

Portfields Post

As always, this week has been a really busy one. We have had a number of staff off unwell. I want to say a huge thank you to the team for pulling together and continuing to ensure all children get a high quality curriculum full of fantastic learning.

It was lovely to see Year 3 making clay pots ready to be painted next week. They loved telling me all about their designs.

We finished the week with our annual EYFS wedding, where the children came in wearing their gladrags to take part. It was lovely to see them having such a great time celebrating.

We are aware that attendance is being impacted by several sick bugs going round school. I have arranged the school to have an extra deep clean this evening to help prevent the spread of any bugs over the winter.

Tomorrow, we're heading to Newport Pagnell Christmas lights switch, where some of our children will be singing and dancing. We will be in the church performing at 11:45. Our fantastic dancers will kick off the outside entertainment at 1pm. Then later on Saturday we will be taking part in the lantern parade, meeting at the Christmas Tree on Newport Pagnell High Street at 4.30pm

I'm sure I'll see lots of you tomorrow, but if I don't, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Sports Events

In September, we shared a sports survey where you were able to let us know about any events your child was interested in taking part in, in order to help us when selecting sports teams. As we begin to prepare for our sporting fixtures in the new year, we wanted to share the form again for anyone who missed completing it first time round. Please take a few minutes to complete the form.

[Parent Sports Form](#)

[Sickness and reporting absences](#)

Please remember, we have a 48 hr rule for anyone who has been sick. Your child must remain off school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick. While we know this can be frustrating, it helps us prevent the spread of bugs which can lead to more children becoming unwell. If your child is absent due to illness please notify the school by 9am via parentmail/voicemail or email, please include additional information of illness.

[Petition to restrict speed to 20mph](#)

A form has been sent on parentmail today regarding a petition for a 20mph speed limit outside school. Please complete this by 6th December.

[Young Voices - Fri 13th December](#)

Young voices rehearsals will be cancelled for Friday 13th December due to the school Christmas fayre.

[FOPS Christmas Raffle](#)

There are some Fabulous prizes up for grabs, some of the best ones we have had so far!!!

£100 Big Jays Voucher, Christmas Hamper, 2 x one day tickets to the Betfred British Masters Golf 2025, £50 Photo shoot voucher, Turkish Restaurant voucher, Thrift farm voucher and many more prizes!

Get your tickets now!

<https://forms.gle/TNTRGM3ERJ8cnPpCA>

Payments need to be made to:

Metro Bank

Account Name: Friends of Portfields School

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 20306173

Please complete form and transfer funds by **Friday 6th December**. Tickets will be sent to classes after this date.

The draw will take place on **17th December** and prizes will be sent to your child's class.

Help needed with selling tickets

If you would be willing to help us sell some tickets to family, friends or work colleagues please let us know by emailing friends@portfields.org and we can get some tickets for you.

[FOPS Christmas Fayre 13th December 2024](#)

This year children in year 5 & 6 will be holding games stalls in the year 5 & 6 areas of the school. If you would like to have a go on any of these stalls **it will be necessary for you to purchase a stamp card online using the following link:** <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=products>

Online orders must be placed by 12th December. Cards will also be available at the fayre. (We advise you to buy in advance to avoid queuing.) There will be no refund for any unused credits. The stamp cards can **only** be used in the year 5 & 6 Areas ***NO CASH WILL BE TAKEN ON THESE STALLS***

The rest of the fayre will be accepting cash

[FOPS Bauble Competition](#)

We have extended the date for the baubles to be returned; they must be back by Monday 2nd December as judging will take place later in the week and prizes will be issued to the best in each year group. This is free for everyone to enter.

[FOPS Santa's Grotto](#)

We still have spaces available if you would like for your child to see Santa. Tickets cost £5 including a present. If you would like a ticket you have until the end of the 30th November to buy.

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

Dates

New dates in red

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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)

Thu - 12.12.24 - 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 - Orange = 1243

2nd - Purple = 1219

3rd - Green = 1107

Elm - Finley

Chestnut - Romi-Raine

Oak - Charlie

Starfish - Olivia

Newt - Diyana

Iguana - Emily

Gecko - Ethan

Triceratops - Amne

Velociraptor - Lucy

Kingfisher - Lucy

Swift - Yasen

Rhino - Oliver

Jaguar - Eadee

Second Assembly

Shark - Jack

Seahorse - Stan

Toad - Harlee

Frog - Ella-Rose

Chameleon - Amelia

Crocodile - Reggie

Stegosaurus - Theo

Brachiosaurus - Grayson

Owl - Logan

Heron - Henry

Dolphin - Leonardo

Meerkat - Nellie