



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2020



**COVID-19 - School procedures**

We would like to advise you that from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 Year 5 and 6 will be offered hot school meals again.

As winter weather sets in it may be necessary to change your child's footwear to something more sturdy. If this is the case please send in trainers in a small named bag to be kept in school.

**Achievement Assembly**

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

**Reception:** Harry Brumbill **Year 1:** Peter Barnes **Year 2:** Harry Wilson

**Year 3:** Harvey Kennedy **Year 4:** Lucy Failes **Year 5:** Amy Foster **Year 6:** Macy Bangura

**Celebrating Attendance**

Well done to Year 4 for achieving over 99% attendance this week.

**No dogs on site**

May we kindly remind parents and carers that we do not allow dogs on site.

**Absences**

Should your child be unwell with sickness or diarrhoea the recommended absence from school is 48 hours after the last episode. Please do not send into school if still remotely unwell. We follow guidelines from the Health Protection Agency should you require more information go to:

[https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in%20schools\\_poster.pdf](https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf)

**Children using TikTok**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Panorama broadcast a documentary about the widely used TikTok. If your child accesses this app I urge you to take the time to view the programme as some of the systems used by the creator are quite shocking and should not be placed in the hands of children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000p3p9>

**Flu vaccinations**

Whole School Flu Vaccinations Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you returned your consent form your child will have their flu vaccine on Monday. If you did not return your consent, please contact your local GP to discuss for your child.

**Cool Milk**

If you pay for your child's milk you may or may not be aware there has been a glitch in their system and a number of children have not have milk delivered this week, Cool Milk have advised credits will be made to those accounts and milk will be delivered once again from week 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Northern Children's Book Festival**

KS2 will be attending an online event with author TRACEY CORDEROY as part of the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Northern Children's Book Festival next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will have the opportunity to buy signed and dedicated copies of her books, these are available to purchase on SIMS Pay. A letter will be sent home next week, and order forms must be returned to school Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, as school need to order correct number of copies for each book.

**Gateshead Food Bank**

On behalf of Gateshead Food Bank may I thank you and the parents for donating a magnificent 157.56kg. Overall the Food Bank received 2.22tonnes of food from schools like ours and local churches as part of their harvest festivals.

Thanks again, Rob



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