

PORTWAY UPDATE

1st November 2023

Occasionally we have a few extra bits of information or reminders to share that won't wait until our next full Portway Press. Please see the information below for our Autumn Term Update. Thank you Miss Windross

PRIDE of Portway Awards

Our Friday Celebration Assemblies are when we celebrate the good work and great effort that has gone on throughout the week and these have usually been marked with a gold Headteacher award sticker.

We have been thinking a lot about our school PRIDE values and how we can include these in our assemblies.

From this Friday, children will be awarded certificates in assemblies and these will be themed to one of our PRIDE values. There is space on the certificate where the reason for the award will be written. We think this will make it easier to share success with family at home. The certificates will be brought home so they can be displayed with pride.

There are certificates for each of our values - Positivity. Resilience. Integrity. Dedication. Encouragement - the idea is that, throughout their time at Portway, pupils earn an award for each value.



Remembrance Poppies

The new plastic free poppies to mark Remembrance Day are on sale at breaktime only from Thursday 2 November until Friday 10 November. Suggested donations are 50p and all proceeds go to the Royal British Legion.

Reminder:

Monday 6 November is an INSET Day and school is closed to all children.

Personalised Christmas Greetings

This year pupils will be making their own Christmas themed designs that can then be purchased by families as Christmas cards, mugs, calendars etc.

Children will make their designs in school and will then bring these home, along with an order form. The form can then be filled in to for any purchases that families want to make. This must be returned to school by Wednesday

8 November at the latest. There are full instructions on the information sheets children will bring home.

Children will bring home their designs on Friday 2 November and orders must be made by November 8 as this is when they are collected by the company from school to turn into beautiful festive creations. Anything received after 8 November will not be accepted.

> Items ordered will be delivered to school before the end of the half term, in time for Christmas. All money raised goes towards supporting our brilliant PTA.





Laying Strong Foundations for Children to be Online

A workshop for parents and carers



This workshop looks at making sure online interaction is at the appropriate level for brain development. It covers helping children to regulate online behaviour, make positive choices and stay safe.

Setting relevant boundaries is also an essential part of ensuring children look after themselves and each other online.

> Tuesday 28th Nov 3:30-4:30pm

Portway Junior School (main hall) Upper Drove, Andover SP10 3NA

This is a FREE session

Please do your best to come along, as this is a very important topic for all families.

The session will be led by Lorraine Lee who is a Professional Parenting Practitioner, specialising in child development. She has over 21 years of experience and Lorraine works with schools all over Hampshire.

Don't forget to save the date for our free online safety workshop on 28 November. It's in the school hall at 3:30pm, with a fantastic quest speaker.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions See you there!









DATES TO REMEMBER

13.11.23 - Individual photos 14.11.23 - Flu immunisations

Forest School Dates from 01.11.23

Year 3: Please click here for updated dates

Year 4: Dates have been emailed out today separately

Year 5: Please click here for updated dates

Year 6: Please click here for updated dates