

Issue 459

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Pupil-Parent-Teacher (PPT) Meetings – This Week (Thursday evening & Friday) These meetings take place this week on Thursday evening and on Friday during the day. At your appointment you will also receive a target sheet, which focuses on the key targets for the rest of the year. I must stress these are not formal reports but a written reminder for you to take home of the key areas for the second half of the year. As usual we will give out our written reports at the end of the academic year. When you arrive for your appointment please make your way to your child's classroom and the teacher will come out and collect you. All pupils have prepared for the meetings as we find this is the best way to make these consultations as productive as possible. The children will share some work as part of the consultation but you are welcome to collect their trays/books after the meeting to have a look through them with your child. Can I also remind all parents who are driving to the meetings not to park in the Infant School car park. If there are spaces in the junior school car park you are welcome to park in there (on this occasion only!) or if not on the Upper Drove itself. Many thanks. During most of the sessions there will also be a senior member of staff from Harrow Way School available to talk to any parent about secondary school transfer. They will be based in the year 5 and 6 corridor.



PSA Family Disco Tickets are going very well already. The disco takes place on Friday 16th March from 7-9 in the hall and tickets are £2 for adults/£1.50 for children. A flyer was sent home but spares are available online in the Portway Press section of the website. Also do not forget that this year's Summer Fayre is a little earlier than usual. It takes place on Saturday 26th May. As usual we will need lots of help so please put the date in your diary!

Clubs – Thursday 23rd March As the PPT meetings take place on Thursday evening there will be no Year 5/6 football, homework or gardening clubs. (gardening starts next Thursday). The year 3/4 football clubs and the mini-v orchestra take place as normal.



Year 4 Residential to Hooke Court - Nov 2012 Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting before ½ term and to those of you who have already confirmed your child's place on what will be a thoroughly exciting residential trip. If you were unable to attend the meeting, there is a letter and leaflet that should have come home the week before ½ term. Full information can also be found on the homepage of our website. (Click on the Y4 tag to read the blogs and see the video of the 2011 trip). If you have any questions at all about the residential, or wish to know anything further, then please call the school office to make an appointment with Miss Windross. The closing date for those wanting to come is Friday 30th March.

House Winners & Non-Uniform Day - Friday 3rd March As you may have heard, Lightning House (Yellow) won the Housepoint Cup for last ½ term. The prize is that a week on Friday (3rd March) children in Lightning are allowed to come to school in 'normal' clothes for the day. Please remind children that this is only those children in Lightning house that are allowed to come to school without uniform. The competition will run again this ½ term and the message is... EVERY HOUSEPOINT COUNTS!

Walking Out of School It has been brought to my attention that some pupils, after coming onto the playground first thing in the morning, have left the playground to meet friends outside of school. I have reminded all pupils that once they arrive at school in the morning they must go straight to the playground (unless going to Breakfast Club) and then must not leave this area until the whistle is blown at 8:50. This is obviously to make sure everyone is as safe as possible. I would appreciate it if parents could reinforce this message at home. Many thanks.

Staff Change This week Mr Smith has stepped up to full-time and next week will fully take over 3CL when Mrs Lindley starts her phased retirement. Mrs Lindley will then take over Mr Smith's 2 days a week working mainly in 5SF on Thursdays and 4JP on Fridays, before fully retiring at the end of the academic year in July. We are going to miss having her around for the whole week – it will seem very odd!

Tim Deery

LOST PROPERTY

There is a tremendous amount of lost property around the school at the moment – when you come in for your parent/pupil/teacher consultation this week, please can you have a look through it to see if it belongs to your child!

There will be a table in each year group so take a look through them all!

Anything left after Friday will be donated to the Thrift Shop.

The following children were awarded a 'Pride of Portway' Certificate in Celebration Assembly last Friday...

Year 3: Alicia Lund, Anita Lukacovicova, Rosie Mundy, Ryan Brown, Neo Black, Paige Clarke, Molly Carter, Libby West, Oliver Pitts
Year 4: Courtney Reeve, Chloe Eaton, Cassidy Gibbs, Kian Terry, Holly Hevicon, Lana Fryer, Ethan Long, Emma Janes, Joshua Herman
Year 5: Rosie Rickards, Rebecca Tommony, Megan Walsh, Hayden Neal, Paulina Borek, Eliza Simmonds, Paige Swaisland, Shanice Allan, Joseph Smith
Year 6: Lucy Kitson, Louisa Jones, James O'Connor, Luke Raynsford, Aimee Budden, Callum Cousins, Harry Syred, Tyler Barrow, Rhys Jones, George Peacock

Diary Reminders (Full diary is on the website www.portwayjunior.co.uk)

Thursday 23 rd Feb	Pupil-Primary-Teacher Meetings - Evening Sessions
Friday 24 th Feb	DAY CLOSURE: Pupil-Primary-Teacher Meetings - Whole Day Sessions
Friday 2 nd March	Dress Down for Lightning House (Housepoint Cup Winners)
Friday 9 th March	Evening - Glee Club perform at The Lights
Wed/Thur 14/15 March	Stannah Project with Year 5
Friday 16 th March	PSA Family Disco
Friday 30 th March	Final - Olympic Countdown Theme/House Day
Friday 30 th March	School closes for Term
Monday 16 th April	School Re-opens Summer Term - Olympic/Paralympic Themed Term starts

SUPPORT WITH CAPS PLEASE!

As you know, we are keen to welcome some new volunteers to join our team of willing and enthusiastic parents in providing some exciting CAPS activities on a Friday afternoon. We are especially keen if you would like to share a hobby/interest with us. There is plenty of flexibility, so you can come for just some Fridays or you can join us every Friday – the choice is yours! We can provide resources and lovely company! Please see Miss Windross if you think you might be able to help.

WOOL DONATIONS

Thank you for the donations already received! We would love some more if you have any spare – any colour, any type! Please drop it at the school office – many thanks.

INSET DAY – FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

The Scott Centre will be open on Inset Day from 8.30am until 6pm. Please contact Clare on 01264 332188 for more information or to make a booking.



Football Players Wanted

Andover New Street Swifts U10 are currently looking for footballers, current Year 5, We need to recruit more players for next season 2012/13
If interested please call
Simon Dewhurst - 01264 394443.

PLEASE HELP

A boy in Year 4 has lost a brand new coat. It cannot be found anywhere at school so there is a chance someone has accidentally taken it home. Can everyone have a look around. It is a thick, padded, Next jacket with a peaked hood. It has a Next emblem on the left hand chest and has a name inside it. Many thanks

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We appreciate that it gets very busy indeed around school whilst children are being dropped off and picked up. We would ask however that we show some respect to our neighbours with regards to not blocking driveways, using their properties to turn around in and not parking on the double yellow lines. We would like to be able to continue positive relationships with our neighbours and would appreciate your support in being able to do this. Many thanks.

Sport Relief is back and it's coming to ANDOVER

The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile is back – and it's coming to ANDOVER! The town is set to host its 2nd Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday 25th March, and needs local people to come together and show their support by entering now at www.sportrelief.com. As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives – so it's time to dust off those trainers and enter right now. Setting off from Charlton Athletics Track the ANDOVER Mile will pass through/ take in the sights of Charlton Lakes and Sports Fields and is set to be an incredible event. Entrants don't have to be sporty to take part, but can choose to complete 1, 3 or 6 miles knowing that all the money raised will help to change the lives of people living unimaginably tough lives right here on our doorstep, across the rest of the UK and in some the world's poorest countries.

To enter go to www.sportrelief.com

Have you checked out our website recently?

www.portwayjunior.co.uk