



Portway Junior School

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2017

A warm welcome back to everyone. A special welcome to our new Year 3 children and our new starters throughout the school, including Miss Kerwood who has joined the Year 6 team. The children have had a smashing start to the school year, all looking very smart and behaving very sensibly. Our focus this half term is on behaviour and learning expectations. We have discussed our expectations for behaviour in and around school and given the children a clear plan of how they should behave and what rewards they will receive as well as the consequences of less desirable behaviour. The Positive Behaviour System is attached and will be available on the school website from Monday.

We are still getting used to the new class names so here is a reminder for everyone:

Year 3

Miss Wilkinson – Banksy
Miss Challenger – Kandinsky
Mr Proud – Warhol

Year 4

Ms Marks/Mrs Waller – Waterhouse
Miss Beecroft – Da Vinci
Miss Eade – Miro

Year 5

Mr Youngs – Wright
Mrs Simon – Van Gogh
Miss Barnett – Monet

Year 6

Miss Briggs – Matisse
Mr Bly – Picasso
Miss Gulliver – Arcimboldo

2017/18 is going to be a very exciting year with a range of interesting and motivating activities to engage the children and develop their ability to contribute effectively and safely in the world around them.

Kind regards, Karen Puszczynska



Birthdays:

As birthdays are special we have decided that the children can come to school in non-uniform on their birthday. If their birthday falls at a weekend or during a holiday they will be able to come to school on the Monday in non-uniform. If their birthday falls between 1st September 2017 and 10th September 2017 they can come to school on Monday 11th September in their own choice of clothes.

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Ofsted: Due to the summer break our Ofsted report is in its final stage of checking and should be available to view very shortly. We will let you know when it goes live.



Lunchtime: Premier Sport's coaches are now part of our lunchtime team providing a fun package of supported sports provision every lunchtime for the children.

SAFEGUARDING, BEHAVIOUR AND PUPIL WELFARE

If you have any concerns about the safeguarding or welfare of any children at Portway Junior School please contact one of the Designated Safeguarding staff who are Mrs Puszczynska, Mrs Marks and Mrs O'Farrell.

Start of the day: We respectfully request that parents keep the pathway from the playground to the school clear to help us see the children clearly and get them into school quickly and safely.

Teachers will be outside on the playground from 8.45am to monitor the children so they are safe to be left from this time. Unfortunately, parents are not permitted on the playground in the mornings.

If it is raining the entrance doors to Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 will be opened at 8.45am to allow children access into school. Adults must not use these entrance points.

If you wish to see a member of staff please come to reception.

End of the day: If you are meeting your child from school please arrange where you will meet them so they know where to go at the end of the day. If you are going to be late or a different person is collecting your child please inform the office 01332 550113. If your child is going to After School provision they will meet outside reception each evening. If your child is attending an after school club they will exit school via the main entrance.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs: The children will be receiving letters over the next week about extra-curricular clubs. If your child wishes to join a club please return forms promptly to the class teacher. We will notify parents/carers by text message to say if their child will be able to participate. If we are oversubscribed we will have a waiting list either in case of drop-outs or a further clubs being run.

Homework: The children have been given new reading and learning books colour coded to their specific year groups. These will need to be in school every day, please help your child complete the activities or read with them regularly during the week.

Homework will start in earnest w/c 18th Sept. It will have a new and more cross-curricular format with the tasks being completed over a half term. We will also be using MyMaths for maths homework. Further details will follow when the new homework is sent out.

DIARY DATES: A list of diary dates is attached. We also update the school calendar regularly on the website so please check this. Please be aware dates will be added to this list and some may change. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any alterations.

The newsletter will be sent electronically at the beginning of each half term it will also be available on the school website. A half term round-up will be sent at the end of each half term. If you require a paper copy please inform the school office.

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Diary Dates 2017/18

Date	Event
Wed 6 th Sept	INSET Day
Thurs 7 th Sept	School Starts 8.55am
w/c 11 th Sept	Premier Sports Clubs begin
Thurs 14 th Sept	Year 4 swimming begins
Mon 18 th Sept	Meet the Teacher
Tues 19 th Sept	Year 5 and Year 6 school photos
Mon 25 th Sept	Image Theatre in school
Tues 26 th Sept	Year 3 and Year 4 school photos
Wed 27 th Sept	Full Governing Board meeting
Thurs 28 th Sept	No Year 4 swimming
w/c 2 nd Oct	Enterprise Week
Wed 4 th Oct	No Pens Day
Fri 6 th Oct	Portway Enterprise Sale
Wed 18 th Oct	Flu Immunisations
Thurs 19 th Oct	Y4 Harvest Festival
Fri 20 th Oct	Break up (3.30pm)
Mon 30 th Oct	School Starts 8.55am
Mon 13 th Nov	INSET Day
Tues 14 th Nov	Parents' Evening
Wed 15 th Nov	Parents' Evening
Wed 22 nd Nov	Full Governing Board meeting
Thurs 23 rd Nov	Y2 Parents' Afternoon
Wed 29 th Nov	Full Governing Board meeting
Fri 1 st Dec	PTFA Christmas Fair (tbc)
Mon 4 th Dec	Derby Theatre trip whole school
Tues 5 th Dec	Charity tree decoration day
Mon 11 th Dec	Christmas Performance
Tues 12 th Dec	Christmas Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	Year 3 Party
Thurs 14 th Dec	Year 4 Party
Fri 15 th Dec	Year 5 Party
Mon 16 th Dec	Year 6 Party
Tues 19 th Dec	Carol Service Break Up (3.30pm)

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2018	
Wed 3 rd Jan	INSET Day
Thurs 4 th Jan	School Starts 8.55am
w/c 15 th Jan	Rights Respecting Schools Week
Fri 16 th Feb	Break Up (3.30pm)
Mon 26 th Feb	School Starts 8.55am
Wed 7 th Mar	Full Governing Board meeting
Fri 9 th Mar	INSET Day
Tues 20 th Mar	Parents' Evening
Wed 21 st Mar	Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 nd Mar	Y3 Easter Assembly
Fri 23 rd Mar	Break up (3.30pm)
Mon 9 th April	School Starts 8.55am
Wed 25 th April	Full Governor Board meeting
Mon 7 th May	Bank Holiday
w/c 14 th May	SATS WEEK
Thurs 24 th May	Y5 assembly Break up (3.30pm)
Fri 25 th May	INSET Day
Mon 4 th June	School Starts 8.55am
w/c 11 th June	Around the World in 80 days enrichment week
Tues 3 rd July	Common Transfer Day
Thurs 5 th July	Sports Day and Picnic
Wed 11 th July	Full Governor Board meeting
Wed 25 th July	Break Up (3.30pm)

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