

Online Parent Workshop Thank you to those of you who attended our free parent workshop with Lorraine Lee last week. The presentation shared at this event is now available on the safeguarding page of our website and by clicking the link here: [Portway Junior Safeguarding](#). Also on this page are a wide range of resources to support parents at home in the monitoring of children's use of the internet. This includes reminders of the age restrictions for different apps, how to set up parent controls and parent monitoring devices. Supporting our children to navigate the online world safely is one of the most important things we can do. Other useful resources include using the [Family Link App](#), which can be downloaded from wherever you get your apps from. [NetNanny](#) is another alternative to support parents. Further information about both can be found by clicking the links included or by googling either app.

Our Safeguarding page contains a couple of reviews from parents who attended and one is copied below for you:

"Thank you so much for putting on the talk yesterday about supporting children with digital and online wellbeing, I found it very useful! Lorraine was brilliant, she acknowledged that it's a very tricky area of parenting and gave lots of practical tips, without scaring us all! My main take home tips were:

- reduce device time rather than taking it away completely so that the children get to practise healthy habits

- keep them busy with other interests so they don't have as much time for devices!

- stick to age limits

- take a balanced view - don't be a technology hater as they can be fun and useful!

- parents' job is to open gates slowly one by one, putting in boundaries to support children to regulate properly until they have developed the necessary skills."



Hooke Court Our Year 4 pupils had a wonderful residential visit and thoroughly enjoyed their Roman themed adventure away from home. The staff here are a fabulous team and last week's visit was made successful by Miss Simons, Mrs Norton, Mrs Parkinson, Mrs Knight, Mrs Donnelly, Mr Crocker, Mrs Dinkle, Miss Morrell, Mrs G Fettes, Mr Macdonald, Mr Staff and Mrs M Fettes, who gave up their own time with their families to attend. I would like to thank them all for working so hard to ensure that our pupils had a very memorable time away! Photos and blogs of the trip can be found on our website under the Year 4 tab and by clicking the link here: [Year 4 at Hooke Court](#). Next year we will arrange a meeting for parents of our current Year 3 pupils so that we can share information about our next visit to Hooke Court!



Clubs Clubs are now finished for the autumn term. I would like to thank all staff for running clubs this term - it's great to see children making the most of these opportunities and making new friendships too.

Staffing Update At the end of this term, we are saying goodbye to three members of the Portway team, Mrs Staff, Mrs Parkinson and Miss Abbott.

After 15 years working at the school Mrs Staff is not going far - she is off to Harrow Way to be the Finance Manager and, although we will miss her very much, we know this is an area she will be very successful in and wish her all the best.

Miss Abbott is leaving us to join a new school nearer to her home and Mrs Parkinson is moving on in order to explore a new career path. During their time at Portway, both teachers have made a big difference for our pupils. Miss Abbott has been part of the team for the last 6 years and has taught a range of pupils throughout the school, including Bat Class this year and has worked closely with the School Council too, and Mrs Parkinson in the teaching of Year 5 last year, Hare Class this year and most recently in ensuring the Hooke Court trip for 84 Y4 pupils was a huge success. We wish them all the best.

Parents of pupils in Bat Class and Hare Class should have already received a letter informing them of the new staffing arrangements moving forward. Please let the Admin Team know if this has not been the case.

Miss Windross



Friday 15 December, Last Day of Term:

Please remember that we finish at **1:15pm** for the holidays. As lunchtime finishes at 1pm, the playground will be inaccessible to all parents until after 1pm and the playground is clear. Please wait until then before you come onto this part of our site.

Free Christmas Tree Raffle!

Our lovely Christmas tree has been kindly donated to us by Nigel's Woodman Trees. We'd love for a Portway Junior family to enjoy it for the Christmas period and are offering you the chance to win it. If you would like to be in the draw, please complete the form at the link here:

[Christmas Tree Raffle Link](#). The winner will be chosen from a random number generator and informed by email on Thursday 14th December. You must be able to collect the tree after 1:15pm and before 4:30pm on Friday 15th Dec.



Carol Services These are on 12th and 13th December starting at 2:30. With a full school and a limited amount of space, we are only able to ensure 1 space per family. This will ensure that everyone is able to participate. We cannot guarantee a seat for everyone. Doors will open at 2:00pm so please arrive then.

