

# Portobello Primary School Weekly Newsletter 22nd November 2024



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#### Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown "co-operation" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Ellie Year 1: Finley Year 2: Daniel

Year 3: Ellyse Year 4: Izabelle Year 5: Charlotte Year 6: Ava

#### Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.2%

Well done to Year 2 for best attendance this week at 97%!

#### Dates for Diary

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Whole school Xmas film night
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Flu vaccination whole school
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm School Fayre (donations from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> please)
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Y2 A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist PM
- Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Save the Children (Xmas jumper day/non uniform)
- Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Xmas dinner day (no other options available)
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Pupil Christmas Shop (donations from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> please)
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Xmas parties
- Wed 18th Dec Reception, Y1 & Y2 Xmas parties
- Thur 19th Dec Christmas Breakfast club (book by Fri 29th Nov)
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip AM
- Break up for Xmas Friday 20th December!

#### Rights Respecting

Article 30 - Minority Culture, Language and Religion - Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.

# MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

#### Free School meals

If your financial circumstances change, please check whether your child/children could be eligible for free school meals. This is a confidential service! https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals

## ASDA Rewards until Sat 30th November

Parentkind - the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up and are continuing with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative - all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, until the 30th November 2024.



#### Gateshead Catering Team

We would like to share with you an update from our School Catering Service in relation to Allergens / intolerances (medical diets).

Over the last few years there have been growing numbers of children with food allergens / intolerances and the requests for medical diets have grown significantly. Some of the needs of children are becoming more complex and are outside of the 14 Allergens commonly identified.

As a Local Authority we have undertaken a full review of our risk assessment. Keeping all children, especially those requiring a medical diet safe, is our main priority.



















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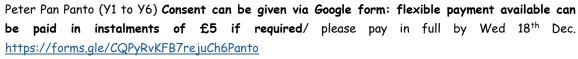
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We also want to ensure that those staff involved in lunchtime service have the skills, knowledge and a greater understanding of allergens within our schools.

Whilst the catering service work diligently to source more ingredients that are 'free from' for the main menu a few children still require an alternative menu to meet their medical requirements. To ensure these children, receive the correct safe meal they will be served with a purple plate / bowl / airline tray. We will also be asking schools to ensure that a child with an allergen / intolerance is always identified to catering staff when they come into the dining hall for lunch.

Ensuring the children are safe is the main priority for all.

#### Upcoming events



If you do not want your child to attend the Panto, please advise school via email: <a href="mailto:portobelloprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk">portobelloprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk</a> or comment using the above google form.



### Children's Xmas Parties

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - if you would like to pick up your child at midday to get them home and changed for their PM party, please let class teacher know on the day - to be back in school for 1pm

Key stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) - if you would like to pick up your child at 12.30pm to get them home and changed for their PM party please let class teacher know on the day - to be back in school for 1.30pm

Lots of children stay in school and cannot be picked up, please send in party clothes and staff will support their change of clothing if required.

#### School Xmas Fayre

Raffle books will be sent home today - they cost £5 a book, if you would like to buy a book/offer to family members please return the stubs and ensure you write your child's name and class on each ticket stub too, along with the name of the person who has bought a ticket.

Cash prizes up for grabs are 1st Prize £100 2nd Prize £50 3rd Prize £25

All stubs with sold tickets to be returned to school by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December to be in the drawer!

If you do not want to purchase any tickets, please send the book back to school on Monday.

If your child is absent from school today, please and you would like to purchase a book pop into the office on Monday morning.

#### You can collect children at:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 1.45pm

Year 3,4,5 & 6 @ 1.55pm

As soon as you have collected your children you can come straight into the fayre.

More details to follow re stall holders, school stalls on the day plus information re a special visit from you know who...to follow!



















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