

## **Portfields Post**

It was lovely to welcome our new EYFS children in full time this week. They have settled into the school routines really well and are already in full flow with their learning.

I'm pleased to report we had an extremely successful fire drill on Thursday. We were really impressed with how sensible the children were and how calm the whole process was.

This week we introduced a new lunchtime routine which is proving very popular with the children. For more information, please see below.

Our Year 6 children had their annual Empowerment and Challenge sessions where the children learned about keeping themselves safe in

Next week, I will be interviewing the Y6's who have applied to be pupil leaders and have the difficult task of selecting the new team. Directly after this, the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to put their names forward for a variety of school leadership posts, such as Sports Leads, the always popular Site Team and Prefects.

We also have a maths workshop for EYFS parents, a parentmail form has gone out, please complete this if you would like to attend.

Finally, this week we celebrated two of our longest standing staff. Mrs Clayton has been at Portfields for 23 years and Miss Rae for 20 years. I thank them both for all of their hard work and dedication.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Folkard.

**Notices**

### [Portfields Connect](#)

If you don't already, please follow our Portfields Connect Facebook Page where we share lots about what the children have been learning and what's coming up.

### [Portfields Connect](#)

### [MAT Trust Parent Consultation](#)

Today you will have received communication about a parent consultation regarding joining a multi-academy trust. Please take some time to read this. For more information on the trust IFtL (Inspiring Futures through Learning) [please click here](#)

### [New Lunchtime Routine](#)

This week we started our new lunchtime routine. Y1-Y4 now head straight to the playground at the beginning of lunchtime and are called into the hall when there is space. Once they have finished eating, they are allowed to head back to the playground to continue having fun. Y5 and Y6 will eat their lunch in class (for a minimum of 15 minutes) and then head to the playground. This means the children now get more time outside, enjoying the fresh air and socialising with their friends. Don't worry, we are monitoring the time children are taking to eat to make sure they aren't skipping lunch to play for longer. The children are loving the extra time outside and more year groups together is lovely to see.

### [SAFEGUARDING - Allergies](#)

Thank you to all of our Portfields' families for keeping our children safe. Please be reminded that there must be no pure egg products/foods e.g. boiled egg, egg sandwiches, Scotch eggs, quiche, omelette, egg salad etc. Please also remember we are a NUT FREE school too.

### [KS1 \(Year 1&2\) Spellings](#)

Children will have come home with a yellow homework book today. This has their new spellings for the week. These spellings include the sounds that they have learnt that week in their Phonics lessons. We encourage children to practise these on this sheet each day. Any

additional practice is also greatly encouraged. Children must bring this book back to school each Friday because they will be doing their spelling test in the back and will have their new spellings stuck in the front.

### [Times Tables Rockstars](#)

Mrs O held a special assembly for KS2 (Y3-6) this week about Times Tables Rockstars. All children in KS2 (Y3-6) will have been given their username / password for TTRS. It's a fantastic way to help the children learn their times tables (and associated division facts) and is available on phones, tablets and computers.

### [OAA Days](#)

We are starting to book in our OAA (Orienteering) days. These will appear as dates in the section below. Please note, these are outside and children should dress appropriately for the weather. School uniform will be fine, but a pair of trainers would be helpful and please make sure they have a coat. Some of the markers are across the grass, so please do not send your child in a brand new pair of white trainers, as these will likely get ruined.

### [Pencil Cases](#)

A polite reminder that children should not bring pencil cases to school. We will provide all the stationary they need.

### [Labelling](#)

Please, please, please label all uniform (and lunchboxes / water bottles). We are already getting quite the pile of un-nammed uniform.

