

This is the last 'Portway Update' of the term and it's certainly been an action packed one! The 'Start the Year' meetings back in early September when it was so hot, feel a long time ago! Since September, we have joined in with clubs, learnt new skills, tricks and resilience in our BMX and Scooter workshops, welcomed visitors and enjoyed the Y4 residential to Hooke Court. We've also taken part in music performances, swimming lessons, bikeability sessions, parent consultations and various sporting events around the town. We would like to thank everybody who has supported us in any way this term. We are very lucky to have such a supportive and positive group of parents, governors and friends.



Christmas Carol Services Many thanks to everyone who came along to the services during this last week of term and a special thank you to Rev. Alex Randle-Bissell for joining us and to Miss Freemantle for working so hard to get us all organised - we hope you also enjoyed the new songs! Having so many parents, grandparents and friends join us made it a very special time.



Festive Outfit Day – Thursday 14th December Tomorrow everyone is invited to dress in their best 'Festive Outfit'! It could be a Christmas fancy dress or a Christmas jumper or just something with a Christmas feel. No uniform (and no football kits!) tomorrow. Our Christmas lunch is also tomorrow and the festive outfits will be a welcome Christmassy addition!



Last day This is Friday 15th December and we finish at 1:15pm. Children don't need to wear uniform on Friday as then it can be washed and put away for the first day back, which is Wednesday 3rd January. Lunchtime finishes at 1pm so please do not come onto the playground until the gates are unlocked after 1:00.



*From everyone at Portway Junior School - Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*



Miss Windross

Portway Plus After School Care

This finishes Thursday 14th December and resumes on the first day of the spring term. Please remember that places must be booked in advance.

FOREST SCHOOL DAYS - SPRING TERM

There has been a slight change in our days. These are now confirmed on the Spring Term Year Group Leaflets which are also on our website under the year group tab.

<https://www.portwayjunior.co.uk/>

Key Dates

Tuesday 2nd Jan
Wed 3rd Jan
w/c 22nd Jan
1st Feb
8th Feb 3:30pm
12th - 16th Feb
23rd February
29th February
29th March - 14th April

School closed to pupils for staff training
Spring term starts for all pupils
Y6 residential visit to Calshot
Information evening for Year 5 parents about next year's residential visit
Information evening for Year 6 parents about end of year (SATs) assessments
Spring half term
School closed to pupils for staff training
Information evening for Year 3 parents about next year's residential visit
Easter holidays

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Be Safe Online at Christmas

If Christmas presents are linked to the internet, then it is a good idea to get them set up properly before being used. The Internet Matters website is a great resource and they have lots of advice about what might be age-appropriate but also how to set up devices safely. It covers phone and games consoles, as well as tablets and computers.

Find it all at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org>