



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
26th March 2021



COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols

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

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

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

The Department for Education announced that parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>

Achievement Assembly

We have had a themed Multi-cultural week this week and children have been awarded certificates for critical thinking.

Reception: Jack McCall **Year 1:** Lucas Winchester **Year 2:** Ava Tweedie

Year 3: Isabella White **Year 4:** Harrison Hardy **Year 5:** James Hall **Year 6:** Lewis Marshall

Celebrating attendance

Year 4 have the highest attendance this week with 98% - well done everyone.

Charitable events

So far, this academic year, despite disruptions, you have helped raise a whopping £408.05 for charity - £287.65 for Children in Need plus £120.40 for Red Nose Day. Thank you for your generous donations.

Co-op FuneralCare - Easter competition

All of our children have created posters of Easter scenes for Co-op funeralcare and the results are displayed in the Birtley office conservatory and visible to the public. A winner and runner-up from each class received an Easter Egg prize from them today. Well done everyone!

Easter Celebrations - week beginning 29th 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 1st April. School reopens to staff and pupils, all being well, on Monday 19th April.

Thursday May 6th 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 22nd July 2021.

