



### Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have used their "imagination". Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Theo **Year 1:** Esme **Year 2:** Georgie **Year 3:** Eloise  
**Year 4:** Ella **Year 5:** Molly **Year 6:** Oliver

### Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 7%

Well done to Year 7 for best attendance this week at 7%

### 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

- Annual Xmas Shop - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec pupil only event (£2 per pupil)
- KS2 Xmas parties - Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec PM
- Reception to Y2 Xmas parties - Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec PM
- Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec
- Break up for Xmas Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - **Xmas Jumper day/non uniform!**
- Inset day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - pupils return Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

Holly and Sophia

#### **Year 1**

Ethan and Ellen

#### **Year 2**

Alex and Holly

#### **Year 3**

Harry and Katelyn

#### **Year 4**

Jacob and Ruby

#### **Year 5**

Yanis and Aryanna

#### **Year 6**

Eden and Jake

### 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. Please can children be sent into school with £2 on Monday.



### Xmas Parties next week

Please can you pay for the Xmas party food plate, we are asking for a £1 contribution towards the party food which will be provided to your child next week. Food will be prepared fresh on site, this has been ordered from Gateshead Councils Catering Service and will be prepared by our Cooks on site, Mrs Monaghan, and Mrs Wardle.

KS2 - Tuesday parties: children can bring in party clothes to get changed at school or you can collect at 12.30 and return to school for 1.30pm

Reception & KS1 - Wednesday parties: children can bring in party clothes to get changed at school or you can collect at midday and return to school for 1pm



**Portobello Primary School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



**Portobello Parent/Carer Fundraising Committee**

We need more volunteers to help manage and run pupil events in school we currently don't have any parents/carers from Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 4.

Can you give up a few hours of your time across the year to help plan, manage or support events such as after school film nights/discos and our school fayres?

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.

For these events to run we need your support.



**Right of the week**

Article 27 - Adequate Standard of Living - Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development.

Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



**Christmas Costumes**

Now that the performances are over if you no longer have a need for any dressy up/nativity costumes please could you donate them to school? Thank you! Please send into your child's class teacher.

**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.

**Payments**

Trips - please ensure all contributions are paid by close of play Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, for trips which have occurred during the Autumn term.

Can you please ensure all dinner monies owed are cleared by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 ready for the new term commencing. As a reminder if your child's account falls into arrears of one month owed, £58, you should provide your child with a packed lunch until the dinner account balance is cleared.



**BIG AWARD**  
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It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

# It's Christmas Time!



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

## It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

**Scan the QR code to find out more.**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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