



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
9th December 2023



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown "concentration". Well done to the following children:

Reception: Zohaib **Year 1:** Jenson **Year 2:** Heidi **Year 3:** Noah
Year 4: Ruby **Year 5:** Ava **Year 6:** Mitchell

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 94.5%
Well done to Year 1 for best attendance this week at 95%

Attendance raffle

Remember, the 100% attendance raffle has restarted so all children will be entered back into the draw. **BUT they need to be in to win!**

Dates for Diary

- KS2 Xmas show - 2pm Mon 11th Dec
- KS2 Xmas show - 9.30am Tues 12th Dec
- Reception to Y2 Xmas show - 2pm Tues 12th Dec
- Reception to Y2 Xmas show - 9.30am Wed 13th Dec
- Whole School Xmas Dinner - Wed 13th Dec
- Annual Xmas Shop - Monday 18th Dec pupil only event
- KS2 Xmas parties - Tues 19th Dec PM
- Reception to Y2 Xmas parties - Wed 20th Dec PM
- Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip - Thursday 21st Dec - non uniform/party clothes
- Break up for Xmas Friday 22nd Dec - Xmas Jumper day/non uniform!
- Inset day Monday 8th January - pupils return Tuesday 9th January 24

Reader of the Week Award

Celebrating our school's passion for reading! A huge congratulations to this week's school reading award winners. We are delighted to introduce this week's star readers:



Reception

Evan and Teddy

Year 1

James and Karter

Year 2

Raza and Willow

Year 3

Harry and Izabelle

Year 4

Emily and Ella

Year 5

Rhys and Ava

Year 6

Lily and Jake

Choir at Morrisons

On Tuesday choir had the fantastic opportunity to perform for our local community. We were invited by Morrisons, Birtley to sing whilst people shopped. Choirs' performance was amazing, and we raised a fantastic £125. A huge thank you to everyone who came to support and kindly donated.

School Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 13th December.

If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like to order a Christmas school meal, please let the office know and make a payment via ParentPay.

To advise no other meal option is available on this day.





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Our Annual Pupil Christmas Shopping Experience

All pupils, should they wish to take part, will be able to choose and buy a gift for a loved one for £2.00 - this gift would then be wrapped and addressed to a loved one to open at Christmas.



Portobello Parent/Carer Fundraising Committee

We need volunteers from Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 4.

Can you give up a few hours of your time across the year to support events such as after school film nights/discos, or help on a stand at our school fayres or by supporting charitable fundraising efforts?

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Mrs Lister we would very much welcome new parents/carers to join our existing wonderful team.



Christmas Costumes

Might you have any good quality nativity type costumes or dressy up costumes which are too small for your child/children (ages 4 years and up over) maybe hiding in a cupboard, that you no longer need? We could likely use them for our performances this year or in future years. If you have any to donate, would you please send them into school, any unwanted costumes can be brought in either before or after the Christmas plays. Thanks to parents/carers who have already dropped some into us, we greatly appreciate them!

Key Stage One Bags

The Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should only bring to school a book bag and PE bag to school. We do not have room to store 'personal school bags' daily on their pegs and children are not required to bring to school anything daily other than a water bottle. Please help make the cloakrooms safe and accessible by not sending your child to school with a bag. If you feel your child requires a bag for personal items, please speak to a member of the Key Stage One team who will be able to accommodate this in an alternative place. Thank you for your cooperation.

