

Portesham C of E VA Primary School

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Welcome back to a new School Year. There has been lots of work going on in the school over the Summer holidays and if you haven't had a chance to look round yet I hope you can pop in soon. Included on this Newsletter are key dates for the year ahead as well as some reminders about routines. As ever if you have any questions please contact Mrs Whitehead in the School Office - if she doesn't know the answer, she'll find out and get back to you.

The Governors and I have appointed Mrs Brignell as Acting Deputy Headteacher for this academic year. Her appointment will increase the leadership capacity in school considerably and she will be leading several key aspects of school work. I know you will join us in wishing her success in the role.

Healthy Snacks

Children in Reception, Busy Bees and Class 1 get given a fruit/vegetable snack as part of a national scheme. Children in Key Stage 2, Classes 2 and 3, are welcome to bring a snack to have at playtime. The snack needs to be fresh fruit or vegetables or a cereal bar without chocolate.



Playclub runs after school from 3pm -5pm Monday to Friday. Miss Crawford is not currently in school and we are not expecting her to be back for a while. During her absence, Mrs Frowd has kindly offered to cover Playclub for us. Playclub can be booked in advance or contact Mrs Whitehead in the office if you would like to book a child/ren in to cover an unexpected need.



Michelle Yelland

(1:1 Teaching Assistant)

Lottie Frowd

(1:1 Teaching Assistant
and
Playclub Leader)

Gaby McNamee

(Rise and Shine, Active Play Time
Lead and General TA)



This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September-3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker - if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children and give them to Mrs Whitehead and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

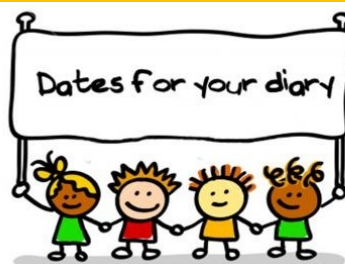
Thank you so much for your support on this project - we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!



TALKING TO CLASS TEACHERS



Everybody at school is here for the benefit of the children and families we serve, we don't want anybody worrying or feeling anxious about something that has happened in school or that is affecting how a child is feeling. Your child's Class Teacher should be your first port of call when you want to discuss any aspect of your child's school experience. Many of you bring your children to school and/or collect them at the end of the day, however these are busy times and Teachers can find it hard to talk to individual parents if they haven't made arrangements beforehand. If you would like to speak to your child's Class Teacher please give Mrs Whitehead a call and she will arrange for them to either call you back or let you know a time they are available to meet with you. Hopefully the Class Teacher will be able to resolve any issues that arise, but myself and Mrs Brignell are available to support you further if needed.



Parents Evening: 7th October
Half Term: 28th October – 1st November
INSET DAY: Monday 4th November
15th November: Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination
20th and 21st November—Book Fair
Friday 6th December: Christmas Fair (3.00pm—5.00pm)
17th and 18th December: Christmas Play
20th December: Carol Service, 1.15pm at School
20th December—Last day of Term