



Portway Junior School

Summer 2 Newsletter 2017

As the weather warms up and we move into the final term of the school year, we are hoping to complete lots of outdoor learning. The teachers have an amazing half term planned with a wide range of activities to extend the children's learning.

We are continuing to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings such as: water bottles, lunch boxes (if needed), uniform, reading books and home-school diaries. We still have a large number of children who leave their belongings behind at the end of the day even with many reminders. Please help us to help the children to become more independent as this supports their long-term learning skills and attitudes.

Kind regards, Karen Puszczynska

FOND FAREWELLS and WELCOMES:

At the end of this term we will be saying 'Farewell and all the best' to our Year 6 children as they continue along their learning journey.

We will also be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Gordon, who after 22 years at the school will be retiring. She has been an inspirational and vital member of the school community and will be very much missed. Mrs Wesson will also be retiring at the end of this school year having supported children in school for the past 11 years. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best in everything they go on to do.



We also welcome our new caretaker Mr Jason Lambert, who is settling in really well and is being kept very busy.

PTFA NEWS

*As you may have noticed we now have lovely sun parasols for the benches to create some well needed shade. These have been kindly provided by the PTA. A huge thank you to the PTFA from us all. On Friday 23rd June we will be having a **Non-uniform Day** and children will be asked to bring raffle prizes or items for the tombola's as a 'fine'.*

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Friday 7th July 3.30pm is the PTFA Summer Fayre. Please join us for this major school fund raiser and wonderful social event.



JDRF Cake Sale

Thank you to Mrs Wheeler for organising this event. The response was wonderful and followed an excellent assembly by Finley, Andreas and Jack raising awareness in school about Type 1 Diabetes. The total raised for JDRF was £191.45!!!



St Trizah School, Kenya

The children have risen to the challenge of raising money for St Trizah School in Kenya by organising a Charity Fair. AN AMAZING £710 was raised. The money raised will be used to help the building programme for the school so that the children are safe and have a place of learning which they value so much.



TEAM POINTS: This term we will be focussing on awarding Team Points for 'Being kind and helping others'. These can be awarded during lessons, in extra-curricular clubs at break times and around school.



Sports Day: Thursday 6th July (reserve date 7th July)

We hope you will join us for our annual Sports Day. This year we will be starting the event at 9:30am. Afterwards we will be holding a family picnic for everyone to enjoy. Details to follow.

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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.

We have had a few reports about incidents at the 'Rec'. As the warm weather and lighter nights enable children and families to enjoy free time out and about we wanted to remind the children about how to keep safe in open areas where the general public are.

DIARY DATES

Summer 2

W/C 19 Jun	Year 6 to PGL
W/C 19 Jun	Outdoor learning week
Tues 20 Jun	New intake 'Come dine with me.'
Fri 23 Jun	Non-uniform day – Donations of bottles, chocolates etc.
Mon 3 Jul	New Y3 Induction Evening
Tue 4 Jul	Common Transfer Day
Thu 6 Jul	Sports Day (reserve Jul 7) and Picnic
Fri 7 Jul	Summer Fair
Tues 11 Jul	Y6 Fire safety talks
Wed 12 Jul	Summer Musical Concert
Tue 18 Jul	Reports Out
Wed 19 Jul	Parents' Drop-ins
Wed 19 Jul	Last Swimming lesson for Year 4
Thurs 20 Jul	6:30pm Y6 Leavers' Production
Mon 24 Jul	6:00-7:30pm Y6 Leavers' BBQ and Disco
Wed 26 Jul	End of Year
Wed 6 Sept	INSET #1
Thurs 7 Sept	2017/18 School Year Begins

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