



Portway Infant School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all!

The children have some fantastic topics this term, year group curriculum newsletters will be coming home next week to tell you more about them.

The children worked incredibly hard last term and their progress demonstrated this across the school. Visitors continue to comment on the exemplary behaviour of our children and frequently comment on how happy and enthusiastic they are! We know you will be as proud as we are to hear this!

As you are aware we have been focussing on improving our attendance figures. I am pleased to say it did improve last term and we would like to thank parents for supporting us with this. We have also reduced the number of late arrivals and will continue to support those families who find this a challenge.

We will be sending home our annual parent questionnaire this term. As you know we genuinely value your feedback and there have been many changes as a direct result of your input. The questionnaire will include questions about the new homework diaries. In response to your initial feedback we have reviewed the systems around homework. Years 1 and 2 will receive their homework on a Thursday or Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday. We hope this supports parents in being able to plan homework around busy family life.

We are planning an exciting Maths Week before half term, more details to follow with exciting opportunities to get the whole family involved.

The children will be bringing home their annual report after half term, followed by parents' evenings.

Please find the time to complete the Free School Meals form if you are eligible. The office staff are more than happy to help you fill one out; this is an entitlement for your family and could help you make significant savings.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support as we begin 2012.

Miss Sara Allen
Headteacher

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School Holiday Dates
can be found at:

www.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/holidays.php

**After school clubs will
start again next week**

Can we contact you?

Have you:

- moved house?
- changed your workplace?
- changed your telephone or mobile?
- changed your childminder?

Please tell us of any changes so we have the correct contact details.

Professional Inset Closure

For staff training and development

Friday and Friday
24th February 2012 1st June 2012

Applying for a Year R place for September 2012

(children born between
1 Sept 07 and 31 Aug 08)

Parents are encouraged to apply online and applications can be made from 1st November 2011 for Year R place, please follow this link

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions/ad-important-dates/ad-year-r.htm>

Paper application forms are available on request from 1st November 2011

Closing dates

for **paper** applications is

Friday 13th January 2012

for **online** applications is

Sunday 15th January 2012

REMINDER

Year 2
Applying for Junior School Places

Deadline dates :

for **paper** applications is
Friday 13th January 2012

for **online** applications is
Sunday 15th January 2012