



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
2nd October 2020



COVID-19 - School procedures

Year 3 and Year 4 will have the option of a school meal from Monday 5th October.
Just a reminder that eSchools home-learning will be uploaded each week.

Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Charlie Canning **Year 1:** Jessica Mawson **Year 2:** Emily Davies **Year 3:** Jack Howdon
Year 4: Chloe Steel **Year 5:** Joe Hattam-Purcell **Year 6:** Lewis Marshall

Celebrating Attendance

Well done to Year 4 once again for the best attendance this week.

BIG AWARD 2020

We are pleased to announce that Portobello Primary School has received the BIG Award, once again, for our work on anti-bullying. Our staff and children worked extremely hard to complete the criteria set out by the Bullying Intervention Group and created a culture around the anti-bullying week slogan 'change starts with us'. Our aim was to inspire our students and empower them to see that even a small change in their behaviour, speech and way of thinking can have a huge impact. Weekly assemblies, classroom lessons and our whole school project (a fashion show based on the anti-bullying slogan) were our method of achieving our goal. Our creative work allowed us to make community links with businesses such as Asda and grabbed the attention of the media. Our anti-bullying leader and student ambassadors were interviewed by several national radio stations. We are very proud of our anti-bullying work at Portobello and look forward to our future projects.

****NUT FREE SCHOOL****

Please remember when you are packing a lunch for your child that we are a nut free school. This includes foods with hazelnut spread.

Reception class

Could Reception Class please come to school in warm clothing. School jumpers as well as hats, scarves, wellies and warm coats. As we will be outdoors in all weather.

National Healthy Child Programme

As part of the National Healthy Child Programme, the Gateshead 0-19 Growing Healthy Team offer parents/carers an opportunity to complete a Reception/Year 6 health questionnaire.

As a result of Covid 19 restrictions currently in place, they believe that this year, the safest way to complete this questionnaire is by telephone. The Gateshead School Health Screening Team will contact parents of Reception and Year 6 children over the coming weeks and months by telephone.

The health information they gather enables them to provide the appropriate public health support required to promote children's health and wellbeing. This also gives families the opportunity to discuss any concerns or health issues with a member of the school nursing team.

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. Please do not approach the school office without an appointment.

Payment of School Meals

Should any parent/carers require a new SIMS Pay code to enable school meals to be paid, please contact the office. All dinners should be paid for in advance of them being taken. You can find our Dinner Money Policy on our school website, if you require a paper copy please contact the office.

