



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



**Welcome back Everyone!**

We hope that you have had a happy and relaxing summer with your families and are looking forward to the new academic year.

Although things are looking a little different the joy of Portobello is already re-established as everyone starts to find their feet again. We know that it may take some time for the children to fully adjust to being back to school, but we have been thrilled at the start they have made and the changes they have already adapted to.

As I am sure you are aware, we are still in a very vulnerable position with COVID19 cases in the area on the rise. It is essential that you stick to Government guidelines in the community and follow the protocols we have put in place to keep everyone safe.

The staggered start and finish times are helping use enormously with social distancing and protecting our 'bubbles'. To help further we ask that the **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families stick strictly to their given start time** as the layout of the premises is proving to cause more challenges at this end.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

**Achievement Assembly**

This week children have been awarded certificates for making a super start to the year. Well done to the following children:

**Year 1:** Leah Hall      **Year 2:** Ayaan Hussain      **Year 3:** Oliver McGuinness-Brown      **Year 4:** Alfie Lee  
**Year 5:** Amiee Handy      **Year 6:** Matthew Hayat-Monroe

**Reception:** Have been awarded a whole class certificate. What a super start to Portobello, well done all!

**Celebrating Attendance**

Well done to Year 6 for the highest attendance this week 99.1%. What a super start!

**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 given out today**

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

**Uniform and Jewellery**

It is your responsibility as a parent and carer to ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform including (at the current time) trainers and with an appropriate kit for P.E. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and need support we may be able to help. Additionally we have many donated items of uniform which are like new. If you would benefit please see Mrs Lister in the school office.

**Due to Health & Safety policies and the active curriculum we follow we do not accept jewellery as part of the uniform. Please ensure you remove all your child's jewellery, including ear-rings, before school to prevent us having to ring you to come and remove them.**

**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.

