

Portfields Post

This week we began our normal weekly routines with the start of our exciting new units of work. More information about what your child will be learning this half term can be found in the "Curriculum Newsletters" section below.

We were delighted to have welcomed more than 50 families to our phonics workshops this week, where we introduced our new Read Write Inc. programme and explained all about how early reading will be taught.

We had our first Portfields Stars assembly this Friday and it was lovely to see how excited the children were to celebrate the achievements of their peers. We have also given out an enormous amount of positive points via class charts this week which is always a sign of how well the children have come back after the summer and settled back into school life. I can't wait to see how long it takes for the first child to earn Lunch with me!

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Walk in Wednesday (meet the teacher)

Our second "Walk in Wednesday" will be on Wednesday 21st September, between the end of the day and 4pm. Year 1 to Year 6 teachers will open their classes to give families an opportunity to pop in and meet the teacher. This will not be a formal presentation rather it will offer the chance for you to say hello and have a quick look around your child's new classroom.

Curriculum Newsletters

Our curriculum newsletters are now live on the school website. These are put on half termly and provide information about what your child will be learning this half term and also contact year group specific information. [You can find them here](#)

FOPS Christmas Art Project

We are delighted to announce that we will be taking part in the Christmas Card Project again this year!

Over the next few weeks your child will be bringing home artwork which they have completed at school. The artwork your child has created will be accurately reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 10.

Additional items are also available such as T Towels, Mugs, Aprons, Coasters, Water Bottles and Bags. These would make ideal Christmas Presents for family and friends and provide a lasting keepsake of your child's work.

Orders need to be placed and paid for online (we cannot accept any cash payments). The artwork must then be returned to school with all the details fully completed by 10th October (no incomplete orders can be processed.) To order <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=products>

A price list is on your child's artwork. Illustrations on our website are for information only and are not a copy of your child's artwork. By making an order you agree to the following:

Portfields School will pass FOPS details of your child's name, age and class. FOPS will pass this information to All My Own Work to process your order. Their Privacy Policy can be found on their website. www.allmyownwork.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support. FOPS

Online Safety

To support families in keeping their children safe online, we will begin providing regular updates on Online Safety around a number of themes. This week, we are starting with "Sharing Pictures Online" and hope that you find the attached information of use. We will also continue to add these documents to the [internet safety section of our website](#)

Premier holiday camp

Please see the attached Premier holiday camp leaflet for the October Half Term. This includes a 30% off discount if booked before the 22th September. Please contact Premier directly to book on and if you have any queries.

Sportfields Round Up

Thank you to everyone who attended the football and netball trials this week. Football fixtures begin next week with netball starting the week after. Next week we will also share full details of how the fixtures throughout the year will run with regards to development events to ensure the maximum number of children are given an opportunity to represent the school at a sporting event.

Hobby the Horse

At the end of the summer term, Year 1 and Year 2 held a fund-raising event for Ride High. The children made their own hobby-horses and we then had a gymkhana on the field to show off their creative skills. It was a brilliant event and the children

enjoyed themselves immensely with parents, grandparents and carers watching. We have now been told the total money raised and it was a staggering £919.39! This has enabled Ride High to fund horse sessions for a 12 week programme for 4 children which is wonderful. We would like to say a massive thank you to all the children for taking part and a massive thank you to parents for enabling us to raise such a huge amount for a very worthwhile cause.

Polite reminder

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school and do not allow nut products of any kind. We do have several children with severe nut allergies. Children should be bringing in a healthy snack option for break time and fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed.

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (September)

W.b 18.9.23 - Y6 Bikeability Week

Wed 20.9.23 - Year 5/6 Boys Football Friendly (Home) v Middleton

Wed - 20.9.23 - Y1 - Y6 Walk in Wednesday (Meet the teacher)

Wednesday 20th Y4 Woodrow Parent Meeting

Mon - 25.09.23 - Bikeability

Mon - 25.09.23 - Y6 SATs Information Evening

Tue - 26.09.23 - EYFS Maths Workshop

Tue - 26.09.23 - Y6 Pupil Leader Interviews

Wed 27.9.23 - Year 5/6 Netball League week 1 @ Hazley

Next Month (October)

Mon - 2.10.23 - Jaguar OL Day

Tue - 3.10.23 - Rhino OL Day

Wed - 4.9.23 - Year 5/6 Netball League week 2 @ Hazley

Thu - 5.10.23 - Year 5/6 Boys Football League week 1 @ Fairfields

Thu - 5.10.23 - Meerkat OL Day

Fri - 6.10.23 - Dolphin OL Day

Mon - 9.10.23 - Year 5/6 Netball @ Shenley Brook

Tue - 10.10.23 - Parents Eve

Tue 10.10.23 - Year 3/4 Netball @ SMSG

Tue - 10.10.23 - Mental Health Day - Children may wear yellow

Wed - 11.10.23 - Netball League week 3 @ Hazley

Thu - 12.10.23 - Parents Eve

Mon - 16.10.23 - Heron OL Day
Tue - 17.10.23 - Owl OL Day
Wed - 18.10.23 - Kingfisher OL Day
Thu - 19.10.23 - Swift OL Day
Thu - 19.10.23 - Half Term
Fri - 20.10.23 - Inset Day
Mon - 30.10.23 - School reopens to pupils

Celebrations

Portfields Stars

Oak - N/A
Chestnut - N/A
Elm - N/A
Starfish - Charlotte
Shark - George
Seahorse - Isla
Frog - Mia
Salamander - Matilda
Toad - Addie
Newt - Marcus
Gecko - Regi
Chameleon - Leo
Crocodile - Ethan
Iguana - Nina
Stegosaurus - Dev
Velociraptor - Naomi
Triceratops - Fahad
Kingfisher - Jaycob-Jaymes
Swift - Tess
Owl - Rosie
Heron - Jack
Dolphin - Alice
Rhino - Noah
Meerkat - N/A
Jaguar - Connor