parent Workshop - 6:15pm
Mon - 23.9.24 - Y6 SATs Information Evening
Wed - 25.9.24 - Y1 - Y6 Meet the Teacher Session (3:30 - 4:30)
Wed - 25.9.24 - KS2 Maths Workshop
Wed - 25.9.24 - Y6 Empower and Challenge Workshop
Thu - 26.9.24 - Y6 Empower and Challenge Workshop
Mon - 30.9.24 - Dolphin Forest School Day
Wed - 2.10.24 - Meerkat & Rhino Forest School Day
Thu - 3.10.24 - Jaguar Forest School Day
Mon - 7.10.24 - Newt Forest School Day
Tue - 8.10.24 - Toad Forest School Day
Thu - 10.10.24 - Frog Forest School Day
Thu - 10.10.24 - Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)
Mon - 14.10.24 - EYFS 2025 Intake Parent Information Morning (9:00 - 10:00am - Aston Hall)
Mon - 14.10.24 - EYFS 2025 Intake Parent Information Evening (6:15 - 7:15pm - Aston Hall)
Fri - 18.10.24 - Brachiosaurus Forest School Day
Mon - 21.10.24 - Triceratop Forest School Day
Tue - 22.10.24 - Velociraptor Forest School Day
Tue - 22.10.24 - School Discos Y2 (3:30 - 4:30) & Y5 (4:45 - 5:45)
Wed - 23.10.24 - School Discos EYFS & 1 (3:30 - 4:30), 3&4 (4:45 - 5:45) & 6 (6:00 - 7:00)
Wed - 23.10.24 - Stegosaurus Forest School Day
Thu - 24.10.24 - Individual Photos
Thu - 24.10.24 - Last Day of Half Term
Fri - 25.10.24 - INSET Day

Next Year (2024-25)

Next Year's Term Dates are available on the school website. [You can find them here](#)

Celebration

Portfields Stars

Oak - n/a
Chestnut - n/a
Elm - n/a
Starfish - Finn
Shark - Layla

Seahorse - Eva
Frog - Arabella
Toad - Evangeline
Newt - Amelia
Gecko - James
Chameleon - Marcus
Iguana - Matilda
Crocodile - Daisy
Stegosaurus - Rory
Velociraptor - Benedikt
Triceratops - Eamon
Kingfisher - Willow
Swift - Carlos
Owl - Tom
Heron - Sophia
Dolphin - Lucy
Rhino - Jack
Meerkat - Alvin
Jaguar - Maryam