

PORTER CROFT

Church of England Primary Academy

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September 2023 Newsletter 1

Dates for your diary:

[5th September](#)
Return to school

[5th -8th September](#)
FS2 pupils start school

[19th September](#)
Y2 Whirlow Hall Farm trip
Y5 dance festival

[20th September](#)
Family Faith & Fun

[21st September](#)
Y3 Weston Park trip

[28th September](#)
Phonic workshops

[29th September](#)
Y6 YNHM at Hillsborough trip

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families old and new ones, we hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday.

School Uniform

Children are expected to wear school uniform every day. This consists of black or grey trousers, skirts, dresses and a red, white or black t-shirt, jumper or cardigan. You can purchase a uniform with the school logo on, or buy plain items from local supermarkets. Jeans are **not** school uniform.

Y5 and Y6 pupils may attend school in PE kits on their PE days. Other year groups will need to change into their PE kits at school, which need to be labelled.

Free uniform is available from the school office.

Coffee Mornings

We will be starting our coffee mornings on Tuesday 12th September. Please keep a look out for the fliers.

PE Days

FS2- Thursday, Friday
Y1- Monday, Wednesday
Y2-Monday, Wednesday
Y3-Tuesday, Wednesday
Y4-Tuesday, Wednesday
Y5- Thursday, Friday
Y6-Thursday, Friday

FS2 Information

Welcome to Porter Croft Primary we hope your child settles in well this week and we look forward to getting to know you all this term. There are two sessions for parents to attend to help you become more familiar with school life.

Coffee morning

Friday 8th September 9am

Phonics workshop

Thursday 28th September 9-9.45am & 3.30pm

After school clubs

Please return the club letter to the office for places in our after school clubs. Alongside these clubs we will also run the after school club and breakfast club in the hall daily.

Dinner Money

If your child is in Year Three you will now need to pay for school dinners. Dinners are £2.30 per day. Please try to pay for dinners in advance so that you don't run up any debts.

Packed Lunches

Please ensure you send your child with a healthy packed lunch. We are unable to heat up food for pupils, ideally they should have a sandwich and a healthy snack. Sending your child in with just biscuits, chocolate bars or take away food (ie KFC, MacDonald's, cold



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chips, cold beef burgers) is not acceptable and you will be contacted about this.

Homework

Reading

Please encourage your child to read daily. Younger children at home, will need an adult to listen to them and share stories with. Children will be given a reading record booklet for you to record these sessions in.

Spelling

Spellings for pupils in Y3,4,5,6 will be sent home on Mondays ready for their test on Fridays.

Times tables

Pupils are expected to know these times tables by the end of their year group.

Y2-2,3,5,10

Y3-2,3,4,5,6,10

Y4-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12

Pupils have access to TT Rock stars and Purple Mash online resources to help with maths.

Jewellery

Please ensure your child does not wear jewellery in school to avoid any accidents. Stud earrings and watches are acceptable. Earrings need to be removed for PE lessons.

Medication

Please inform school if your child is on any medication or if they have any allergies we should know about.

Contact details

Please inform school if your contact details have changed, so that we have the latest phone numbers and emails for parents. Please also inform school if there has been a change in personal circumstances during the holidays, such as moving house, bereavements, parent's divorce or

separation.

Nut Allergies

We now have a number of pupils in school who are allergic to nuts. Please be vigilant about not sending in nuts products for your child to have in school. Thank you.

Mrs Thompson

Congratulations to Mrs Thompson our Y4 teacher as she is expecting her second child in November. She will be with us until the 8th November and we will be recruiting a maternity cover teacher this half term.

School Pet

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our new school pet, a tortoise. He is living in his new home in our entrance hall if you would like to meet him. This addition to our school community has come about due to pupil voice, gathered by the School Council and Healthy Minds Champions last year!



Art in the Park

Congratulations to Ruwayda Abubakar in Y4. Her art work was selected to go on display in the Rotary Art exhibition in the Botanical Gardens this year.



Thank you
Cath Thomas
Headteacher



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