

Portfields Post

Our first week back after the half term break has been a really busy one. We have had Year 6 WOW Days, dissecting plants in Year 5 and one of our Year 5/6 football teams had their final league fixtures of the year.

We also learned all about remembrance in our assemblies this week and KS2 were visited by Mr Stewart, who spoke about his time in the armed forces and what remembrance means to him.

Pupils and staff will be walking in the Remembrance Day Parade this Sunday, 10th November. We will be laying a wreath on behalf of the whole Portfields community.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Safeguarding - Free online training sessions

Thames Valley Violence Prevention Partnership is delivering a 'Stay True to You' campaign, aiming to prevent violence in young people. They are offering free online parent and carer sessions which will include: risk factors in crime and violence, online harm, having difficult conversations and much more. There are two dates:

Tuesday 12th November 6.30-8.30pm register at bit.ly/stty-12nov2024

Thursday 21st November 6.30-8.30pm register at bit.ly/stty-21nov2024

Family Lives Online Courses

Family Lives has produced a series of free online parenting courses. If you are interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline).

They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

Parents' Evenings

This year's parents' evening appointments will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 3rd December

Wednesday 4th December (Toad Class Only)

Thursday 5th December (Not Toad Class)

As with recent years, we will continue to offer hybrid appointments using SchoolCloud. To login and book onto your child's appointment, visit <https://portfields.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You will then need to login using your child's details (if you have multiple children attending school, it does not matter which you choose). Once you have entered their details, and yours, you will be able to select appointment times. If you are unsure, please see the attached Parent Guide

Common issues when trying to login include:

- Misspelling a child's name or surname
- The salutation of parents (we often have Mrs, Ms, Miss are common barriers)
- Names with hyphens (please try with a space either side and also without)

Bookings will go live at 8am on Tuesday 12th November. If you are unable to log in, please email admin@portfields.org who will be happy to help.

Hire Our Halls

We thought we'd share some recent reviews from people who have hired our school halls:

"The booking of the hall went so smoothly, Dan had considered everything to tell us so we felt prepared for our party day. The hall was a great size and had great facilities. Thank you for an easy process."

"Everything went to plan as expected. No issues. "

"Great venue and value for money. Really good space to accommodate the bouncy castle, soft play and table and chairs for the 20 children to eat. Hall and facilities were very clean. All in all a great venue and the kids had an amazing party. Would highly recommend it and would book again in the future."

Full details on hiring our school halls [can be found here](#)

Odd Sock Day - Tuesday 12th November

Children are invited to come in their odd socks on Tuesday 12th November to raise awareness that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. Please can children wear their uniform with their odd socks!

Children in Need/Harry's Rainbow

Next Friday, 15th November, we are inviting children to 'Spread a Rainbow' for our chosen charity this year - Harry's Rainbow and for Children in Need too! Children can come in bright, colourful clothes and donations can be made via ParentPay. If your child has PE, please remember to wear suitable clothing and trainers.

The donations raised will be split equally between the two charities. Thank you!

Individual School Photography

Individual school photos are now live and ready for you to order using your unique reference number that was sent home with your child before half term. The deadline to order your photos for free delivery to school is **Thursday 21st November**.

FOPS

Friends of Portfields School (FOPS) run lots of activities for the school. To keep up to date follow us on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/EQNeaw535evstvoa/?mibextid=K35XfP>

A reminder that if you would like your child to attend Santa's grotto at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December, tickets must be booked in advance.

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>

All bookings must be placed by 30th November

Super Draw

Win A PS5 pro bundle or £1000 all for £1 a ticket See attached leaflet for further details.

PLAY NOW: Go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for: Portfields

Dates

New dates in red

Dates (This Month)

Mon - 11.11.24 - EYFS Intake Stay & Play - Forest School - 9:00 - 10:00am

Mon - 11.11.24 - Whole School 2 Minutes Silence (Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Brownies etc... can wear uniform if they would like).

Tue - 12.11.24 - EYFS Intake Stay & Play - Forest School - 1:30 - 2:30pm

Tue - 12.11.24 - Odd Sock Day

Fri - 15.11.24 - Child in Need/Harry's Rainbow - Non Uniform - wear the rainbow

Fri - 15.11.24 - PINs coffee morning Lagonds Hall 9.30-10.30am

Mon - 18.11.24 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 19.11.24 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)
 Tue - 19.11.24 - Gecko & Iguana Forest School Day
 Wed - 20.11.24 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)
 Fri - 22.11.24 - Chameleon & Crocodile Forest School Day
 Fri - 29.11.24 - EYFS "Wedding"

Dates (Next Month)

Tue - 3.12.24 - Parents Evening
 Tue - 3.12.24 - Starfish Forest School Day
 Wed - 4.12.24 - Shark Forest School Day
 Wed - 4.12.24 - Christmas Rocksteady concert - 09:30am & 1:45pm
 Thu - 5.12.24 - Seahorse Forest School Day
 Thu - 5.12.24 - Parents Evening
 Fri - 6.12.24 - Bottle Tombola Mufti-day
 Mon - 9.12.24 - Heron & Owl Forest School Day
 Mon - 9.12.24 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS1) - 1:30pm
 Tue - 10.12.24 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS2) - 1:30pm
 Tue - 10.12.24 - Swift & Kingfisher Forest School Day
 Wed - 11.12.24 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)
 Fri - 13.12.24 - Christmas Fair
 Fri - 13.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day
 Wed - 18.12.24 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)
 Fri - 20.12.24 - Last Day of Term

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Purple = 892
 2nd - Orange = 851
 3rd - Green = 849

Portfields Stars

First Assembly

Shark	Isla
Seahorse	Seb
Frog	Verity
Chameleon	Marvin
Crocodile	Maryann
Stegosaurus	Ella
Brachiosaurus	Roman
Owl	Trixie
Heron	Florence
Dolphin	Dhylon

Meerkat	Adrianna
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Second Assembly

Starfish	Ronnie
Toad	Oliver
Newt	Yara
Iguana	Katie
Gecko	Charlie
Triceratops	Robyn
Velociraptor	Mohammed
Kingfisher	Nikolas
Swift	Shanaiya
Rhino	Sophia
Jaguar	Jaycob-Jaymes