

Welcome Back It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to the new school year and lovely to see the children coming back so cheerfully and looking so smart in school uniform. We have also welcomed a couple of new staff to the team: Mr Gunner as our new Year 4 Leader and teacher of Hare Class and Miss Facey, our Family Support Worker. We are delighted to continue to grow our excellent team at the juniors and are looking forward to this year together.



Uniform and timings A reminder of our uniform expectations is on the other side of this newsletter and, at the Start the Year meetings, further information will be given from year teams about PE days etc. Children are expected to arrive in school to start by 8:50, classroom doors open at 8:45am. The junior school day finishes at 3:20pm and children can be collected from the classroom or you can arrange to meet them elsewhere on site. If you are meeting your child elsewhere, please ensure that they know to return to the junior school office if, for any reason, they can't find you.

Our external gates are unlocked / open from 8am so that everyone can access Breakfast Club and then are closed at 9:15am. The gates will be automatically unlocked again at 2:45 until 5:30 for pick up at the end of the school day and to allow access to for Portway Plus+. If you need to access the site during the day and the gates are locked, please use the buzzer at the gates so that our admin staff can let you in. Please do not use the infant gates to access the junior site.

Our internal gates will continue to be locked by staff at 8:50am and to be reopened at 3:10pm so that our site is secure for staff and children throughout the day.

Portway Press The Press is the junior school newsletter which is published each fortnight, always on a Wednesday. This is our main form of communication with parents so it is important that it's received and read. If you don't receive a copy via email then do let the Admin Team know and they will ensure you do. The Press contains important information for parents about what is happening in school and shares key dates about parent consultation evenings etc. It may also contain reports written by pupils about their learning and events that have happened in school. The Press is always published on our website and can be found under the 'News and Events' tab.



If you need to talk to anyone about a matter concerning your child, then your first point of contact is your child's class teacher. They can usually be spoken with at the classroom door in the morning or at the end of the day. However, please be aware that these times are very busy for teachers, with children coming into school and/or meetings and staff may not have a lot of time. If you require more than just a quick minute to speak with your child's class teacher, please speak with the office staff who will be able to arrange a time with the teacher. Our Parent Communication Policy on our website shares further detail about this communication - [Parent Communication Policy](#).

Start the Year meetings and Coffee Mornings It was good to see so many parents at the Year 3 & 5 Start the Year meetings on Monday. For parents of pupils in Years 4 & 6, the Start the Year meeting is today at 5:00pm for Year 4 and 5:45 for Year 6. The meetings are a good opportunity to meet the year team and to hear more about the learning your children will be doing, as well as to find out more about PE dates and any trips etc. The information shared at these meetings, as well as the year group newsletter, can be found on our website under the relevant year group tab. Our Coffee Mornings are an opportunity to just pop in and have a cuppa and chat with your child's teacher. The dates and times for these are below.

Staffing News Later this term we say goodbye to Mrs Bailey who is leaving us to take up a new role elsewhere. Although we will miss her very much, we wish her the very best in her new role.

Miss Windross

Start the Year Meetings

Our Start the Year meetings are an opportunity for you to find out about what we'll be learning throughout year and to find out key dates for PE, Forest School and any trips or visitors.

- Year 4 - Wednesday September 11th 5:00 - 5:45pm
- Year 6 - Wednesday September 11th 5:45 - 6:30pm

Coffee mornings, 8:45 - 9:15:

- Year 3 & The Hive - 12th September
- Year 4 - 13th September
- Year 5 - 17th September
- Year 6 - 18th September



Key Dates

Mon 23-Fri 27 Sept	Bikeability for Year 6
Wed 23 & Thurs 24 Oct	Parent Consultations
Fri 25 Oct	School closed to pupils for staff training
Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov	Autumn half term holiday
Mon 4 Nov	Individual pupil photographs
Tues 5 Nov	Y6 parent meeting for Avon Tyrrell - final arrangements
Mon 25 - Fri 29 Nov	Avon Tyrrell residential for Y6 pupils
Fri 20 Dec	School stops for Christmas holidays
Mon 6 Jan	Spring term starts for all pupils
Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan	Hooke Court residential for Y4 pupils



House Captains



Congratulations to our Y6s who were successful in their application to be a House Captain and to lead their team throughout the school to encourage lots of house points!

Earth - Daisy and Deven

Ice - Sam and Ariana

Fire - Toby and Luna

Lightning - Chloe and Harry



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

Messages can be left on the answerphone outside of these times (or at any time during the day)

Girls' School Uniform

Winter Uniform

Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
 Pale blue polo shirt
 School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
 Black shoes & dark or white socks/tights

Summer Uniform

Blue and white summer dress (optional)
 Black shoes & dark or white socks

Boys' School Uniform

Winter Uniform

Black or grey trousers
 Pale blue polo shirt
 School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
 Black shoes & dark socks

Summer Uniform

Black or grey short trousers (optional)
 Pale blue polo shirt
 School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
 Black shoes & dark socks

PE Uniform

Pale blue round necked T-shirt

Royal blue PE shorts
 A tracksuit should be worn in winter - plain blue/black and for sport rather than fashion

Trainers or black plimsolls
 Long hair must be tied back

Forest School clothing

Long trousers and a long sleeved top
 Closed toes shoes and / or wellington boots or walking shoes
 Waterproof coat

Jewellery please remember that jewellery is not part of appropriate school uniform. Any earrings worn in school must be studs only and must be able to be removed (or covered with tape) for PE lessons. Necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery are not allowed.

Healthy snacks We encourage children to have a healthy snack for break time - this should ideally be something like fruit, veggies or a healthy snack bar. Sweets or chocolate based snacks are not to be brought in and should be saved for home. It is also a good idea for children to bring in a water bottle - they can refill this during the day. Water bottles can be bought from the school's reception if needed.

Mobile phones in school

Children are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. However we are aware that, in some cases, it is necessary, especially when pupils reach Year 6 and become more independent. If children do need to bring a phone to school then it must be switched off when children enter the school site. Phones must then be handed in to the class teacher and kept securely until the end of the day when they will be returned to pupils. Pupils are not permitted to use their phones during school time and parents are responsible for their child's mobile phone use. On our website, under '[Key Information](#)' and '[Safeguarding](#),' you can find helpful parent guides for safeguarding your child's mobile phone use for both Android and Apple phones.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



BE SMART ONLINE

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SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

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MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

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RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

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TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk

BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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