



Portslade Infant School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all I would like to thank everyone for supporting your children and the staff by attending the Parents' Evenings. It is always a pleasure to welcome you to our school to discuss your children's progress and welfare in the autumn and spring terms leading up to their end of year report.

Our Community

Raising funds for your children

- Thank you too for supporting our book fair which finishes on Tuesday 20th November. We hope we will be able to get lots of free books for the children.
- Don't forget to sign up to our **Magical School** search engine. Leaflets are available from the school office. It's easy, free and raises funds for our school!
- The Parents and Friends would like to start off the Christmas Fair (December 1st) on **November 30th** by inviting the children to bring in a donation (toys, books, cakes gifts etc....) for a stall. In return we will have a **Non Uniform** day.
- **Eco Councillors** have been successful in obtaining money to the sum of £2665 to have vegetable planters in our annexe playground and to run a few cooking classes after school. Well done to all the children!
- We have also been successful in obtaining funds to build a **willow structure** with the children on our grass area. These successful links are thanks to the hard work of Mike Dixon, our community links officer. Mr Vidler is running a gardening session to lay the foundation with a local artist on Saturday 24th November from 8am to 11am, if you would like to offer your support please contact him directly.

Curriculum

Enrichment

We have all enjoyed **extra special events** during the last few weeks in our school with visits from a theatre company, the Brighton and Hove Music Service Discovery Recital showing off the versatility of woodwind instruments. The Rainbow theatre worked with our Year 2 children re-enacting the Great Fire of London, and of course school trips to Hove Toy Museum, Easthill Park, the Hindu Temple in Portslade and 2 trips to London next week for the Year 2 classes.



After school clubs

Some of our clubs have had a small up take, we need more children to join our African drumming club or this will not be able to run. **Wednesday, after school from 3-4pm.**



I would love more Year 2 children to join our dancing club. To dance at the dome in April is an opportunity not to be missed. **Monday, after school from 3-4pm.**

Please see the office if you wish to sign up for any of these.

Health and Welfare



Personal Information

Please return your **data collection** sheets as soon as possible. These enable us to keep your contact details up to date in case of an emergency. Even if no amendments are required they should be signed and returned. If we have no means of contacting you, we are obliged to contact social services or the police in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

Attendance

After 3p.m., there are many after school clubs operating within school. Teachers show the children out at the end of the day and then go immediately to run their clubs or attend important meetings. It is imperative that you **collect your child on time** so that staff can carry on with their "after school duties". Can I remind you also that it is important to **arrive on time** so that your child doesn't miss the most important time of the school day. If your child is going to be **absent** for any reason, please ring or email the school before 10a.m. so that a reason for the absence can be put in the class register. Our email address is admin@portslade-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Parking outside the school is still a problem. I hope we will not have to resort to naming and shaming!! I do not want to have to publish registration numbers of those parents' and carers' cars who continually park outside our school and put children in danger.

We are presently looking at developing our new Travel Plan for the school, if you would like to be part of this project please come and see me as soon as possible and we will arrange a time to develop this plan further.

Physical Education

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing to carry out their P.E lessons safely. Their track suits cannot be too long as this means they may trip or get caught in the apparatus.

General Information

Transition- Year 2 children

Junior School Preference forms (yellow) are due in to the office by 3p.m. today. Please remember that you risk not getting your preference if the form is not returned by the deadline.

School uniform

Don't forget to label all **school uniform** and coats, hats, gloves etc. There is quite a collection of lost property in both buildings so do have a look from time to time. New school uniform is on sale on Monday to Wednesday mornings and Friday morning.

Morning routines

- Office staff have carried out a survey and have noticed that most of the delays in the morning are due to money not being handed into the office in sealed, labelled envelopes.



Money is also being lost by children who are sent to school with loose change. It is becoming increasingly difficult to give back change for dinner money if exact money is not given. To put it simply there just aren't enough 25 pences to give back from £2 and £1.25's from £10!! Thank you for your cooperation and for paying promptly for meals and trips etc. It really is greatly appreciated.



Reception children can now enter their classrooms from 8.45 in the morning and do not have to wait for the bell to ring. We hope this will ensure a calmer start to the morning for everyone.



Lunchtimes

You can arrange to bring a packed lunch and **have a meal with your child** in school. Please sign up using the Lunchtime Book which is located in the Office Reception in the main building.



Communication

Apologies to those who are still not receiving newsletters by email. It is hoped that the system will be up and running very soon. Just let the office know if you want your newsletters by email. Thank you.

Thank you for your continuing support

Miss Dawn Oliver
Headteacher

