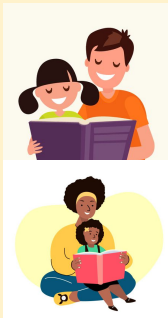


Harvest Thank you for the harvest donations for the Food Bank, these have all been collected and delivered to the Food Bank who were very grateful for the donation. Our assembly looked at the theme of harvest, being grateful for all we have and why donations to the food bank are so important. Thank you for your support.

PTA AGM Coming home with the Press today is an important letter from me and Miss Allen about the future of the PTA and why your support is so important. Please have a look at this and, if you are able come along to the AGM.

Parent Consultation Meetings Our Parent Consultation meetings this term are planned for Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October. At this time of the year, these meetings are to discuss about how pupils have been settling into school and their behaviour and attitudes to learning. Opportunities to review work and progress will take place at the mid-year meetings. Bookings are available to parents via the Arbor Parent Portal and you can make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If your child accesses The Hive, there are no formal appointments for this but Mrs Finlay-Black will join the class teacher. There will be **no Thursday Clubs on the 24th** due to parent consultations.



Reading at Home Many thanks to everyone who has been reading with their children at home over the summer and at the start of term. Despite all of the technology changes in our society, reading is more important than ever. When children see adults reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card, browsing the web, reading street signs or reading and writing emails – it teaches them that reading and writing are important skills. We know finding time is difficult these days, but it really does make a huge difference if you can find time to read with your son or daughter. Actually, just the fact of spending 'quality time' together when reading helps the parent/child bond and children love to know you are interested in them and want to spend time with them. The primary years slip by very quickly but those times reading with our children will stay with them forever. Please try and find the time if you possibly can.

Regular Bedtimes Everyone who works with children know that those who come to school tired are far less likely to be able to concentrate and, therefore, make good progress. Regular and consistent bedtime routines are vital for children and this includes clear rules on any TV/games machines, etc in bedrooms and when they can or cannot be used. This is, of course, an area that can cause conflict at times so it's not always easy but we owe it to our children to set clear routines. There is a dedicated charity and details can be found at www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk but there is lots of good advice on the internet, a link to the NHS site about the importance of sleep is here - [NHS and sleep](#).

Parking around school We know that parking around our school can be challenging. Please park considerately for our neighbours by making sure driveways are not blocked and entrances are clear, this includes in Portway Industrial Estate too. Businesses there often have deliveries and, if these cannot be made due to entrances being blocked, these businesses face fines. We'd like to ask all in the Portway Community to keep this in mind. Thank you for your support.

Miss Windross

House Event

The Inter House Cross Country was amazing and everyone loved it. It was a huge success and we were surprised with how many people competed to try and win or just for fun. The behaviour was perfect - well done for those good choices from everybody. Even if you didn't compete, the encouragement was incredible and everyone earned points for their house team that will go towards the House Cup that is awarded at Sports Day in the summer.

Well done everybody,

House Captains



Key Dates

Wed 23 & Thurs 24 Oct
 Fri 25 Oct
 Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov
 Mon 4 Nov
 Tues 5 Nov

 Mon 25 - Fri 29 Nov
 Fri 20 Dec
 Mon 6 Jan
 Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan

Parent Consultations
 School closed to pupils for staff training
 Autumn half term holiday
 Individual pupil photographs
 Y6 parent meeting for Avon Tyrrell final arrangements
 Avon Tyrrell residential for Y6 pupils
 School stops for Christmas holidays
 Spring term starts for all pupils
 Hooke Court residential for Y4 pupils

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Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 (4:00 on Fridays)

Messages can always be left on the answerphone

Secondary School applications

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2025. You can apply online at [hants.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) The deadline for applications is midnight on Tuesday 31 October. The Admissions Team contact number is 0300 555 1377. It is very important that you submit your application by this date. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered until after all on-time applications have been processed. This means that late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools. Find out more at the link below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Year 3 has been amazing so far. Our favourite part has been making new friends and the activities have been fun. In Art we created our front cover and drew a self-portrait. In geography we had a tour of the school and created a map. Music has been great, we have enjoyed learning to play the ukulele.

In P.E we have been orienteering and playing basketball. In maths we've been looking at the 100 grid square and 3 digit numbers. We've done lots of group work to get to know each other.

We've been reading George's Marvellous Medicine which is funny.

*Oakley and Kiki,
Bat Class*



Year 3



Lego Request

If anyone is clearing out any unused lego or lego compatible bricks and kits, we'd love to put them to good use at school!

Please let Miss Morrison know via the email below and drop off any lego to the office.

Thank you!

adminoffice@portway-jun.hants.sch.uk



What we have been learning in Years 3 and 5



Year 5 have been working on a variety of projects. In English they have completed some fantastic newsletters about the discovery of a new bug. Now, they are looking at the fictional planet of Pandora and creating non-chronological reports about it. This is proving to be very exciting and engaging. In science we have looked at the topic of 'Light' and conducted some interesting experiments. And just last week Year 5 had a block of art and began practising skills in the style of Maria Sybilla Merian - a scientific insect and plant artist from the 17th century.

Chocolate Workshop in Year 5

As part of our geography topic - Chocolate and Trade, Year 5 have been learning about where chocolate comes from and how it is made. They have looked closely at Ghana and the cocoa bean farms there. This week they were lucky to have a visit from The Crafty Chocolatier who demonstrated the process of chocolate making.

The year group then made chocolate pizzas to take home that were delicious!



Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



TheraParent
Therapeutic Fostering

A photograph of a young boy with light hair, wearing a black t-shirt, hugging a young girl with long brown hair, wearing a pink patterned top. They are outdoors in a field with a blurred background.

Have you got what it takes to be a good parent?

If you have, why not become a Foster Parent?

TheraParent Fostering is a local family-run Fostering Agency. We are looking for warm, resilient and committed families to join our team. We provide full training, support and pay to our families who are supported to become therapeutic foster parents, helping children to recover from their traumatic experiences. If you think you have the skills and qualities to turn a child's life around, and you have a spare bedroom to offer, get in touch with our friendly team today.

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