



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
27th September 2024



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have "not given up" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Finn **Year 1:** Cassien **Year 2:** Isla **Year 3:** Esmae
Year 4: Aishah **Year 5:** Ruby **Year 6:** Yanis

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.7%.

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 for best attendance this week at 99%!

Dates for Diary

- Mon 14th October - Individual School Photos AM (younger siblings welcome from 8.50am)
- Tues 22nd October - Reception Vision Screening AM
- We 23rd October - Y1 to Y6 Halloween Disco 4pm - 5.15
- Fri 25th October - break up for Half term 28th to 1st Nov
- Mon 9th Dec - Y2 A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist PM
- Fri 6th December - Flu vaccination - whole school
- Thurs 19th Dec - Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip AM
- Break up for Xmas Friday 20th December!
- Inset day Monday 6th January - pupils return Tuesday 7th January 24

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the event we raised £172.00

Medical/Dental Appointments

Parents/Carers should always try to make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where appointments during school time are urgent or unavoidable, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. It is not acceptable for a child to miss a whole day of schooling for an appointment, unless absolutely necessary, in which case the school will need an explanation as to why this is.

If a pupil must attend a medical appointment during the school day, they must be collected from the school office by the parent/carer or another authorised adult and signed out using the reception E-Reception book. No pupil will be allowed to leave the school site without parental confirmation.

Advance notice is required for medical or dental appointments and must be supported by providing the school with sight of, or a copy of, the appointment card or letter - only then will the absence be authorised.

Rights Respecting

Article 3 - Best Interests of the Child - When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children. All adults should do what is best for children. Governments should make sure children are protected and looked after by their parents, or by other people when this is needed. Governments should make sure that people and places responsible for looking after children are doing a good job.



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In the United Kingdom, Grandparents' Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of October. In 2024, it'll be celebrated on 6th October.

On **Wednesday 2nd October**, Reception Class would like to invite one grandparent for a 'story and a snuggle'. Start time: **2:30pm**

If a grandparent is unable to visit any family member can attend.

Please come to the Reception Class gate and a member of the team will let you in



Story and a snuggle



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For Harvest Festival we will be collecting donations for the Gateshead Foodbank.

Donations will be welcome in school **from Thursday 10th October with our deadline being Tuesday 15th October.**

This means items will be on display in the hall in time for our KS1 and KS2 Harvest assemblies. Items will then be collected by the warehouse team and distributed accordingly.

All food distributed by Gateshead Foodbank is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are vital in the ability to give everyone referred a balanced and nutritious Seven-day supply of food.

Gateshead Foodbank are in urgent need of the following items:

- Beans
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tea
- Coffee

They are also delighted to receive all types of toiletries including sanitary products, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant and toothpaste. They have plenty pasta.

If you would like to know more about Gateshead foodbank you can use the following link to the website.

<https://gateshead.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The Trussell Trust has worked with nutritionists to ensure food parcels contains sufficient nutrition for at least seven days' worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families. A typical food parcel includes Breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned fish; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits and snacks.

It would be great if you can add an item to your shopping list over the coming weeks and send into school between the 10th of October and AM of the 15th of October.

Kind regards School Council



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