

Portfields Post

It was lovely to see how excited the children were to see the snow, I'm just disappointed it didn't stay around for longer! As the weather has turned, please remember to send your child into school wrapped warm. If it snows again, I would recommend sending them with wellies and a spare pair of socks, so we can take advantage of the learning opportunities snow brings.

This week we've had some very chilly forest school sessions, but the children have had a fantastic time. And it's been great to see so many families come into school for our EYFS learning journals and share in the amazing learning the children have been completing.

This week we have been talking to the children about British Values and what they look like at school. The British Values we share are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and for those without faith.

I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

[The Magical Map - Creative Writing Competition \(7-12 year olds\)](#)

Your child is invited to explore their creativity and write a mini saga (a story told in up to 100 words) with The Magical Map. It can transport them anywhere in space and time using the power of imagination."

Some of the benefits of entering include:

- 100-word limit helps focus writing and improve vocabulary
- Fantastic writing stamina practise
- See your child's writing confidence and pride in themselves flourish when they see their work published in a book.
- Show their teacher how they have put their literacy learning into practice
- Open theme to let creativity shine
- Bookmark and sticker for every entrant

- Top 10 writers will win an amazing goody bag
- A chance for the school to win the top prize of 1000
- Winners prize of £100 Amazon voucher!!

For full details on how to enter, visit [Click Here](#)

We also have a number of paper entries at the front office. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office team know.

[Cold Weather](#)

With a drop in temperatures please ensure children are wrapped up warm with gloves, hat and a warm coat every day. Please ensure all items are labelled as gloves do tend to get misplaced.

[Collection of children](#)

If your child is going to be collected by someone else please inform reception on the day by 2:30pm. This gives us plenty of time to notify the class teacher.

[Forest School clothing](#)

On forest school days, please ensure children come to school with wellies to change into. As the weather is much colder please provide gloves, hats, warm layers and a coat or waterproof clothing. Children will be going outside for long periods of time regardless of the weather.

[FOPS](#)

[Clothing Collection](#)

We are pleased to announce that FOPS have organised an unwanted clothes and shoe collection to raise funds for the school. As well as raising vitally needed funds for Portfields Primary School, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. By getting involved in our collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles. Please put all donations in a bag, any dustbin/recycle bag will do. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! Please bring it to the school front gate before 9am on **Friday 29th November.**

[ASDA Cashpot for Schools](#)

This is the last week to raise funds through the ASDA Cashpot for Schools. We have raised over £270 so far. If you have not yet signed up there is still a chance to help raise funds, as for everyone who joins we receive £1 All you have to do is OPT IN through the Asda Rewards App and Choose Portfields Primary School. Shop and Scan in store or online at www.asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Christmas Bauble Competition

All children will bring home a Card Bauble for them to decorate. If they could be returned to school by **Friday 29th November**. These will then be judged and prizes awarded to the best Bauble in each year group. This is a free competition.

Story Time with Santa

If you have not yet booked tickets to see Santa at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December, slots are still available. Cost £5 including a present.

If you would like to book this can be done

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

These must be booked **before 30th November**.

Thank you for your support with all our fundraising opportunities.

Dates

New dates in red

Dates (This Half Term)

Fri - 29.11.24 - EYFS "Wedding"

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 = 1308

2nd - Green = 1193

3rd - Purple = 1140

Shark	Olivia
Seahorse	Elodie
Toad	Aurora
Frog	Leo
Chameleon	Oliver
Crocodile	Ailla
Stegosaurus	Lenny
Brachiosaurus	Roschelle
Owl	Erin
Heron	Thomas
Dolphin	Darcey
Meerkat	Stanley

Elm	Oliver
Chestnut	Chloe
Oak	Colbie
Starfish	Lukas
Newt	George
Iguana	Hijab

Gecko	Tilly
Triceratops	Arlo
Velociraptor	James
Kingfisher	Luke
Swift	Emily
Rhino	Dennis
Jaguar	Vashvika