

Portfields Post

Welcome back. I hope you all had a great Easter break.

This week we have been delighted to welcome the 10 newest members of the school - our EYFS chicks! The children have been really excited to see the eggs hatch and learn all about how to look after them.

Next week, Year 1 are being visited by some exotic animals... don't worry, we won't let them anywhere near the chicks. We also have three sporting fixtures and lots of forest school days. It promises to be a very busy week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Folkard.

Notices

Sportfields Update

This week saw the first week of the girls football league. The team did a fantastic job and worked really well together. Well done to everyone who took part.

Next week we have an extremely busy week of sporting events, with three different competitions. We look forward to sharing how we get on via our [facebook page](#).

TicTok - important safeguarding update

We have been made aware of a significant safeguarding issue on TikTok. There is a trend/hoax sharing 'National Rape Day' on 24th April. This hoax started in America, from Tic-Tok, which was made in April of 2021. The original video was made by a group of men, encouraging others to commit acts of sexual assault on this day, saying it was legal to do so. Videos with the hashtag #April24 reportedly has a total of 38 million views with thousands of videos being made in response to the original TikTok. This incident only signifies that Tic-Tok and other social media is not suitable for children under 13 years old as they may not be mature enough to determine fact from fiction.

Please find the Parent Guide to TikTok attached.

Portfields Together - Online Safety and Safeguarding

The next Portfields Together will be on **Wednesday 5th June** at either 9-10am or 7-8pm. This session will cover online safety and how you can keep your child safe

online at home. This session is not suitable for children, due to the content of the session. A ParentMail Form will be sent nearer the time to sign up to this session.

Outdoor Library

In the next couple of weeks, we will be opening our new Outdoor Library. A big thank you to Bellway Homes for their generous donation of £500 to go towards this. In line with our focus on sustainability, we would like to supplement the new books with pre-loved books. We are going to be sourcing books from charity shops. If you have any pre-loved books in good condition, please bring them into school - thank you so much!

Good News of Milton Keynes virtual magazine

Please find the second edition of Good News of Milton Keynes [here](#)

We feature on page 14 and 15!

Reading Well for Children - MKCC Library

Reading Well for children supports the mental health and wellbeing of children, providing them and their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries, daily life and getting through a tough time.

The books have been chosen and endorsed by leading health professionals in partnership with children and families. The book selection panel included colleagues from public libraries, NHS England, Mind, the Royal College of GPs, and the School Library Association.

The books are aimed at children in Key Stage 2 (aged 7-11) but include a wide range of reading levels to support less confident readers, and to encourage children to read together with their siblings and carers.

[You can find more information here](#)

FOPS - Family Bingo Night: Fun for All Ages! Thursday 23rd May 5.15pm until 7pm.

We are holding our very first Portfields Family Bingo evening. If you would like to join in the fun entrance is £6 adult £1 a child. This includes 1 card for each round (3 rounds) and child entrance has additional picture round. Minimum prizes £5 for a line and £15 for full house. Child round prizes will be sweets/chocolate hamper. The more tickets sold the higher the prizes. Children must be accompanied by an adult who will need to be responsible for them throughout the evening.

Additional cards for each round will be available to purchase during the event.

Refreshments will be available to purchase during the event. If you would like a Hotdog these must be prebooked when purchasing your ticket.

To purchase tickets

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofportfields/index.cfm?event=shop>

closing date 7 th May

FOPS AGM will be taking place during the bingo evening (anyone can join the AGM and will not have to be taking part in the bingo to attend) further details on this will be sent out shortly.

PortFest 12th July 4pm until 7pm

If anyone has a small business and would like to have a stall our Summer Festival, please email friends@portfields.org and we can send you further details.

FOPS - TUCK SHOP Help required 24th May

We were unable to run our Tuck Shop last term as we had no volunteers to help. We are hoping to hold at the end of this term as it is very popular with the children. We are looking for volunteers for Friday 24 th May. 3pm until approx. 3.45pm. If you can volunteer, please email friends@portfields.org

Premier League Photo Permission - KS2 Parents (Y3-6)

We now have received the first cut of the Premier League recording from Leah Williamson's visit. There are large assembly shots of Key Stage Two (Year 3 - 6) where the children are on film.

The Premier League now requires each individual on screen to have permission using their proforma.

Therefore, to ensure that we definitely have permission for any child who may appear on this, your child will bring the paper permission form home today.

Please complete and return to school on **Monday 22nd April**. Your child will be removed from the final cut if this permission is not received.

Communication

Please ensure that if your child has an accident at home where they have been hurt or a mark has been left, please inform the class teacher or a member of the admin team.

Class Photographer deadline

Your child will have brought home a proof card this week with an access code in which to order their class photo.

A reminder that the last date to order online with free delivery back to school is **Sunday 28th April**.

Any orders after the set deadline will be subject to postage & packaging costs with delivery direct to the home address.

Interim Caretaker Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for interim caretaker, with an immediate start, until December 2024. Please see the attached advert with more information and details of how to apply.

The Dove

The Dove pub have been in touch and have asked that children do not use their toilets after school hours unsupervised. They would like to remind parents that this is a drinking establishment and lone children may pose a safeguarding risk.

Premier Half Term Holiday Camp

Please see attached the Premier half term camp leaflet They are currently running a 30% off discount if booked by the 22nd April.

Glass bottles and containers

Please be reminded that we do not allow your child to bring in any glass containers or glass water bottles into school. Named plastic bottles are only permitted.

Change of day for Velociraptor Forest School

Velociraptor forest school day will now be on Thursday 25th April along with Stegosaurus class, instead of Monday 22nd April.

Birthday Treats

If you would like to bring in treats for your child's class, if it is their birthday, please be reminded, we can only accept packaged/sealed goods i.e., sweets, due to various allergies we have in school.

The treats will be given out at the end of the day for the children to bring home.

Dates

New dates in red

This Month (April)

~~Tue - 23.4.24 - Y5 First Aid Day (Aston Hall) Postponed - new date June 2024~~

Tue - 23.4.24 - Triceratops Forest School Day

Wed - 24.4.24 - EYFS Forest School Day

Thu - 25.4.24 - Y1 Exotic Animals (Aston Hall)

Thu - 25.4.24 - Stegosaurus Forest School Day

Thu - 22.4.24 - Velociraptor Forest School Day

~~Fri - 26.4.24 - Y5 First Aid Day (Aston Hall) Postponed - new date June 2024~~

Tue - 30.4.24 - 2-3:10pm - Elm Learning Journal Session

Next Month (May)

Wed - 1.5.24 - 2-3:10pm - Oak Learning Journal Session

Fri - 3.5.24 - 2-3:10pm - Chestnut Learning Journal Session

Mon - 6.5.24 - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

W.b 13.5.24 - KS2 SATs Week

Tue - 21.5.24 - Past Productions WOW Day (Y4)

Thu - 23.5.24 - Parent Showcase (Science)

Fri - 24.5.24 - Last Day

Celebration

Portfields Stars

Oak - N/A

Chestnut - Lizabella

Elm - Imogen

Starfish - Nojus

Shark - Dylan

Seahorse - Isla
Frog - Artharv
Salamander - Aryaan
Toad - Verity
Newt - Thomas
Gecko - Louis
Chameleon - Lucca
Iguana - Summer
Crocodile - Robyn
Stegosaurus - Benjamin
Velociraptor - Charles
Triceratops - James
Kingfisher - Loxley
Swift - Qasim
Owl - Shenae
Heron - Asim
Dolphin - Chantelle
Rhino - Partick
Meerkat - Freddie
Jaguar - Ellie-Rose