

Newsletter

With the arrival of October we have also had, at least in part, the arrival of autumn. Leaves have turned from green, to gold, to red, the weather has become increasingly unpredictable and the annual migration of coats into the lost property has begun in earnest!

Through all of this, the staff and children have continued to work tirelessly, all showing relentless enthusiasm and engagement in their learning. Below are some of the highlights that have occurred over the past month.

Nursery

The nursery children have settled well into school life during the half term and have recently been expanding their nursery rhyme repertoire as well as building amazing creations using their imagination and a collection of different materials.



Year R

The children of Year R have been using materials gathered around the school to support their learning. This has included the use of conkers gathered to help with their counting skills and the autumn leaves to help with their printing and painting.

Year 1

As part of their geography work, the children of year 1 have been exploring their immediate locality whilst searching long and hard for the elusive Barnaby Bear (who I believe is still at large)! All sightings of unaccompanied bears should immediately be reported to the Year1 teaching team!

Year 2

In Year 2 Percy the Park Keeper came to visit and the children were thrilled to meet him. Within English Year 2 have also been studying the book *The Snail and the Whale*. As part of their science and geography work, the children have been learning about weather and doing their own weather forecasting.

Year 3

The annual French breakfast took place in Year 3 once again, with many a croissant and brioche being happily consumed. In addition to this, the children have just commenced their weaving work in art, which is based upon the classic children's story *The Rainbow Fish*.



Year 4

The Roman Empire is once again reborn in Year 4. Scouting parties, have been spotted emerging from these classrooms on missions to identify vulnerable year groups that may well be worth invading during next half term - you have been warned!

Year 5

As part of their work on Ancient Egypt, Year 5 also had an unexpected visitor into school, the famous (and apparently not deceased) archaeologist Howard Carter. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and teachers alike.

Year 6

The children of Year 6 have been immersed in the world of Shakespeare's Macbeth; exploring the storyline as well as characters' motivations and actions through the use of drama, role play and discussion.

As well as the above, we have also been fortunate enough to have Southampton University visit with their astrodome and have the author Jessica Townsend in to talk to the children about the joy of writing.

Tony Head
Principal

In Memory

Thank you to all parents who gave us contributions to remember Tracy Watson. We purchased a seat, which is located between the musical instruments in the playground, and the wind sculpture at the bottom of the main steps.

School Lunches

The cost of a school lunch is £2.25 each day. The cost for next half term is £87.75.

Can we once again remind you that payment for lunches should be made in advance. If you have been advised of payment arrears please pay as soon as possible otherwise it may not be possible for your child to continue to have school lunches.

It is very easy to pay for school lunches on-line and guidance on how to do this is available from the school office.



Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October 2018	Half Term
Monday 29 October 2018	Inset day
Tuesday 30 October 2018	Children back to school
Wednesday 31 October 2018	Nursery Photos
Wednesday 31 October 2018	Deadline for applications to secondary schools 2019.
Wednesday 7 November 2018	Year 4 to Butser Hill
Wednesday 7 November 2018	Year R and Year 6 Height and Weight
Monday 12 November 2018	No teacher led clubs this week.
Tuesday 13 November 2018	Parents' Evening
Thursday 15 November 2018	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 November 2018	Flu Vaccinations Year R - 5

Friends of Portswood Primary School (FoPPS)

We are always looking for people to help us. This could take the form of helping at events, planning events, poster designing/printing, IT skills, communication, offering moral support – anything! The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th November at 9:00 in the dining hall. Everyone is welcome! For further information please see our website <http://fopps.org/>. Join us on Facebook: 'Friends of Portswood Primary School'. To join our What's App group, or contact us please email friends@fopps.org.

Cake Sale!

If you're reading this via email before school finishes for half term on Friday 19 October, remember to bring your 50ps to the Cake Sale! We are hoping to hold this in the lower playground and will have lots of delicious cakes to celebrate the end of term!

Everything will cost 50p with all proceeds going to benefit the children at Portswood Primary.

If you're reading this after the cake sale, we hope you all enjoyed the goodies on offer!

