



Portway Junior School

‘Learning Together, Achieving Forever’

Portway Junior School is a popular junior school on the edge of Andover. We have a waiting list in most of our year groups and the school is well regarded by parents and the education authority. Our OfSTED inspection last year describes us as a ‘good’ school that prepares pupils well for their futures and caters for the needs to pupils carefully, sensitively and effectively. The report also highlights the talented and effective staff that work here, the high standards our pupils achieve during their time with us and our very strong relationships with parents.

We have a long tradition of being at the very heart of the local community. We offer a happy and friendly atmosphere where children can grow and become responsible and caring members of the community. The school has very good academic standards and everyone works hard to ensure that the curriculum is exciting and motivational. We are very proud of our achievements in sport, music, drama and art.

Portway is characterised by the strong partnerships, which exist between the pupils, staff, parents and governors. We believe in being open, friendly and honest in our communications and this is a real strength of our school. Every week we write and circulate a newsletter known as the Portway Press, which keeps all in our community up to date with news and events. We recognise that through the hard work and commitment of all those in school we have been able to build and maintain our high standards.

Our school was built in 1952, with the Year 3 unit being added in the 1970s. The building is spacious and attractive, and has been improved and updated over the years.

Externally our playground has been redesigned to stimulate and promote positive play. We are fortunate to have an adventure trail on the playground, which is in constant use, as well as an outdoor stage for summer performances and an outdoor gym.

Another beautiful and well used part of our grounds is a garden in the centre of the school that has been developed by children, staff, parents and other members of the community. It provides a way of teaching pupils respect for the outdoor environment as well as giving classes opportunities to get outside and grow all types of plants, fruits and vegetables.

We pride ourselves on involving our pupils in their learning and in the life of the school. The school council is very proactive and each year we hold a democracy week where the school council are elected. We also received the Artsmark Award in 2015 in recognition of the high quality of our work in this area and our commitment to ‘the arts’.

Our school field extends to some seven acres and is marked out at various times during the year for a multitude of team sports and athletics to take place there. All sports offered at our school are available to both boys and girls.

The ethos of our school is to nurture and encourage the talents of our individual members. We feel successful in having created an environment where all feel able to succeed and have the expectations of doing so. The school is one where we hope all feel positive, valued and successful!

Some quotes from the 2015 OfSTED inspection

“Teachers give pupils many stimulating and imaginative experiences.”

“Pupils follow the school code of conduct willingly and spontaneously. They treat staff and each other with high levels of respect and consideration.”

“The school teaches reading very well. The teaching of maths is also strong; teachers give pupils clear advice that helps them develop confidence. The teaching of writing has improved so pupils’ progress and results have strengthened year by year.”

“All parents who offered an opinion thought that their children made good progress in the school, and the inspectors agreed.”

Some quotes from the Parents

“Portway Junior School provides my child with an enriched learning environment; the dedicated teaching staff are a credit to the school. Thank you.”

“Our children moved to Portway two years ago; sending them was the best thing we could have done for them. They have loved their time and are more confident, happy and have made excellent progress. We have been really impressed.”

“I have been thrilled with the amount of effort that goes into the children’s education and making sure it is a fun place to be too. Well done to you all at Portway and thank you.”

Some quotes from the Children

“Thank you for helping me in every way – you have all been there for me. I have done things I would never have done but members of staff have given me the courage to do them. Thank you!”

“I have a brilliant time at school; it’s such a brilliant experience. I really enjoy all the sport I do and have thoroughly enjoyed all our school trips!”

“In school it feels like you are at home. Portway feels friendly and safe; this helps you learn a lot.”

“Mr Deery always tells you he’s proud of you and then I can’t help but smile!”

Further details can be found at www.portwayjunior.co.uk

