

Portfields Post

A fantastically busy week at school this week as our Y6 children sat their KS2 SATs. They had 4 extremely busy days filled with SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Reading and 3 maths papers! They worked very hard all week and showed excellent levels of resilience. A huge well done to them all.

We also had a jam-packed week of sporting events this week with girls football and finished the week off with a tennis competition on Friday. We're delighted to say the team came 2nd! Well done.



Next week is put final week before half term and is full of forest school, cooking and orienteering. We also welcome our EYFS parents in for the children's final learning journal sessions of the year:

- Mon - 18.5.26 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)
- Tue - 19.5.26 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)
- Wed - 20.5.26 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Next week is also our "Walk to School Week". We are encouraging as many families as possible to walk to school (or park a bit further and walk the last part). The children are extremely excited about this initiative. Fingers crossed for google weather!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

[Smartphone free childhood presentation workshop](#)

With thanks to Laura, Liz and Alice from Green Park School who came to deliver the smartphone free childhood presentation recently. For those who were unable to attend please find a list of resources discussed, including the presentation from the evening.

There were some very encouraging conversations in the room, but for those who were unable to attend it's clear that while smartphones have their place, they were designed for adults – and there's now clear evidence they're not always good for children. From rising anxiety and sleep issues to online bullying and distraction, many families are questioning whether early smartphone use is really in children's best interests.

That's why we're supporting a simple but powerful idea: the **Parent Pact**, part of the **Smartphone Free Childhood** campaign. It's a growing national movement of

families choosing to delay giving children smartphones until at least age 14, and social media until 16 – and doing it together, so no one feels like the only one holding out. But again remember this isn't legally binding, it's how you feel at this moment and can be reviewed each year. 25 children are already signed up to this at Portfields.

You can learn more and watch a short video below and if it feels right for you and your family, please consider signing the parent pact. You'll have seen the government commit to reviewing a social media ban for under 16. The parent pact is still very powerful as its power in numbers helps reduce peer pressure.



<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact>

We're aware that many families want to be able to contact their children, especially as they begin walking to school alone. There are some great alternatives to smartphones that offer calls and texts, without internet access or social media. If you're looking for ideas, have a look at this [child-friendly phones guide](#) for some simple phones designed with children in mind.

If you are wanting to bring your child along on this journey the Amazing generation <https://amzn.eu/d/0a3dXwXt> is recommended reading for 8-12 year olds. *The Anxious Generation* started a world-changing conversation about the effects of smartphones and social media on young people. Now bestselling authors Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price have teamed up to talk directly to kids, showing them it's possible to live a fulfilling smartphone-free life.

Also please do join the Portfields WhatsApp SFC group, where lots of dynamic conversations are happening.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/HQSxJ6bwsptHqQ9Neobl7P?mode=gi_t

As discussed there is a government survey running until 26th May, there is an option for older children to complete and have their say too

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

[NHS Immunisation Clinics](#)

Please see the information enclosed about free immunisation clinics. Families can come along and check whether immunisations are up to date and if they need to have some, they can do that too.

NHS walk-in vaccination clinics

**Free sessions for MK families
no booking required (open 10am - 2:30pm)**

20 May Conniburrow and Pebbles Family Centre, Germander Park School MK14 7DU

12 June Rowans Family Centre MK11 2BD

1 July Hummingbirds Family Centre MK10 9LS

2 July Moorlands Family Centre MK6 4LP

8 July Saplings Family Centre MK2 2HB



These clinics are for everyone: children, young people, adults and any member of the public or professional. There will be a wide range of vaccinations available.

[FOPS Updates](#)

Cuddly Toy Donations Needed

We're collecting good-quality cuddly toys for our Summer Fayre. If you're able to donate, please bring them to the school front gate on Monday morning before 9am.

Tuck Shop next Friday!

Join us on Friday 22nd May for some tasty end-of-term treats. Find us on the playground from 3.15pm.

A Big Plea for Tuck Shop Helpers

Our tuck shop is next Friday, and we're still in need of a few more helpers. If you're able to give just 45 minutes from 3pm, we would be incredibly grateful. Your support helps us keep these events running for the children. Please email friends@portfields.org

Portfest - Friday 10th July, 4–6pm

We're excited to be preparing for Portfest, our Summer Fayre, taking place on Friday 10th July from 4pm to 6pm.

If you run a small business or create handmade crafts and would like to host a stall at the event, we'd love to hear from you.

We're also looking to showcase local talent. If you're part of a dance group, martial arts club, or any other performance group, we'd be delighted to include you in our programme.

For stall enquiries or performance interest, please email friends@portfields.org

[Dates](#)

[New dates in red](#)

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

Mon - 18.5.26 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue - 19.5.26 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Tue 19.05.26 - Brachiosaurus orienteering

Wed 20.05.26 - Stegosaurus orienteering

Wed - 20.5.26 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)

Wed - 20.5.26 - Dolphin & Rhino Forest School Day

Thu 21.05.26 - Triceratops orienteering

Thu - 21.5.26 - Meerkat Forest School Day

Fri - 21.5.26 - Jaguar Forest School Day

Fri - 22.5.26 - Last Day of Term

Dates (Summer 2)

Mon - 1.6.26 Children Return

Mon - 1.06.26 - 12.06.26 Y4 MTC assessment

Weds 3.06.26 Money Workshop - Jaguar class & Dolphin Class

Wed - 3.6.26 - Y6 Tournament at MK Dons (Details TBC)

Thurs - 4.6.26 - Meet the STEM Super Stars Yr 5 - 2pm

Fri - 5.06.26 - EYFS Rookery Farm Visit

Weds 10.06.26 Money Workshop Rhino & Meerkat

Tue - 16.6.26 - Art Exhibition

Wed - 17.6.26 - Y3 & Y4 Sports Day (09:00 - 11:00)

Thu - 18.6.26 - Y5 & Y6 Sports Day (09:00 - 11:00)

Fri - 19.6.26 - Y3-6 Athletics Competition @ Stantonbury

Mon - 22.6.26 - Y6 IoW Trip

Tue - 23.6.26 - EYFS / Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (09:00 - 11:00)

Mon- 29.06.26 Money Workshop 9-10am Stego

10am - 11 - Brachio, 11:15- 12:15 Tricera

Tues - 30.6.26 - Yr 2 Warwick Castle(Provisional)

Wed - 1.7.26 - Transition Day (TBC)

Thurs - 02.07.26 - Yr 3 Willen Lake Trip

w.b 6,7,25 - Annual Reports Home

Mon - 6.7.26 - Y6 Electronic Timing Day

Wed - 8.7.26 - Performing Arts at Stantonbury

Thu - 9.7.26 - PGT Semi - Finals

Fri - 10.7.26 - PORTFEST

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Orange = 6270

2nd - Purple = 6070

3rd - Green = 5970

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Elm - Dax

Chestnut - Jedidiah

Seahorse - Donny

Toad - Ronnie

Frog - Imogen

Iguana - Bethany & Leo

Stegosaurus - Oliver

Brachiosaurus - Victoria

Owl - Amne

Heron - Sidney

Dolphin - Florence

Meerkat - Rowan

Second Assembly

Oak - Elliot

Shark - Elsie

Starfish - Stanley

Newt - Alyssa

Gecko - Nojus

Chameleon - N/A

Triceratops - George

Kingfisher - Lily

Swift - Demi

Rhino - Avery

Jaguar - Sophia