



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2021



**COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols during weekends and Easter holidays**

Unfortunately, the virus is still prevalent in the community and there remains the possibility that members of our school community will catch COVID-19 or display symptoms of COVID-19. I am writing to explain the procedures we will follow and the protocols we expect you to follow in any such cases.

**What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 after school, on a weekend or during the Easter break?**

As I am sure you are aware, there are three main symptoms of COVID-19 and they are;

- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough
- A loss of taste or sense of smell

If your child displays any of these three symptoms it is really important that you;

- ☑ Keep your child and **any** siblings at home
- ☑ Book a test
- ☑ Notify school **immediately** using this dedicated e-mail

[COVIDpb@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:COVIDpb@gateshead.gov.uk)

**Achievement Assembly**

Following a fantastic five days of sports and PE the children have been awarded certificates for excellent participation in Physical Education Week.

**Reception:** Robert Curry **Year 1:** Ella Taylor **Year 2:** Hollie Malloy

**Year 3:** Lily-Grace Elliott **Year 4:** Angus Maclean **Year 5:** Muhammed As'ad Hussain

**Year 6:** Ruby Finlay

**Red Nose Day**

Thank you for your kind donations today to support Comic Relief. The children have had a lovely day and we have had some fabulously wacky hair to smile about!

**Easter Celebrations - week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> March**

In the final week of the spring term we will be learning about and celebrating Easter. As well as activities in school we are inviting you to take part in our annual decorate an egg competition! Entries will be able to be submitted throughout that week via eSchools. Simply get planning, designing and making at home and send in a picture once the portal is open.

*Reminder: Spring Term ends and we break up for Easter at the end of the day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. School reopens to staff and pupils, all being well, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.*

**Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 - Local Elections**

We would encourage parents and our school community to use postal votes for the above election. Please see weblinks for registering to vote and for registering for a postal vote:

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2921/Register-to-vote>

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2925/Apply-for-a-postal-vote>

**End of summer term date**

School closes to staff and pupils at the end of the day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

