



Portway Junior School Summer 1 2017 Round-up

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very busy term, packing in a large number of learning experiences for the children. Below is a round-up of our Summer 1 term and a reminder of key dates. Please remember to check our school website for photos of our learning. As we continue to develop our website you will find more and more links, photos and information to enable you to see what happens at school. The children will be encouraged to bring home all of their belongings for the half term break so that PE kits can be washed and clothes can be checked for labels and sizing. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 5th June ready for our History Week.

Wishing you all a very peaceful half term holiday, Karen Puszczynska and all the staff.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS HALF TERM:

Year 5 Trip to Southwell: The Year 5 had a very immersive experience at the Southwell Workhouse.

'Finding out about how all the girls lived in the work house was the best bit.' Freya 5E
'Learning about different things that happened in Victorian times was really good.' Liam 5P
'When we dressed up it made it even better to understand what it was like in the workhouse.'
Rose 5S

Year 6 SATs: The children in Year 6 completed their Statutory tests during May. They had all worked incredibly hard and completed the test week with great maturity and ... Well done all of you.



On Thursday 18th May, the staff and children had an amazing day outside. The weather was perfect and it was wonderful to see the children learning German, music, maths, literacy, art and many other subjects, using the outdoor environment.

We have amazing grounds and will endeavour to use these more widely to not only support learning but also encourage positive mental well-being.

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Year 3 Residential:

Wow! What a great weekend. Bouldering, night walk, low ropes, Frisbee golf and treasure hunts. I was incredibly impressed with how the children behaved and demonstrated a really positive 'have-a-go' attitude. I would also like to thank the staff for giving up their weekend to take the children to Lea Green.

'The night walk was the best, you saw loads of nature and things that come out at night.' Olivia 3W & Jake 3B

'The low ropes was the best because we got to work with our friends and it was fun.' Zane 3G

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.

During assemblies and PHSE lessons pupils will continue to be taught about; being a good friend, staying safe and who to talk to if they are worried.

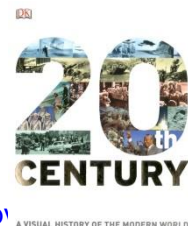


Warm Weather. I reminder that the children need to have sun hats and water bottles in school every day. Also, children are allowed to wear flat, supportive sandals but must also wear socks with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

History Week - W/c 5th June The school will be transformed into a giant Time Travelling Machine.

We will immerse ourselves in the past and look at the 20th Century 'Through the decades...' We will explore developments in technology, science, music, popular culture and the world at large. To end the



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week the children will be able to come to school dressed in clothes from their favourite decade. As this will take place in the first week back after the holidays we are letting you know now so that if you have any artefacts, stories or feel you can help out as you have specialist knowledge you can speak to your child's class teacher.

Kenya Appeal: A separate email has been sent regarding the fund raiser for our St. Trizah's School in Kenya.

Dear Parents and carers, Bonjour!

French classes based on the award winning La Jolie Ronde method will continue at Portway Junior after half-term on Tuesdays at lunch-time for Year 3 pupils and after school for Years 3 to 6 pupils. The lessons take place in the Studio and will run from 6 June through to 18 July. There are some spaces available in both classes, please send your enquiries directly to Anne-Marie Mourer, amm@impressio.co.uk or 07855775902. Merci beaucoup.



To confirm we have 1 more INSET day on MONDAY 12th JUNE

INSET DAYS 2017/18

Please find below the INSET days. We have worked with Portway Infant School to ensure these coincide with each other.

#1 Wed 6th September 2017

#2 Mon 13th November 2017

#3 Wed 3rd January 2018

#4 Friday 9th March 2018

#5 Friday 25th May 2018

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DIARY DATES

Summer 1

Fri 26 May Break Up

Summer 2

Mon 5 Jun Start Back
W/C 5 Jun HISTORY WEEK
Fri 9 Jun History dress-up day
Thurs 15 Jun Kenya Day – Details to follow
Fri 16 Jun Charity Fair for Kenya Appeal
Mon 12 Jun INSET DAY
Wed 14 Jun Staff/Governor Joint Meeting 4pm
Thurs 15 Jun Father's Day gift sale (PTFA)
W/C 19 Jun Year 6 to PGL
W/C 19 Jun Outdoor learning week
Tues 20 Jun New intake 'Come dine with me.'
Mon 3 Jul New Y3 Induction Eve
Tue 4 Jul Common Transfer Day
Thu 6 Jul Sports Day (reserve Jul 7)
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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