



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Welcome to our spring term!

**Achievement Assembly**

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have been "ready to learn" this week. Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Year 1: Alex Year 2: Millie Year 3: Lucy

**Year 4:** CJ **Year 5:** Jack **Year 6:** Poppy

**Celebrating Attendance**

Whole school attendance is currently at 94.7%

Well done to Reception, Year 1 & Year 3 for best attendance this week at 98%

**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!**

**GOLD medals to kick start 2024!**

Well done to our Year 5/6 netball team who won all their matches in the tournament today and are now through to the Gateshead Finals in a few weeks. #TeamPortobello

**Dates for Diary**

- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan - Y5 @ Iskcon Temple
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan - Y1 Birtley excursion on foot
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Reception/Y6 height & weights check in school via School Nursing Team
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Y5 Basketball at Lord Lawson PM
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Y6 Parents SATs meeting 5pm
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Y4 @ Newcastle Foundation STEM
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Reception Vision Screening in school via School Nursing Team
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Chinese New Year School lunch
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Valentines School Disco (Reception to Year 6, 4pm to 5pm)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break up for half term

**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**

Jack  
Michael

**Year 1**

Esme  
Eliza

**Year 2**

Mason  
Rose

**Year 3**

Dylan  
Nate

**Year 4**

Jessica  
Jack

**Year 5**

Harry  
Katie

**Year 6**

Olivia  
Grace



**Clubs starting next week until February Half term.**

If your child has a place at one of the spring term clubs, a confirmation slip will be sent home.

**Nessy**

If your child attends Nessy sessions before school, they are recommencing on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.



BIG AWARD  
awarded by the Education  
Endowment Foundation



### 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 17 - Access to Information. Children have the right to get information from the Internet, radio, television, newspapers, books, and other sources. Adults should make sure the information they are getting is not harmful. Governments should encourage the media to share information from lots of different sources, in languages that all children can understand.



### 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 Reminder

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

Please ensure all trips/school lunches etc are paid for online where possible via School gateway. Please ensure breakfast club is booked and paid for online ahead of the session required too.

School dinner money: please aim to clear your account on a weekly or at most, monthly basis. If your account becomes in arrears for a month, you will be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until the account is in credit.

### Contact details!

If you have changed your mobile number or email address recently, can you please send a note into school, email us or pop into the school office to advise. If any of your child's emergency contact list needs updating, please advise. If you have changed address or do so in the future, you must keep us informed.

### Parking in and around school



Once again, we have received complaints from our school neighbours. Can we please ask you to park with consideration when dropping off or collecting your children. Please do not block driveways, please do not pull up and park on grassy verges. The community police have informed residents to make note of car registrations and complain officially if this continues. Please park sensibly! If you need to bring a vehicle, can you park a short distance away from school, and walk a short distance, this is safer for our children too and won't congest the immediate street which is preferable.

Images were sent to us this morning after school commenced,

