



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2020



**COVID-19 - Government Guidance**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-what-has-changed-22-september>

**School procedures**

At present we need to continue with our staggered opening and closing times to keep everyone safe.

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September Reception class will be able to have a school dinner. Should that be successful we anticipate Year 3 having school dinners from 5<sup>th</sup> October and Year 4 from 12<sup>th</sup> October. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Some parents and carers have asked about home school link books. For the meantime the children will continue to use these as planners in school.

**Achievement Assembly**

This week children have been awarded certificates for showing excellent learning behaviours.

**Reception:** Isabelle Dunn      **Year 1:** CJ Wilson      **Year 2:** Katie Failes      **Year 3:** Grace Deeley  
**Year 4:** Millie Wilson      **Year 5:** Ethan White      **Year 6:** Zachary Pearson

**Celebrating Attendance**

Well done to Year 4 who have the highest attendance this week.

**Admission for Reception Class 2021**

You can apply online or request paper applications. For more information go to

[www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for returning application forms is **15 January 2021**

**Admission to Gateshead Secondary Schools Sept 2021 - Year 6 pupils - letters have been emailed and posted today**

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Closing date for returning application forms is **31 October 2020**

**Bringing children to school**

Thank you everyone for working with us so well to allow a staggered start to the day. It helps enormously to fill one class at a time and prevent gatherings of pupils / mixing of bubbles in the corridors.

Please be mindful that some parents taking the route down the path at the side of number 117 are finding it difficult to maintain a social distance due to parents standing at the corner point. We know finding the 'right place' is tricky but would appreciate if a gap could be left to allow safe passage for these parents.

**School Meals**

Should your financial situation change during these turbulent times you may be eligible for free school meals; see our website for further details or contact the office for more information. Once your child has been awarded free school meals this award stays with your child for the remainder of primary school regardless of your financial situation changing in the future.

Dinner monies from the previous academic year must now be cleared. Should anyone wish to set up a payment plan please contact the office and refer to our Dinner Money Policy on the website.

**Communication with school**

Please be aware that should you need to contact school you should either ring the office on 0191 4104571 or email [portobelloprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:portobelloprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk). Please do not approach the school office without an appointment.

**Reminder** Please make it a priority to advise us of any change in contact details, home address or email address by informing office E: [portobelloprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:portobelloprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)

