



Welcome to the first Portway Press of the year. As in previous years, it will be published every Wednesday and will always be added to the school website. Today you should also receive a list of provisional dates for the year and we will add these to the online diary on the website. We try to keep the school website up-to-date with letters we send out so it is always worth checking on www.portwayjunior.co.uk if you have mislaid something.

As I said yesterday, everyone has returned to school full of enthusiasm and looking very smart indeed. Many thanks for all of your help with this! It has been another busy summer with quite a lot going on in the school with several areas refurbished, including repair work on the playground.

As will you know, there is a real challenge with our budget (alongside most other schools) and so getting work around the school is difficult. Over the summer we had to replace one of the walls on the playground, which was becoming a hazard. I would like to place on record our thanks to Ted Reynolds and Stuart Hicks, who work locally and spent 2 days rebuilding the wall for us for free. We really appreciate their support! I would also like to thank Mike Cantillon (Governor) and Andy Staff (Site Manager), who worked really hard over the summer to repair the fencing on the playground.

'Start the Year' Meetings As yesterday's note said, these take place next Monday at 6:00 for Years 5 & 6 and then at the same time on Wednesday for years 3 & 4. A copy of the note can be found in the 'other letters' folder, which is in the Portway Press & Other Letters section of the school website (www.portwayjunior.co.uk).

Attendance If your child is ever ill we ask that you leave a message on the school's answer phone to inform us of your child's absence, and this should be followed up with a signed and dated note on their return. We now have to note on the school record when we have not heard from a parent. As you will be aware, holidays during term time can now only be authorised under very exceptional circumstances so please put as much detail as possible on the form if you are asking for your child to be away from school. (The forms can be collected from the school office.) The guidelines are clear in that we are not allowed to authorise holidays in term time because of work commitments or due to financial reasons. Under the Hampshire County Council Code of Practice we are legally obliged to follow the procedure and issue fines in these circumstances.



Clubs In the next few days you should receive a club list for your child to apply for any of the extra-curricular clubs available. Clubs will commence on the week beginning 25th September – please presume your child has been accepted unless you receive a note to say they are on the waiting list. All clubs are provided free of charge by our staff who give up their own time to run them. There may be some additional clubs, which will be notified separately at a later date. Please note that due to staff training and parent consultations there will be no clubs taking place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October.



New Staff We would like to welcome Miss Nield (Year 3), Mrs Mills (Year 4) and Ms Mills (Year 6) to Portway. They are all graduates and will be working with us this year before commencing teacher training with us next year (Mrs Mills & Ms Mills are not related – just a coincidence!). We have also welcomed Mrs Watts, who will be working in year 5 and will be doing her teacher training with us for the year. She is joining Mr Poore, Miss Felstead and Miss Morrison, who have all now started their training as part of the school direct programme.

Tim Deery

The following children were awarded a 'Pride of Portway' Certificate or a Special Mention in Celebration Assembly last term ...

- Year 4:** Douglas Taylor, Alfie Irwin, Harvey Edwards-Hall, Charlotte White, Freddie Burnell, Faith Linham, Lucy Wilson, William Dowling, Lily Cook, Isaac Hartland-Bridges
Year 5: Oliver Hicklin, Ella Fielding, Amy Dawe, Gethin Marshall, Kieran Morrell, Danny Sonaik, Grace-Anne Rheeder, Luke Head, Mason Perren
Year 6: Sean Charlot, Bradley Kane, Daisy Barr, Ysobel Ainley, Amy Hesslegrave, Isabelle Jenkins, Jack Donnelly, Maddison Spry, Hilary Hurcomb

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL – Mr Cousins is the new School Crossing Patrol on The Drove. He started today so please say hello if you see him!

Staff Car Park Reminder

Please remember that the junior school car park is only for staff cars and no other vehicles must use it. It is also out of bounds for children at all times so please use the other gates when walking into school. Many thanks.

Other letters coming home today!

- Year 3 & 4: Letter about author visit on 25th September
- Year 4: Letter about Roald Dahl Day on 20th September
- Year 5: Letter about Winchester trip on 18th September

Copies of the letters can be found on the school website.

Year 6 Bikeability Week (Next Week) – Important Message for Year 6 Parents



Next week we have the Bikeability week for the year 6 pupils in school. Each class will have a session every day throughout the week in the morning or the afternoon and will therefore need to have their bicycles and helmets in school every day. You may remember that the letter with all the details went home before we broke up for the summer holiday.

