



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2021



### **COVID19**

The Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

If the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups with their first dose by 15 February then those groups will have developed immunity from the virus around three weeks later, that is by 8 March.

Education settings, as well as students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education.

### **Stonewall - Bronze Award**

We are so excited and proud to inform you that we have achieved Stonewall School Champion Awards - Bronze status! We had such positive feedback including:

*"It is clear that children have had opportunities to learn about different families, to reflect on gender stereotypes and to develop an understanding of the importance of celebrating diversity. Congratulations in achieving the Stonewall Bronze Award. It's wonderful to see all the fantastic work your school has done around LGBT inclusion".*

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Please get involved with your children's learning next week, particularly around Children's Mental Health Week. Teaching our children to talk about mental health will create a generation better able to talk about their mental health than those that have gone before them.

The week starts with an online assembly which can be found here:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/children-s-mental-health-week-assembly-with-bafta-kids-and-oak-national-academy/>

We will also be celebrating how expressing yourself and being creative positively impacts on mental health. Watch out for further details on Facebook and via text.

### **Remote learning**

Our first live lessons will be trialled next week with our Year 5 class. Look out for further information via email in the next couple of weeks.

### **Well-being calls**

Staff have resumed their well-being calls to families. Please watch out for calls from 'number with-held'.

### **Morning procedures**

Polite reminder: Key Stage 2 children should wait to be admitted on to school grounds on a morning and not come through the main gate themselves.

