

# Newsletter

*Pride, Passion, Achieving Together*

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Welcome to October's newsletter.

Autumn is truly upon us, with the nights drawing and the temperatures slowly starting to drop. Both our children and our teachers have worked hard during this time to create what we hope are some memorable learning experiences. Below are some of the highlights that have occurred over the past few weeks.

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## Nursery

The nursery children have settled well into school life and have recently been expanding their nursery rhyme repertoire as well as building amazing creations using their imagination and a collection of different materials. In addition to this they have also been tasting different foods and talking about what they are like.



## 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. As well as this they have been studying 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', and have used this for the inspiration for some of their recent art work.

## 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. Before the end of the half term, Year 2 will be welcoming Mr May (from Year 6) who will be working with the children on pollution and how we can all help in looking after our planet better.

## Year 3

Year 3 have also been out and about recently looking at their locality as part of their geography work this half term. Their journeys took them slightly further afield than Year 1, when they spent a morning looking at land use in Portswood, with a particular focus on the High Street.

## Year 4

The Roman Empire was once again reborn in Year 4. Banquets have been held, shields have been built and the trip to Butser Hill is ready to take place next week.

## Year 5

As part of their work on Ancient Egypt, Year 5 also had an unexpected visitor into school, the famous archaeologist Howard Carter. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and teachers alike. Unfortunately, it had to be cut short when the intrepid archaeologist was struck down with a 'deadly curse'.

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## 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. Some truly exceptional pieces of work, both at school and at home, have been created during this time.

**Tony Head**  
Principal

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## Welcome Back

We welcome back Mrs Broomfield after half term who will be class sharing in RA with Mrs Aldridge

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## Scooters and Bikes

Scooters and bikes should not be left on the school premises during the day. If you do choose to leave them by the clothes recycling bin, you do so at your own risk.

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## Reminders

### Aldi's Kit for schools

This term we are collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

Until 3 November you will receive a special Team GB sticker when you spend £30 or over in any Aldi store - if we work together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw.

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children.

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## Year 6 Parents - secondary school applications

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that the deadline for applying for a place at secondary school for your child to begin in Year 7 is 31 October 2019. This must be done online by parents/carers and all information can be found by following this link <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/>.

If you need further information or have any questions please speak to Mr Ward.

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## Shoebox Appeal

Boxes need to be prepared and labelled with their £1.00 coin attached to the lid and brought into school by Monday 21 October 2019.



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## Car Parking

Local residents have recently raised their concerns with us about cars blocking the access to their homes and parking illegally and dangerously on yellow lines on roads close to the School at the start and end of the school day.

Can we please encourage parents to park responsibly by the School.

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## School Uniform

From 4 November 2019 we will no longer stock or sell supplies of sweatshirts/book bags etc. From 23 October 2019, you will be able to purchase our school uniform directly from our supplier - Skoolkit. This can either be ordered online or by visiting the Skoolkit shop in Eastleigh.

To order online and have the items delivered directly to your home please visit [www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://www.skoolkit.co.uk)

The Skoolkit shop is at: 31 Leigh Road, Eastleigh SO50 9FF

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## School Lunches

Can we remind parents of children in Years R, 1 & 2 that school lunches are free for your child.

Years 3 – 6, please can you ensure payment of dinner money is made in advance; this is currently £2.30 a day.

It is very easy to check your balance and pay for school lunches on-line. If you do not have a code to be able to do this please ask at the office.



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## Cashless School Office

From 2 December 2019 Portswood Primary will be working towards becoming a 'cashless office'. This means that we will be encouraging all parents to pay online (using SCOPAY) for the following:-

School Lunches  
Trips  
Fruit (Key Stage 2 only)

SCOPAY is very easy to use and is a secure system.

You will need a code to be able to access SCOPAY. If you do not already have a code please ask at the school office.

If you envisage that paying online will cause you difficulties, please speak to Mandip Mandair in the school office. All discussions will be treated confidentially.



## Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Wednesday 23 October 2019	Year 4 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Wednesday 23 October 2019	Individual School Photographs – Nursery
Wednesday 23 October 2019	Year 3 French Breakfast
Wednesday 23 October 2019	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital
Friday 25 October 2019	Inset day – children not at school
Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019	Half Term
Monday 4 November 2019	Children back to school
Tuesday 5 November 2019	Year 5 to Turner Sims
Wednesday 6 November 2019	Year R Teddy Bear Hospital
Thursday 7 November 2019	Year R-6 Flu immunisation
Monday 11 –Friday 15 November 2019	Year 6 to Avon Tyrell
Tuesday 19 November 2019	Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 November 2019	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 26 November 2019	Year R & 6 Height and Weight
Wednesday 27 November 2019	Year 3 to Droxford