



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
16th October 2020



COVID-19 - School procedures

Thank you to you all for helping us and working with us to keep everyone as safe as possible. Our staggered opening and closing times are working well and make a real difference to limiting contact with others. Now that we are well and truly in the midst of autumn weather please make sure children are dressed for all eventualities. I think it is time to get out my big coat and gloves too!

Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Kieran Taylor-Gibson **Year 1:** Emily Reilly **Year 2:** Scarlett Small

Year 3: Denholm Coutts **Year 4:** Anna McCarthy **Year 5:** Evie Topping

Year 6: Sienna Small

Celebrating Attendance

Well done to Reception and Year 2 who have had the highest level of attendance this week at 99.58% and 99.54%.

Online safety

May I remind all parents and carers that there is a **minimum age limit of 13 Years** for **Facebook and Instagram** accounts. This is increased to a **minimum age limit of 16 Years** for **WhatsApp** accounts.

If your child has an account with a fake date of birth we advise that you close it down immediately. Pupils have no access to these sites whilst at school.

Please talk to your child about their own personal digital footprint and ask 'Would they be happy to share all their posts with you?'.

For further guidance and support please visit: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

School Photographer

Current Year groups 1 to 6: The class photos taken in March will be available to order online in the near future. Tempest Photography are busy behind the scenes setting up details on their website and will advise us when everything is ready for you to order.

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.

Should any parent/carer require a new SIMS reference code to enable school meals to be paid, please contact the office, all payments should now be made securely online using SIMS PAY.

