

## **PORTWAY UPDATE**

15th November 2023

Just a couple of reminders this week

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Orienteering & Clothing Reminder Today we have been having our grounds mapped out and a permanent orienteering course installed - this is something we're very excited about because it will help us to improve this part of our curriculum. Tomorrow is our launch day for pupils and, as the email mentioned last week, children will need to come to school in warm and waterproof clothing and with a change of shoes. During Thursday, each class will get to work with the instructors and their teacher, familiarising themselves with the course, learning about the new resources and working together as a team. It's important that everyone is warm and waterproof as far as possible so that everyone can take part.

#### Year 3 reminder

17 November - this Friday - is our trip to Bury Hill as part of the school's Tree Planting week. Children will need a warm and waterproof coat, wellington boots (or other sturdy boots) and a hat and scarf if it looks like it will be cold. They can wear Forest School clothes for the day rather than school uniform.

A labelled water bottle and a pocket-sized snack are also welcome. (we won't be taking bags)







# 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.

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

### PTA Christmas Bauble Decorating Contest

Join in the Christmas fun with the Bauble Competition! Simply purchase a wooden bauble for £2/each, decorate it-in any way that you choose and then return it to school by the morning of Thursday 14th December. Please ensure your child's name is on the bauble.

Baubles will be chosen by the judges from each group to win fantastic prizes.

The form to fill in is attached to the email. We're looking forward to seeing everyone's amazing designs!



Safeguarding: Children should not be left unsupervised on the school site. Breakfast Club is open from 8am for all pupils. If children are dropped off earlier than 8am then an adult must stay with them.