



Portway Junior School

Spring 1 Newsletter 2018

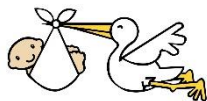
Happy New Year to you all. It is lovely to see everyone back at school, looking smart and keen to take up the new challenges. This year we are focussing our challenges around 'THINKING; Thinking before we speak, thinking before we act, thinking creatively, thinking of others and thinking BIG!'

As we start a new year we are pleased to welcome Mr Adey Greaves to the Portway Team. He has been appointed as our School Business Manager and before the Christmas break he started to get to know the staff and school with a number of visits.

Spring term is often mixed with regards to the weather. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat with them every day as we try to get outside in all weathers. Also, please remember that school shoes should be worn at school. Wellies are really useful in wet weather but please have a change of footwear. Children have again been reminded to look after their belongings.

Kind regards, Karen Puszczynska and the staff at PJS

Maternity Leave



As some of you may be aware, Miss Wilkinson is expecting a baby shortly. She will be starting her maternity leave at Easter and I am sure you will join us in wishing her well.

The Portway Great Exhibition 2018

In 1851 The Great Exhibition was opened to enable Britain to show off to the world their inventiveness, creativity and ideas. In the summer of 2018 the Great Exhibition of the North will take place in Newcastle/Gateshead.

The Portway Great Exhibition will be the culmination of our STEAM enrichment week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) and we will be able to show off our inventiveness, creativity and designs just like the Victorians did.

Parents and carers will be invited into school on the 26th January to look at their children's projects.

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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.

Please remember to sign your child in or out of school if they have a medical appointment. This will ensure we have accurate numbers in case of emergencies.

Parent Information Workshop -How we teach RSE at Portway Juniors

Relationships Education and Sex Education; within the science curriculum, are complex but essential areas of learning within the primary school. It is important for parents and carers to understand how this is taught and what materials and language we are using.

To support parents in this understanding, we are holding a workshop to share with the parents the materials we use as part of our science curriculum and our Personal, Health and Social education (PHSE). A letter outlining the workshop will be sent separately.

PTFA Events

This term the PTFA are organising a Film Night, a craft afternoon and a Spring Fair. The funds raised from these events help fund additional experiences for the children and resources that benefit the whole school. Thank you for your continued support of our PTFA, they work incredibly hard and organise fantastic events.

Relief Midday supervisors



We are looking to develop our bank of relief midday supervisors. The hours are 11.30am - 1.30pm as needed. If you are interested please contact the school office for a 'Register an Interest Form'.

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Grants, Visits and Programmes at Portway Juniors

We have been very successful recently in getting a number of grants to support learning in school and we have also been accepted onto a number of exciting programmes.

Rolls Royce – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

Following a successful bid we have been awarded £996 from Rolls Royce, along with an additional £450 from the PTFA to purchase science equipment. Thank you to Mr Youngs for organising this.

STEM Ambassadors, Rolls Royce

Mrs Waller has organised for RR STEM Ambassadors to visit the school and work with the children during our enrichment week.

Music

More success means that the children will get to work with the BBC singers this is a very exciting opportunity for the children. Thank you to Mrs Hindmarch for organising this.

Peer mentoring

Miss Beecroft has successfully got the staff and children at Portway involved in a Peer Mentoring Programme to support Emotional Well-being.

The Courtyard and School allotment

Thank you to Ms Fleming for her continued help with the school council and eco-club in improving these areas for the benefit of all the children.

If you have any contacts or your workplace offers schools additional funding please see Mr Greaves. Any additional help is always very much appreciated.

Usual reminders

Please park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting your children.

Please do not use the school car park. The recreation ground or Woodlands Pub carparks are both available for Park and Stride.

If you had a new phone over Christmas please let school have your new contact details.

At the beginning of the day please do not stand on the ramped pathway between the playground and the school.

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Diary Dates Spring 2018

Date	Event
Wed 3 rd Jan	INSET Day
Thurs 4 th Jan	School starts 8.55am
w/c 15 th Jan	Enrichment Week – STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths)
Mon 15 th Jan	Information Workshop for parents about RSE
Tues 16 th Jan	Premier Sports Clubs begin.
Thurs 25 th Jan	PTFA film night (details to follow)
Fri 26 th Jan	3pm – The Portway Great Exhibition 2018
Thurs 16 th Feb	Chinese New Year Celebrations –Year of the Dog
Fri 16 th Feb	3.30pm- BREAK UP
Mon 26 th Feb	School starts 8.55am
Thurs 1 st Mar	World Book Day
Fri 2 nd Mar	PTFA Craft afternoon
Wed 7 th Mar	Year 3 Inspire Workshops 6.30pm Full Governing Board Meeting
Fri 9 th Mar	INSET Day
Fri 16 th Mar	PTFA Spring Fair
Thurs 22 nd Mar	Y3 Easter Assembly – 11am
Fri 23 rd Mar	Easter Peg Hunt and Easter egg competition 3.30pm- BREAK UP
Mon 9 th April	School starts 8.55am

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