

Portfields Post

It has been another busy and successful week at Portfields, with many opportunities for our children to demonstrate our school values.

One of the highlights of the week was our Portfields Pupil Leader interviews. Over two days, Mr Dixon and I had the pleasure of interviewing more than 40 children who had put themselves forward for leadership roles within the school. We were incredibly impressed by the confidence, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm shown by all of the applicants. The children spoke passionately about how they would contribute to school life and support others, making our decisions very difficult. Well done to everyone who took part.

Our wonderful Friends of Portfields School held their AGM on Monday. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank them for all their hard work, countless hours of volunteering and dedication to improving Portfields for all children.

On Thursday, we held our boys' football trials, with 38 children taking part. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, commitment and sporting spirit on display. Congratulations to those pupils who were successful in securing a place in the performance team. For those who were not selected this time, please remember that there will be plenty of opportunities throughout the year to represent Portfields in a range of sporting events and competitions.

This week also saw our first Portfields Star Assembly of the academic year. It was wonderful to celebrate the achievements and successes of so many children. Congratulations to all of our award winners. We are proud of the effort, resilience and kindness that our pupils show each day.

During assembly I announced this week's house points winner (list at the bottom of this newsletter) and highlighted the amazing collective achievement. Since returning

to school in September, the children have earned more than 8000 positive points! A huge well done to everyone for being such superstars!

Looking ahead to next week, we have another exciting week, including Forest School days, Y5/6 girls' football trials and an information evening for Year 6 parents and carers about the Key Stage 2 SATs assessments taking place in May. We look forward to welcoming families and sharing information about how we can work together to support our children during this important year.

Finally, a reminder that our Parents' Evening booking system will go live at 5.30pm on Wednesday 23 September. Further information about how to make appointments can be found later in this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

[Do you have a child starting school in September 2027?](#)

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they will be due to start school in September 2027. We'd love to welcome you to a parent information evening to find out more about our EYFS and the amazing things that happen in our school. You can secure your place by [clicking here](#)

[MK Speech and Language Therapy School Team](#)

Please see the attached information flyers shared by the MK Speech and Language team. It's full of helpful information and suggestions for those who may have concerns.

October Half Term Holiday Clubs

Please see the attached flyer about holiday camps during half term including a discount for Portfields pupils.

Parents Evening Booking

Our parents evening booking system goes live on Wednesday 23rd September at 5:30pm. You can book your a 10 minute appointment with our child's teacher via the following link: [Portfields.schoolcloud.co.uk](https://portfields.schoolcloud.co.uk)

For guidance on how to log in please [click here](#)

Please try logging in before Wednesday. If you have any issues, please speak to the admin team who will be happy to help.

Updated Dates

Thank you to all those who pointed out the typos on our recently published dates. Attached is the updated calendar dates.

Amendments as follows:

Parents Evenings: Tue - 13.10.26 - 3:30 - 6pm / Wed - 14.10.26 - 3:30 - 6pm

Fri - 27.11.26 - Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair Donations (details to follow)

Wed - 16.12.26 - Whole School Carol Concert - 09:15 - 10:15am

Wed - 16.12.26 - EYFS Nativity (Aston Hall) 2-3pm

New Dates:

Tue - 19.1.27 - Y3 Stone/ Iron Age Day

Thu - 11.2.27 - Y5 Vikings Day

FOPS Updates

FOPS Still need a Treasurer

FOPS urgently needs a treasurer. No accounting experience is required - just someone organised and reliable who can help keep us running.

You won't be on your own. Our outgoing Treasurer will be around to support you when you first begin, making sure you feel confident and settled in the role.

If you can spare a little time and want to help keep everything going for the school community, please get in touch.

Join Our School Lottery!

Our school lottery runs every week, with a guaranteed Portfields winner from our Portfields pot in every single draw. You're also entered into the national draw, where you could win up to £25,000..

And this term's Super Draw is a brilliant one: Win an iPhone 18 Pro - all for just £1 a ticket.

Every ticket supports the school and helps us fund the extras our children love and benefit from.

If you haven't joined yet, now is the perfect moment.

PLAY NOW: Visit Your School Lottery (yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Portfields.

Further details in the attached leaflet.

Stay Connected with FOPS!

FOPS (Friends of Portfields School) play a vital role in organising many of the exciting activities and events that happen throughout the school year.