### [Dates](#)

#### [New dates in red](#)

#### [Dates \(Autumn 1\)](#)

Mon - 15.9.25 - Y6 Pupil Leader Application Deadline

Mon - 15.9.25 - Y6 Pupil Leader Interviews (PM)

Tue - 16.9.25 - Flu Immunisation Day (Y1-6)

Wed - 17.9.25 - EYFS Maths Parent Workshop (Aston Hall) - 6:15pm

Mon - 22.9.25 - Y6 SATs Information Evening - (Aston Hall) - 6:15pm)

Mon - 29.9.25 - Y5 CO2 Crew

Tue - 30.9.25 - Y5 CO2 Crew

Wed - 1.10.25 - KS2 (Y3-6) CPR Live Session

Wed - 1.10.25 - MAT Parent Consultation (3:30pm & 6:15pm)

Thu - 2.10.25 - Y3 OAA Day

Mon - 6.10.25 - Rhino Forest School Day

Tue - 7.10.25 - Jaguar Forest School Day

Wed - 8.10.25 - Meerkat Forest School Day

Thu - 9.10.25 - Dolphin Forest School Day

Fri - 10.10.25 - Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)

Mon - 13.10.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Parent Information Morning (9:00 - 10:00am - Aston Hall)

Mon - 13.10.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Parent Information Evening (6:15 - 7:15pm - Aston Hall)

Mon - 13.10.25 - Toad Class Forest School Day

Tue - 14.10.25 - Newt Class Forest School Day

Wed - 15.10.25 - Frog Class Forest School Day

Mon - 20.10.25 - Discos

- 3:30-4:30 - EYFS
- 4:45 - 5:45 - Y5

Tue - 21.10.25 - Discos

- 3:30 - 4:30 - Y3
- 4:45 - 5:45 - Y6

Tue - 21.10.25 - Triceratops Forest School Day

Wed - 22.10.25 - Stegosaurus & Brachiosaurus Forest School Day

Wed - 22.10.25 - Discos

- 3:30 - 4:30 - Y1 & Y2
- 4:45 - 5:45 - Y4

Thu - 23.10.25 - Individual & Sibling Photos

Thu - 23.10.25 - Last Day of Term

Fri - 24.10.25 - INSET Day

### **Dates (Autumn 2)**

Mon - 3.11.25 - Children Return

Mon - 3.11.25 - Simon the Explorer - Y6 WOW Day

Mon - 3.11.25 - Parents Evening Booking Live (5:30pm)

Sun - 9.11.25 - Remembrance Sunday - Pupil Leaders

Mon - 10.11.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Stay & Play -Forest School - 09:00 - 10:00am

Mon - 10.11.25 - EYFS Intake (26-27) Stay & Play -Forest School - 1:30 - 2:30pm

Wed

Wed - 12.11.26 - Y2 Sublime Science Visitor

Mon - 17.11.25 - Y1 & Y2 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Mon - 17.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Y3 & Y4 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Tue - 18.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 19.11.25 - Y5 & Y6 Parent Reading Drop In (08:30 - 08:50)

Wed - 19.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 25.11.25 - Y5 RIAT STEM Challenge

Wed - 26.11.24 - Flu Immunisation (EYFS & Any who missed)

Tue - 2.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Wed - 3.12.25 - Christmas Rocksteady Concert (TBC)

Thu - 4.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Fri - 5.12.25 - Non-Uniform Day (Bottle Tombola donations)

Wed - 10.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS1) - 1:30pm

Thu - 11.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS2) - 1:30pm

Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Fair

Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day

Tue - 16.12.25 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)

Wed - 17.12.25 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)

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Tue - 16.12.25 - Y5 Panto Stantonbury

Thu - 18.12.25 - Last Day of Term

Fri - 19.12.25 - INSET Day (School closed to children)

## Celebration

### Star of The Week

#### **First Assembly**

Seahorse - Archie

Toad - Noah

Frog - Seb

Iguana - Beth

Stegosaurus - Ayomiposi

Brachiosaurus - Molly

Owl - Amelia

Heron - Abe

Dolphin - Naomi

Meerkat - Berat

#### **Second Assembly**

Shark - Adried

Starfish - Calliope

Newt - Finn

Gecko - Ethan

Chameleon - Sophie

Triceratops - Rayan

Kingfisher - Baxter

Swift - Mason

Rhino - Olivia

Jaguar - Logan