

Portslade Infant School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

You should have received your letters concerning the changes to the **Christmas Concerts** last Wednesday so please let the office know if you need another one. All through the school we can hear the Year 1's practising their parts for "The Innkeeper's Breakfast". It is wonderful!! Meanwhile our Year 2 children had a brilliant day in London learning about the Great Fire of London and our Year 1 children had exciting mornings at Hove Museum. There have been many comments about how well behaved our children are, they are a credit to you and to our school. We are very proud of them. Thank you

Health and Welfare



Parking

Mr Cristin, Head of St Nicolas' School has asked me to remind our parents that you may not use his car park under any circumstances unless you have made special arrangements with him. The situation has become so alarming that his school will now take a note of number plates and report them to PC Andy.

Please remember also that parking on the slope leading up to our staff car park is very dangerous and prevents staff from entering and leaving our school and Sellaby House and blocks the view for children crossing the drive.

School security

When you bring your child to school or collect them from a club, please remember to close all doors and gates behind you. There are children in school until 6p.m. and an external door or outside gate left open is a huge security risk.



Packed lunches from home

Please do not send your child to school with lunches containing **nut products**. This includes peanut butter, some biscuits and cakes, muesli bars etc. We have children in the school for whom contact with nut products can cause anaphylactic shock or prove FATAL.

Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals and you receive a reminder in the post or from school/Brighton and Hove Council that your entitlement is coming to an end, please complete the application renewal form immediately and return with proof of benefit to the school office. You will be charged for meals taken outside of the eligibility period at the rate of £1.75 per meal taken and you may be asked to send a packed lunch with your child until the paperwork is completed. Please don't put the school in the embarrassing position of having to chase up the forms or pay your debts for you. Thank you.

Visits to the Dentist

Dentists in Brighton and Hove know that your child's education is really important. They don't want children to miss school for dental visits or to arrive just after school tired and fractious. Ask your dentist if they do "Kidz Days" during the holidays where the visits are fun and FREE!

Staffing

It is with great regret that we have to say goodbye to Mrs Jefferiss at the end of this term. I hope, along with us, you will wish her happiness spending time at home with her 2 young children and take this opportunity to thank her for all she has contributed to Portslade Infant School.

Enrichment



Visitors to Our School

"Songs and Things" was the theme of Mike Reinstein's visit to the Year 1's and 2's choir who sang along during this music workshop on Tuesday morning. A letter will be coming out inviting children to join the choir on a Saturday morning.

The **Pantomime** came to school on Thursday and everyone had a fabulous time. We thank the Parents and Friends for making this possible for the children.

General

Lost Property

Please check the lost property boxes for jumpers etc as they are filled to overflowing at the moment. It is vital that all clothing including hats, scarves, coats and mittens be labelled as well as uniform. Have you seen and could you check at home for:

- Alfie's bike from the annexe?
- India's black M&S coat from the main building?

Mrs Woodford has asked me to remind you that the children need indoor and outdoor PE kit at school at all times. This includes shorts, t/shirts, jogging bottoms and tops and plimsolls, **all labelled** of course.



Christmas Dinner

All children in the school are invited to Christmas Dinner which will be held on Thursday December 20th at 12 noon. Part-time children who wish to have Christmas lunch will need to be collected from their classrooms at 1.30p.m. Children may wear party clothes on the day. Please complete the attached slip and return to the school office with payment of £1.75 in a sealed, labelled envelope by December 7th at the latest. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you have not yet completed the application form, please collect one from the office.

Your child is entitled to free school meals if you are:

- in receipt of income support
- in receipt of income based job seekers allowance
- in receipt of financial support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- in receipt of guarantee pension credit
- in receipt of Child Tax Credit NOT Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of less than £14,495.

Christmas Fair

Tomorrow is the big event from 12 noon to 2.30p.m. Have a great time and support your school at the same time. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in planning this wonderful event!

Yours sincerely,

Miss D Oliver - Headteacher

I would like my child _____ in class ____ to have Christmas Dinner on 20th December. Please tick which meal your child would prefer.

Traditional Turkey lunch _____

Vegetarian _____

Please enclose £1.75 with this slip unless your child receives free school meals. Thank you. If my child is part-time I will collect him/her at 1.30p.m. from class.