If your child would like to bring their bike to school on Monday 11th September and leave it in school for the week, they may do so. Bikes will be stored in the school garden and the gate will be locked each night; however you may wish to provide your own bike lock for extra security. Bikes can be taken home every day, if needed.

On Monday year 6 pupils should wheel their bikes from the gates onto the playground and stand with them until the whistle goes. We ask them not to ride them whilst on school premises. When the whistle goes they should stand still and wait for the classteachers to come out.

Office/Uniform Reminders

The office is here to help with any queries that you have and is open from 8:30-4:30 Monday to Thursdays and 8:30-4:00 on Fridays. Uniform is available to buy online from Mapac.com or Happy Fish (hfos.co.uk) and full details can be found on our website at www.portwayjunior.co.uk/uniform-suppliers-i-3785.php. Please can we also remind you that you can pay for school dinners, trips, music lessons, etc, online and a letter has already been sent home with instructions on how to register if you haven't already done so. As most of you will know, we also use Tucasi (Scopay) to send out the Portway Press and other messages. If you haven't signed up yet, please ask the office for a letter. Please can we also remind you that any medicines should be brought into the office by an adult so that the relevant forms can be completed and signed allowing us to administer it.

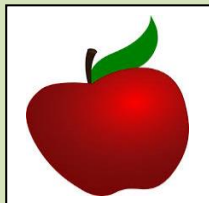
MUSIC LESSONS

We are currently processing music lessons and confirming numbers. It may well be that we have a few spaces left so we will let you know via the Portway Press in the next few weeks.

Tuck at Breaktime

Our kitchen continues to provide a tuck trolley during morning break where children can purchase the following items.

- Fruit – 30p
- Fruit drinks – 40p
- Fresh bread rolls -30p
- Fruit bread – 30p
- Small packet of raisins – 25p
- Chocolate milk carton – 50p



It is a good idea for pupils to have a snack at breaktime but please send only healthy items, such as fruit or vegetable sticks. Please remember that no nuts or product with nuts should be brought into school.

Key Dates for your Diary

(Full Sheet should come home with today's Press)

Mon 11 th Sept	6:00 'Start the Year' Meeting (Years 5 & 6)
Mon 11 th Sept	Bikeability Week for Year 6
Wed 13 th Sept	6:00 'Start the Year' Meeting (Years 3 & 4)
Mon 18 th Sept	Year 5 Trip to Winchester
Wed 20 th Sept	Year 4 Road Dahl Day
Mon 25 th Sept	Author Visit for Year 3 & 4
Mon 25 th Sept	Clubs start
Tues 17 th Oct	Parent Consultations (3:30-7:30) - No clubs
Thur 19 th Oct	Parents Consultations (3:30-5:30) – No clubs
Thur 19 th Oct	School Finishes for ½ Term
Fri 20 th Oct	Day Closure
Fri 21 st Oct	End of ½ Term
Tues 19 th Dec	9:00 Year 3/4 carol Service – all welcome
Wed 20 th Dec	9:00 Year 5/6 carol Service – all welcome
Thur 21 st Dec	End of Term (School Closes at 1:15)

Are you a graduate and interested in training to teach with a group of excellent Primary schools in Hampshire?

You may be aware that as a school we are very committed to training the next generation of teachers. We are now involved in a more recent teacher post-graduate training programme, which is called **School Direct**.

Rather than the traditional programmes, where trainees spend the majority of their time in university and do placements in schools, School Direct trainees spend the vast majority of their time in the classroom and the training is largely school-based. We are a key strategic partner in a consortium to deliver the programme locally and have been doing so for several years.

We are always looking for quality graduates who are interested in working with children in order to train to become a primary teacher. These might be young people who are completing a degree or equally could be mature individuals who are looking for a career change or who are returning to work.

If you know of someone who has a degree and you think might be interested in finding out more about School Direct (it might even be you!) then either leave a message for Mr Deery in the school office or attend the information evening on Thursday 28th September at 6:00 at Anton Junior School. Places can be booked by visiting www.teachaa.co.uk

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

If you would still like to sign your children onto either trip then we may be able to add them. Please get in touch with Mrs Staff in the office asap.

Year 4 Hooke Court Residential – Nov 2017
Year 6 Calshot Residential – January 2018

Would you like to play football?

New Street Youth FC are looking for players (boys & girls) for the following age groups:

- Under 7s (Year 1 & 2) – Contact Matt Styles 07393 550529
- Under 11s (Years 5 & 6) – Contact Kevin Pipkin 07901 685596
- Under 10 & 11 Girls (Year 4,5 & 6) – Contact Simon Dewhurst 07746 930492

www.andovernewstreetyouthfc.co.uk