



Portobello Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have "never given up" this week. Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Solomon **Year 1:** William **Year 2:** Bobby **Year 3:** Dylan  
**Year 4:** Bella **Year 5:** Paige **Year 6:** Joe

### Celebrating Attendance

Well done to Reception and Year 1 for best attendance this week at 98%!

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.2 %

### 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!**

### Health and Safety Notice

#### **Rise in COVID cases**

Over the last few weeks, we have seen a rise in COVID positive cases.

We have been advised by Public Health that if a child has a positive test, we should ask parents and carers to keep the child at home for 3 days.

As with other illnesses children should only return when they no longer have a temperature and are well enough.

#### **Reminder: We are a nut free school.**

We have children with severe nut allergies in school.

If your child brings in a packed lunch, can you please ensure it is completely nut free.

If your child is in Y3 to Y6 and brings a morning healthy snack into school, can you please ensure it is completely nut free.

### Dates for Diary

- Individual School Photos - Tuesday AM 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Y1 trip to Beamish Museum - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Y6 trip to Safetyworks - Thur 12<sup>th</sup> October
- Y5 visit LLOBA for performance of SHREK - 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- October Half term 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- Y6 to Saltwell Park to commemorate Remembrance Day - 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Y2 to Kirkley Hall - 8<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> December
- 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> December
- School Fayre - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December details to follow.
- Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December
- Break up for Xmas Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December!
- Inset day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - pupils return Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 24



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**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you so much for your support this morning, we hope you enjoyed coming along too.  
Together we raised £158! Amazing!

**Sports Update**

A fantastic first tournament for our Year 4/5 girls football team today! Unbeaten in their group games and winning 1-0 in the final! Amazing effort.

A brilliant first week in the league for our Year 5/6 girls football team who won 2 games and narrowly lost one of their games this week. Well done everyone, a fantastic effort.

A fantastic effort from our Tag Rugby teams today, securing both 1st and 2nd place overall. Amazing achievement.

Another brilliant week in the league for our Year 5/6 football team! 2 wins and some fantastic football on show. Well done everyone.

#TeamPortobello

**Right of the Week - Article 31**

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



**Reminder changes to dinner menu week 2**

Mac n Cheese is now the vegetarian selection replacing Omelette.

**Flu vaccination programme has been planned for our school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

Parents/Carers we need your assistance to support the programme. Please action below and complete the online form.

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> using school code **NB108336**

**Re 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>

**Eschools and Communication from September 23**

To ensure you don't miss out on vital school communications/dates from Sept 23, can you please download the Eschools app. Back up texts will no longer occur to non-app users with the rising costs we cannot continue to support this service. [Parents: App - eSchools Academy](#)

Please review newsletters to keep in the loop, these are emailed and added to the website weekly. If you need a paper copy of anything, please let the office know.

