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Welcome back

We hope you all had a good summer break and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. We also would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new pupils who have started at Porthleven School and our new staff members Mrs Brocklebank who is Lobsters' class teacher and Mrs Bird who is Starfish class's Teaching Assistant.

Virtues

You may remember that last year the children were introduced to a well-being and character development programme

Responsibility

Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake, you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.

You are practicing Responsibility when you...

- Take your agreements seriously
- Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability
- Are willing to do your part
- Admit mistakes without making excuses
- Are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings
- Give your best to whatever you do

Affirmation

I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.

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centred around virtues. Our children need the opportunity to develop those personal strengths that will enable them to go out into the world with confidence, resilience and the self-belief needed to negotiate the challenges that life brings.

Every week a new virtue will be introduced to the children with examples of how they can identify and develop it in their lives. We will also inform parents of our virtue of the week and ask if you could look for opportunities to praise your child for showing the virtue or how they can develop it further. In time it would be great to hear children sharing examples of how they have shown virtues at home as well as in school.

Next week's virtue is responsibility.

Coffee Morning

Please Join us in the hall at 9:15am straight after drop-off on Monday 17th September.

It will be great to have as many of as possible attend. It is open to any friends of the school, parents, grandparents students, past students, community members in fact any one who may have a connection with Porthleven or the school. Please pass on an invitation to other people who you think would like to attend. You will have the opportunity to be shown around our new well-being centre by pupils and to get to know your school better. We hope that by getting together in this way, you will have a chance to have a positive influence on Porthleven School's future as it develops. Over a cup of tea and a biscuit (some made by your children), we would like to hear your views and ideas on the future of the school or of course you can just come along and listen. We look forward to seeing everyone.

School dinners

To celebrate Harvest time Chartwells have made a Harvest Festival Lunch menu. This will take place on Thursday 20th September the change will be as follows:-

- Harvest chicken casserole with herb dumplings
- Spicy root vegetable and lentil casserole
- Creamy mashed potato
- Broccoli and sweetcorn
- Toffee apple crumble with custard

The cost of school dinners has increased to £2.30. Please ensure that payments are correct, in a named envelope with dates that the payment corresponds to and that school dinner payments if made by cheque are made payable to Chartwells.

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH

Thursday 20th September

Harvest Chicken Casserole with Herb Dumplings
Spicy Root Vegetable and Lentil Casserole
Creamy Mashed Potato
Broccoli and Sweetcorn
Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard

The word 'harvest' comes from the Old English word 'harvest' meaning 'autumn', the season for gathering the food of the land.

Chartwells

Playgroup

We will see you all next week on Tuesday 18th September.
All welcome to join us, Tuesday's 9—11 a.m. in the infant hall.



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Inspire Week

In the week beginning Monday 1st October parents/guardians will have the opportunity to come in to school and work along side their child/ren and experience their learning at school. The focus for these shared lessons this term will be comprehension strategies in reading. Look out for a letter this coming week from your child's teacher indicating the sessions available.

Notice about Parking outside school

It has been noticed that cars are parking outside the school on the yellow lines.

As previously mentioned on newsletters. The new parking restriction notices and yellow lines are now these in place and they will be enforceable. Please **do not park where the yellow lines are** as you are now be liable for a fine. This is to make it much safer for pupils to enter and leave the school at the beginning and end of the day.

If it is at all possible I would encourage all parents and pupils to walk to school, however, this is not always possible and I ask again that you park responsibly with consideration for pupils and residents.

Reminder about changes in School

I have now taken on the role of Head of School. This means that I am responsible for the day-to-day management of the school. The current senior leadership who are doing such a fantastic job are continuing to support me and play a vital role in the school during this time.

They are:-

- Mrs Trounson who is leading Early years.
- Mrs Figgins who is leading Keys stage 1 (years 1 and 2) and English
- Mrs Makin-Isherwood who is leading years 3 and 4 and maths
- Mrs Broome who is managing the Special educational needs provision
- Mr Clayden leading lead for years 5 and 6 as well as my duties as Head of school.

Mr Ratcliffe will continue in his role of Executive Head teacher for one day a week and will be in contact with the school on a regular basis. His role is to support Myself and the team.

During this time he will be working with Mullion Primary School, the arrangement is for the first two terms of the school year.

Clubs after school

Below is a table of after school clubs. Please note that these are run independently from school and so if you have any further questions or anything you will need to contact them directly.

| Day | Club | Who it is for | Times | Who is running the club |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Monday | Boogie Bounce | Years 2 & 3 | Straight after school until 4:00 p.m. | Rachel Hall |
| Trust | Football club | Years 4, 5 & 6 Boys | Straight after school until 4:30 p.m. | Harry Badcock – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust |
| Wednesday | Multi Skill Club | Years 1, 2 & 3 | Straight after school until 4:30 p.m. | Harry Badcock – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust |
| Thursday | Football Club | Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls | Straight after school until 4:30 p.m. | Harry Badcock – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust |

School clubs

| Day | Club | Who it is for | Times | Staff running club |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------|---|--------------------|
| Monday | Forest School Club | Years 1 & 2 | Straight after school until 4:15 p.m. This will run until October half term | Mrs Trounson |
| Tuesday | | | | |
| Wednesday | | | | |
| Thursday | Story club | Years 1 & 2 | Straight afterschool until 4:15 p.m. | Mrs Power |
| Friday | Golden Club | Invite only | Straight after school – varied finishing time depending on activity. Please check letters | Mrs Figgins |

Calendar - School term dates 2018/2019

Important school dates for your diaries are as follows:-

Monday 22nd October 2018 - Friday 26th October 2018 - School closed for Half term

Thursday 20th December 2018 - last day of school

Friday 21st December - Friday 4th January 2019 Christmas holidays

Monday 7th January 2019 - First day of school