

Newsletter

Pride, Passion, Achieving Together

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your children back to school after the half term break.

The children have started very much where they left off, working hard and putting in great effort in all that they do. This was possibly reflected best this week when Year 4, with the excellent support of Miss Hotston and the Year 4 teaching team, put on a 'Play in a Day' version of Matilda which they performed to some of the school as well as their parents. The end result justified the considerable efforts that were put in by all involved over the day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you the latest guidance that we, as a school, have been given concerning the coronavirus by Public Health England. (see attached). This is a continually developing situation and I felt it wise to keep you all informed of the actions we are currently being advised to take as a school.

Further guidance is available on the Government's website
www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

Tony Head
Principal

School Lunches 2020

Online payments

Once again can we remind you please that payment for school lunches must be paid for in advance online. If your child is having lunch during the week then payment should be made on the Monday.

Weekly £11.50.

Please note that you can set up an alert on Scopy which will send you a message when your account gets below your set amount. Go to settings – configure alerts.



ParentMail

Improving School Communications

If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

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Parents Evening

Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 March 2020

Please note, you will not be able to book a parents evening appointment until the system goes live at 6pm on Monday 2 March 2020.

Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Tuesday 3 March 2020	6W Assembly to Parents
Thursday 5 March 2020	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character
Monday 9 March 2020	No Clubs this week
Tuesday 10 March 2020	5H Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 10 March 2020	Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 March 2020	2P Assembly to Parents
Thursday 12 March 2020	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17 March 2020	6M Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 18 March 2020	Year 3 to Highfield Church
Thursday 19 March 2020	1K Assembly to Parents
Monday 23 March 2020	Last week for clubs
Tuesday 24 March 2020	5D Assembly to Parents
Thursday 26 March 2020	RB Assembly to Parents
Thursday 26 March 2020	Year 3 In2Music Performance 2.45pm – Junior Hall
Friday 27 March 2020	Year 4 In2Music Performance 2.30pm – Junior Hall
Friday 3 April 2020	Inset day – Children not at school
Monday 6 – Friday 17 April 2020	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 April 2020	Children back to school.

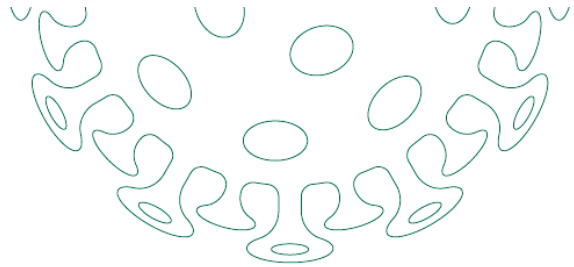
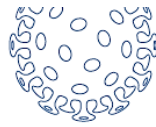
Friends of Portswood Primary School (FoPPS)

Disco

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that made the disco a great success! The event ran very smoothly and the children had a great time; there were lots of smiling faces and some phenomenal dance moves - both from children and enthusiastic volunteers. Together with the dress down day, a fantastic £722.53 was raised and we are very glad to tell you this will be going towards the school stage lighting.

Plans are in motion for the next cake sale and we are proud to support and provide the Year 6 leavers book this year. They are a worthy celebration of the years the pupils have given to the school!

Best wishes from us all.



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