Christmas Lunch is on 14th December, if you could please pre-order by clicking [HERE](#) Children may also come to school in a Christmas jumper or Christmas outfit if they wish. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, then cheery clothing or a Christmas hat or headband will do.

PTA Christmas Events Don't forget that all decorated baubles are due to be handed in by Thursday 14th December for judging. (these will be sent home by the end of the week)

Christmas Raffle The PTA have organised a virtual raffle this year, information of which is attached to the email that brought you the Portway Press. Good Luck everyone.



Hockey Tournament Triumph!

Last week on 28th November, the members of our hockey club went to a tournament at John Hanson Secondary School. 16 different teams entered, including Portway 1 and 2. The amazing head of PE, Mrs Brewer, led our two great teams. Everyone had a super time, played some fantastic hockey but, more importantly, worked as a team with great sportsmanship. Captain of Portway 1, Henry B, commented, "all of us really enjoyed ourselves!"

To end Mrs Brewer's run of always coming second, our victorious Portway 1 came back with smiles on their faces and gold medals around their necks - the members of Portway 1 came first! Portway 2 were awesome too, placing 7th. Everyone is very proud of both teams and, as teams, we are very proud of each other. A special thanks to the parents who gave up their time to come and help. One of them even emailed our headteacher with the following comment!

"The children were an absolute pleasure to be with. Their engagement, behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary and they were excellent Ambassadors for Portway."

By Henry & Hamish

Hockey Squads: William O, Jessica O, Rory H, Samuel H, Larsson B, Jacob W, Emilia G, Julina T, Henry B, Trey K, Sam H, Sam C, Jack B, Hamish M, Julian B, Lucian J, Ewan M, Libby M



Year 3 Ukulele Concerts

You are warmly welcome to attend our ukulele concerts in the school hall on 7 December. Timings are:

9:15 - Owl Class
10:20 - Bat Class
11:20 - Fox Class



Reminder for Year 4 event:

Year 4 would like to invite their parents and grandparents to join them on Friday 8th December at 3pm for a lantern parade in the hall as a finale of their DT project!



See you there!

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Parking

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Please can we remind parents not to block driveways and bus stops when parking around the school. We realise parking is very challenging, but it can be very frustrating for local residents if they cannot get in or out when needed. Please also remember that the staff car park is **not open** for parents to park in. We have a large number of staff and very often need to block each other in as there are not enough spaces for us! Many thanks.

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Sad Announcement

We are really sad to announce that our School Crossing Patrol, Mr Cousins passed away last week. He was our Crossing Patrol for over 6 years and will be missed by children, parents and staff.

Christmas Carol Services

Our Carol Services this year will take place on the following dates:



Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 12 December
2:30pm
Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday 13 December
2:30pm

Both services will be held in the school hall and will begin at 2:30pm, finishing in time for the end of the school day. These services are our celebration of Christmas with whole school songs, carols for everyone to join in with and readings that tell the story of Christmas. We are hoping to be joined by Rev. Alex Randle Bissell to help us celebrate Christmas.

Key Dates

Tue 12 Dec	Y3 & 4 Carol Service (2:30pm)
Wed 13 Dec	Y5 & 6 Carol Service (2:30pm)
Thur 14h	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15th Dec	School finishes for Christmas holidays at 1:15pm
Tuesday 2nd Jan	School closed to pupils for staff training
Wed 3rd Jan	Spring term starts for all pupils

FOREST SCHOOL DAYS - SPRING TERM

There has been a slight change in our days. Please see new days below.

Tuesday - The Hive & Year 3
Wednesday - Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday - Year 4

Dates to follow on the Spring Term Leaflet



Andover Hockey Club Minis Hockey



U8s - Yr1, 2 & 3

U10s - Yr4 & 5

Saturdays 9AM -10AM

Charlton Astro
West Portway Business Park, W Portway,
Andover SP10 3LF

U12s & U14s - Yr6 to 9

Girls - Saturdays - 9AM -10AM

Boys - Saturdays - 10AM -11AM

John Hanson School
Floral Way, Andover SP10 3PB

Come and try it for free!

Contact:

<https://www.andoverhc.co.uk/contact/contact-official-290661>



Family Information and Services Hub

We know that there are a lot of stresses on families at the moment. If you would like to know about any of the resources, classes or other activities that Hampshire offers, (many of which are completely free) please take a look at the website at the link below:

[Family Information and Services Hub](#)

If you need help making contact, or finding something suitable for your family, please let us know. We are always happy to help.



Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement