



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



### Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown "cooperation" this week. Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Evan **Year 1:** Skyla **Year 2:** Emily **Year 3:** Lucas

**Year 4:** Emily **Year 5:** Scarlett **Year 6:** Jack

### Celebrating Attendance

Well done to Year 2 for best attendance this week at 99%!

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.4%

### Attendance raffle

Our termly attendance raffle has restarted once again for this academic year, so all children with 100% will be entered back into the draw. **Remember, they need to be in to win!**

### Dates for Diary

- Y5 visit LLOBA for performance of SHREK - 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct
- October Half term 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- Y6 to Saltwell Park to commemorate Remembrance Day - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Y3 to Durham - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Y2 to Kirkley Hall - Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Y4 to Jarrow Hall Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Children in Need - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov (non-uniform, wear something yellow or spotty)
- Y2 - A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Y5 trip to Parliament - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Flu vaccination - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - whole school
- Reception Panto Trip - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec
- School Fayre - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December details to follow.
- Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec
- Break up for Xmas Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec
- Inset day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - pupils return Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 24

### School Photos order by 30<sup>th</sup> October

Have you ordered your school photos yet? The closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique photo proof number: [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

### Packed Lunch reminder

Please can we ask for healthy packed lunches: chocolate to be minimal, ideally a fresh piece of fruit daily (please cut grapes lengthways) no nuts of any kind, no fizzy drinks! As the weather is getting colder, why not try your child with a suitable flask and send in warm pasta/rice for a change?

Check out the NHS website for some packed lunch inspiration: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

### School Meals

Toppings for jacket spuds are once again tuna, cheese, or beans daily.



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### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who came along with week, once again so lovely to see everyone enjoying our two "sing a long's". Thank you for your kind donations too, everything has been collected by the foodbank today. They were delighted, our donations will make such a difference to local families.

### Halloween Disco Year 1 to Year 6

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October: 4pm to 5pm

Each pupil has been given a ticket, once you have paid online via ParentPay or paid cash to the school office please complete the right-hand slip with your child's Name and Class filled in, tear this off and return it to school by Wed 25<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm. This will form the basis of a register at the disco. Your child will then hand the larger ticket in at the door.



### Right of the Week - Article

This week our pupils have read our Child - Friendly Safeguarding Policy to make sure they know how they are kept safe in school and what to do if they need help. This week we have chosen Article 19 which is - Governments must protect children from violence, abuse and being neglected by anyone who looks after them.



We are thrilled to announce we have been recognised as a Silver Rights Respecting School! We are incredibly proud to be a school that teaches pupils their rights. We will continue to give our children the opportunities to use their voice, make positive changes to the world and know they are valued. Well done, everyone!



### Help needed to reopen Birtley Pool

Gateshead Council closed Birtley Swimming Centre on Friday 21st July. A project team comprising local community volunteers alongside members of Birtley and Gateshead and Whickham swimming clubs, plans to reopen Birtley Swimming Centre in April 2024 as a Community Asset which will be run by a new not for profit charitable organisation. The activities they are planning will support the physical health and mental well-being of the local community. See below to support:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-us-reopen-birtley-swimming-centre>

### School gateway/ParentPay APP notifications re meals/trips/clubs

Thank you to everyone who has created an account so far - we still need 40 more pupils' parents/carers to do so. Amazing number of you using the app, well done so good to see.

If you are struggling with any aspects of ParentPay, please check out the link below:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/4407691522449-Account-Access>

For any other enquiries or generic parent support link below:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb>





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