

## **Portfields Post**

We made it! I have been in the teaching profession for long enough to be able to say that an 8 week half term does not come round very often. A huge well done to all the children (and staff) for managing to keep their energy levels up over the last few weeks. This week we celebrated with our carol concert, discos and the choir had another performance at a local care home. We have also had party days and auditions for Matilda the musical.

Today we say goodbye to 7 members of the school family. I wish Mr Corniel, Miss Perez, Mrs Beevor, Miss Jones, Ms Carmichael, Ms Goble and Ms Osborne the best of luck in their future endeavours.

All that leaves me to say is, I wish you and your family a lovely Christmas break and hope you manage to have a well deserved rest. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8th January.

Mrs Folkard.

## **Notices**

### **Year 3 Swimming**

Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons on w.b 8.1.23. Please see today's parentmail for full details.

### **Chartwells hot dinner**

Please be reminded that lunch orders for the first week back in January must be placed through your parentpay account by midnight on Tuesday 26th December.

### **After school clubs**

The bookings for the after school clubs next term opened on Wednesday afternoon. If you would like to book your child onto a club, please log into your parentpay account to check availability. If a club is full, it will no longer show in your account.

### **Year 3 & Year 5 WOW Day - Portals to the Past**

Please be reminded that the payment for years 3 & 5 WOW days are now live on parentpay. Please log into your account and make payment by Monday 8th January.

### Empty drinks bottles

In Spring 1, Year 2 will be making anemometers to measure the speed of wind. To make these, we will need small 500ml empty drinks bottles. Over the Christmas break, please can you save and bring any bottles to school?

Thank you!  
Year 2 Team

### Year 3 & 4 outdoor PE

Next term, years 3 & 4 will be doing PE outside and learning hockey. If your child has shin pads, they are welcome to bring them in and gloves for all children are advisable.

### Sportfields Update

We have had lots of fantastic opportunities for children to represent the school this year. So far we have taken part in 21, with 80 different children having represented the school. There have been 5 events for Y3/4 and 17 events for Y5/6.

We have had 58 children invited who did not want / were not able to attend. In the new year, we will be sending a form home to find out more about children who wish to represent the school sports teams.

### Dates

#### New dates in red

#### **This Month (January)**

Mon - 8.1.24 - Children Return

Thu - 11.1.23 - Y3 Portals to the Past

Mon - 15.1.24 - EYFS Application Closing Day (Via MKC website)

Wed - 17.1.24 - Young Voices

Mon - 22.1.24 - Y5 Portals to the Past

**Mon - 22.1.24 - Y5 Badminton @ Sir Herbert Leon (Performance & Development)**

Mon 29.1.24 - Heron Forest School Day

Tue 30.1.24 - Owl Forest School Day

Wed 31.1.24 - Kingfisher Forest School Day

**Wed 31.1.24 - Y3/4 Tag Rugby @ Middleton (Performance & Development)**

#### **Next Month (February)**

Thu 1.2.24 - Swift Forest School Day

**Thu 1.2.24 - Y3/4 Football Friendly @ Middleton (Performance & Development)**

W.b Mon - 5.2.24 - Y6 Mock SATs

**Mon - 5.2.24 - Y5/6 Dodgeball @ Sir Herbert Leon (Performance)**

Tue - 6.2.24 - Chestnut Scrap Book Session

Wed - 7.2.24 - Oak Scrap Book Session

Fri - 9.2.24 - Elm Scrap Book Session

Wed 14.2.24 - Y5/6 Ability Athletics @ MK College Bletchley

Wed 14.2.24 - Y4/5/6 Girls Football Friendly @ Middleton (Performance & Development)

Thu 15.2.24 - Y5/6 Swimming @ Bletchley Leisure Centre (Performance)

Wed 14th - Fri 16th - Y4 Residential (Woodrow)

Fri - 16.2.24 - Last Day of Half Term

## **Celebrations**

### **Portfields Stars**

Oak - Faye

Chestnut - Grace

Elm - Rosie

Starfish - Logan

Shark - Motunrayo

Seahorse - Mabel

Frog - Jessica

Salamander - Dhyey

Toad - Harper

Newt - Naledi

Gecko - Georgie

Chameleon - Darcey

Iguana - Sidney

Stegosaurus - Greyson

Velociraptor - Niall

Triceratops - Darryl

Kingfisher - Darcey

Swift - Poppy

Owl - Arthur

Heron - Daniel

Dolphin - Sebastian

Rhino - Eloise

Meerkat - Amelia

Jaguar - Mara