

Newsletter

Pride, Passion, Achieving Together

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the start of a new year at Portswood Primary School. It was a delight to see our new Reception children begin their journey with us so confidently; without too many tears from child or parent on that first day!

It has been a busy start to the term and both the staff and children have been working incredibly hard since our return. During last week the whole school took part in a themed day based upon 'Responsibility' and explored how we can help reduce the amount of plastics finding their way into our oceans. Each class has made a pledge which they will endeavour to uphold throughout the year and so help reduce our use of 'single use' plastics.

Year 6 will be embarking on their residential to Avon Tyrell this coming Monday, and we are looking forward to the daily blogs that get written whilst they are away.

Our first sporting fixtures of the year have occurred over the last few weeks. Our Year 5/6 girls took part in a tournament held at Wide Lane, and showed much promise during their 5 matches. Similarly, a large number of our children took part in the first cross country race of the season at Southampton Sports Centre, with two of our children finishing in the top 10. Hannah Leary came 7th and Lewis Jones came 8th, in a competitive field of over 250 children.

We really enjoy seeing parents and appreciate that there are times when you may have something exciting to share about your child or a concern or a question to ask.

We have therefore put together a structure that will help you decide who you need to contact:

Keith Watson –CEO

Strategic responsibility for the school.

Rachel Coney – Deputy CEO

Strategic responsibility for the school.

Tony Head –Principal

Day to day responsibility for the school.

Jeavon Leonard –Vice Principal

Responsibility for assessment, year 6 standards and pupil premium

Deputising for Principal and day to day running of the school.

Ian Howie –Vice Principal (Inclusions)

Responsibility for Inclusions (welfare and learning needs).

Deputising for Principal and day to day running of the school.

Steph Mander – Interim Vice Principal (Key Stage 1)

Responsibility for standards and day to day running for Years 1 and 2.

Deputising for Principal and day to day running of the school.

Curriculum lead.

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Anna Aldridge –Assistant Vice Principal (Early Years)

Responsibility for standards and day to day running for Years R and N.
Supporting the Principal in day to day running of the school.

Jimmy Ward –Phase Leader – Interim Assistant Vice Principal (Key Stage 2)

Responsibility for standards and day to day running for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Supporting the Principal in day to day running of the school.

The first person to talk to regarding a concern is usually your child's class teacher who will alert the appropriate senior member of staff. If you feel your concern has not been addressed then please contact the appropriate phase leader who will then be able to support you.

If you have a question regarding your child's general welfare, for example a behaviour issue, an emotional need or a specific learning concern then please contact Ian Howie, Vice Principal (Inclusions).

We are in daily contact with the CEO and all other members of staff are in daily contact with each other at school. Please rest assured, therefore, that we are all aware of your child's needs.

Tony Head
Principal

Congratulations

We would like to send our best wishes to Mrs Broomfield and her husband on the news that Mrs Broomfield is expecting a baby early next year.

School Lunches

The cost of a school lunch is £2.25 each day.

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.



Special Lunch Menu Thursday 4 October 2018

If your child has not tried school lunches this term perhaps they would like to join us for a special lunch on Thursday 4 October 2018 - see menu below. Cost is 2.25.

Special Lunch Menu

Thursday 4 October

FREE!
For children in
Years R, 1 & 2!

Sadie's takes
a trip to...

£2.25

04/10/18

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Choose a Main Meal...

Hot Dog in a Roll

Mac N Cheese

On the Side...

Chips

BBQ Beans

For Dessert...

Chocolate Brownie

Mango Fro Yo

If your child has not tried our school lunches yet this
is the day to book!

Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Monday 1 – Friday 5 October 2018	Year 6 to Avon Tyrrell
Thursday 11 October 2018	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 17 October 2018	Year 3 French Breakfast
Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October 2018	Half Term
Monday 29 October 2018	Inset day
Tuesday 30 October 2018	Children back to school

Friends of Portswood Primary School (FoPPS)

FoPPS are a group of parents and carers who aim to enhance relationships between parents, the school and the community and help raise funds for the school. All parents or carers with a child attending the school are members and are very welcome to attend our meetings and share views and ideas!

In the past the group has raised money for the school through fayres, school discos, and cake and book sales.

Our next meeting is Thursday 4 October 2018 at 6pm in Sainsbury's Community Room, with a chance to catch up after at Trago Lounge, 7pm.

We really need volunteers to help us. This could take any form: designing / printing posters, IT skills, spreading the word, enthusiasm, helping with events – anything! Every little bit helps! 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.

If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more please contact us using the methods above or via the drop box at the school reception. We'd love to hear from you!

Cake Sale!

To celebrate October half term, FoPPS are holding a cake sale on Friday 19 October at 3:30pm. We need lots and lots of yummy cakes to sell and welcome all donations! We also need volunteers! Can you help setting up, or sell cakes, or help clearing up after? Please contact friends@fopps.org if you can spare any time, it's all appreciated! All proceeds will go to the school for the benefit of the children. There'll be further information closer to the time. Now, ready, steady..... Bake! (Or pop to the shops if you're short of time 😊)