To stay in the loop with everything FOPS has planned-from fundraising initiatives to fun-filled events-make sure to check out the following channels:

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vah9uiR65yDH7UY2FV2O>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/EQNeaw535evstvoa/?mibextid=K35XfP>

<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofportfieldsschool.np?igsh=bTFz0HIInaHh6>

Dates

New dates in red

Dates (Autumn 1)

Mon - 21.9.26 Y5/6 Girls Football Trials (3:20 - 4:30pm) - Please see parentmail form

Mon - 21.9.26 - Y6 SATs Information Evening - (Aston Hall) - 5:30pm

Mon - 21.9.26 - Meerkat Forest School Day

Tue - 22.9.26 - Dolphin Forest School Day

Wed - 23.9.26 - Rhino Forest School Day

Wed - 23.9.26 - Parents Evening Booking Live (5:30pm)

Thu - 24.9.26 - Jaguar Forest School Day

Wed - 30.9.26 - EYFS Maths Parent Workshop (Aston Hall) - 5:30pm

Thu - 1.10.26 - CPR Live (KS2)

W.b 28.9.26 - Food Bank Collection (for Harvest)

Mon - 5.10.26 - EYFS Intake (27-28) Parent Information Morning (9:00 - 10:00am - Aston Hall)

Mon - 5.10.26 - EYFS Intake (27-28) Parent Information Evening (6:15 - 7:15pm - Aston Hall)

Food Bank Collection (for Harvest)

Parents Evenings:

Tue - 13.10.26 - 3:30 - 6pm

Wed - 14.10.26 - 3:30 - 6pm

Tue - 13.10.26 – Swift/Owl knife crime workshop

Thu - 15.10.26 – Heron knife crime workshop

Thu - 15.10.26 - Y5 Orienteering

Mon - 19.10.26 - Discos

3:30-4:30 - EYFS

4:45 - 5:45 - Y5

Tue - 20.10.26 - Y5 RIAT STEM Day

Tue - 20.10.26 - Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y3

4:45 - 5:45 - Y6

Wed - 21.10.26 - Discos

3:30 - 4:30 - Y1 & Y2

4:45 - 5:45 - Y4

Thu - 22.10.26 - Individual portraits and sibling photos

Thu - 22.10.26 - Last Day of Term

Fri - 23.10.26 - INSET Day (School Closed to pupils)

Dates (Autumn 2)

Mon - 2.11.26 Children Return

Tue - 3.11.26 - Y6 Explorer Academy Day

Wed - 4.11.26 - Y2 Sublime Science Day

Sun - 8.11.26 - Remembrance Sunday (Pupil Leaders)

Mon - 9.11.26 - EYFS Intake (27-28) Stay & Play - Forest School - 09:00 - 10:00am

Mon - 9.11.26 - EYFS Intake (27-28) Stay & Play - Forest School - 1:30 - 2:30pm

Fri - 27.11.26 - Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair Donations (details to follow)

Wed - 2.12.26 - Rocksteady Concert (TBC)

Wed - 9.12.26 - Christmas Dinner Day

Wed - 9.12.26 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS1) - 1:30pm

Thu - 10.12.26 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS2) - 1:30pm

Fri - 11.12.26 - Christmas Fair

Fri - 11.12.26 - Christmas Jumper Day

Mon - 14.12.26 - SEND Coffee Morning (09:00 - 10:30)

Tue - 15.12.26 - EYFS Nativity (Aston Hall) 2-3pm

Wed - 16.12.26 - Whole School Carol Concert - 09:15 - 10:15am

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Fri - 18.12.26 - Last Day of Term

Celebration

House Point Totals

1st - Green = 3219

2nd - Orange = 3079

3rd - Purple = 2927

Star of The Week

First Assembly

Elm - N/A

Shark - Jack

Seahorse - Isabel

Frog - Charlie

Chameleon - Dan

Gecko - Muhammad

Stegosaurus - Clayton

Owl - Ensar

Heron - Arlo

Meerkat - Lucca

Dolphin - George

Second Assembly

Chestnut - N/A

Oak - N/A

Starfish - Evelyn

Toad - Alice

Newt - Romi-Raine

Iguana - Eden

Brachiosaurus - George

Triceratops - Atlanta

Swift - Victoria

Jaguar - Max

Rhino - Charlotte