

# PORTER CROFT

## Church of England Primary Academy

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January 2017 Newsletter 5

Dates for your diary:

[4<sup>th</sup> January](#)

Spring term starts

[10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January](#)

EYFS vision screening

[18<sup>th</sup> January](#)

SUFC football tournament 1-4pm

Y3 tea with Mr

Tumnus afternoon

[23<sup>rd</sup> January](#)

Y5 Eden camp

[25<sup>th</sup> January](#)

Y2 Victorian classroom trip

### Happy New Year

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely break and we are excited to start the new year. This term sees the beginning of a new year at Porter Croft and an important term for learning. Now the excitement of Christmas has passed, we can use this term to focus in on learning and help all our children make the best progress they possibly can.

You should receive your child's half-termly homework grids telling you what is happening in their class and ways you can support learning at home. If you need any guidance on ways to support your child, please see their teacher.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child attends school in the correct school uniform and that they bring a **labelled P.E. kit** to school. Can we please remind you to write names in all your children's clothes, especially all the new coats that have been presents at Christmas! We are finding items of uniform around school and do not know who they belong to!

### Attendance

On the last Thursday of the Autumn Term we had a special assembly to we celebrate the children who had achieved 100% attendance, these children received a certificate and prize. Across school there were 40 children that achieved this, well done to you all. The whole school attendance for Autumn term was 95% and our school target is 97% so we need to make a big effort this term to achieve this target.

### Battle of the Bands

On the last week of term, the children took part in the Battle of the Bands competition where each year group sang their hearts out to win the trophy. We will be showing a film of this competition for those parents who would like to watch this performance on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in the hall.

### Porter Croft Choir

Before Christmas Porter Croft choir went out into the local community to spread the Christmas cheer. The choir performed at Highfield Library and St Mary's Christmas luncheon club to sing Christmas songs and they were well received by the local community. It is just another example of how special our children are at Porter Croft!



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## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. We raised £300, which we plan to use towards the cost of a visiting theatre production of Alice in Wonderland in July.

We also raised £60 from the Christmas disco, this will also go towards Alice in Wonderland for the whole school.

## Kingswood

Not long now until the fantastic residential to Kingswood. Fingers crossed the weather will be mild and sunny. The balance for the Year three residential is due by the 8<sup>th</sup> February and is £52. The dates of the residential are 15-17 February.

## Snow

As the winter is now well and truly here there will be every possibility of it snowing. If we do get snow, we will make every effort to open as usual. Please do not ring school to find out if we are open, we will announce it on Radio Sheffield and Hallam, Twitter and text you all. Let's hope we are lucky enough to only have snow at the weekends!

## Clubs

Our After school and lunchtime clubs will start the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. As usual, we have had a very good take up on After School Clubs. There are still a few places spare, just call into the office to check what activities are still available. If your child is continuing an activity from last term then you do need to sign a new consent form.

## Alice in Wonderland

In July, we are having a theatre company visit the school to perform Alice in Wonderland. This fantastic theatre visited the school in October to perform Dick Whittington, which was an amazing production for the whole school to see. All the money which we raise in school from now until July will be used to pay for the children to enjoy the theatre show of Alice in Wonderland.

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Thank you  
Cath Thomas, Headteacher



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