

Telephones You will have been aware that the recent thunderstorm has knocked out our telephone system. Engineers have been onsite fixing the problem and it has been identified that we need a whole new telephone system. We will endeavour to get this up and running as soon as we can but it's going to take longer than we originally thought. Please use the website to find information about dates / lunch menus etc and key messages can be shared with staff when you drop off in the mornings. Teachers will be at classroom doors and there are always staff at the gates. We are able to reroute our calls through our school mobile but, as there will only be one line, this should be for emergency purposes only; the number is 07507 399075. To notify us of children being absent through illness, please email adminoffice@portway-jun.hants.sch.uk Thank you for your patience whilst we get this problem sorted out.

Website We hope you are enjoying the new website and finding it easy to navigate. Under the 'Pupils' tab there is a drop down menu for each year group. In each year group you can click to download the Start the Year presentation shared in the first week of term - this is where you can find key dates and information about PE days and Forest School dates etc. In the same place you will also be able to download a newsletter from each year group. This shares the topics and learning going on this term, uniform expectations and some events and dates particular to each year group.

Clubs Information - dates & sign up Clubs are an important part of school life and we are pleased to be able to tell you that we are offering some again this term. Each club has a maximum number of spaces available and can be oversubscribed so please sign up as soon as you can and by 25th September at the latest. All clubs are provided free of charge and I am very grateful to our staff who give up their own time to do this. Due to staff meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays, our days for clubs are limited so children will need to make a choice. All clubs start the week beginning October 2nd and finish the week ending December 1st and end at 4:15pm unless otherwise stated. After you have signed up, using the link below, the admin staff will notify you by the 28th September of the club your child has been allocated a place for. This email will also inform you of any resources / clothing your child may need and confirm where you may collect your child from. Please sign up for clubs here: [Autumn Term Clubs sign up](#)

Resilience Workshops & Visitors We have identified resilience as a key value at Portway and, this term are focusing on the importance of being resilient in all areas of school life and life in general. Approaching new challenges, routines and learning means that all of us have to be resilient to achieve success. To help us with this, we are welcoming Mike Mullen and Terry Price. Mike is a halfpipe BMX World Champion and Terry is a Scooter Champion and the first person to do a double back flip (hands free!) on a scooter. Our experience begins with an assembly about resilience on Monday and then on 23, 24 and 25 September, each class will be able to join in with a workshop run by either Mike or Terry. On Wednesday afternoon, we'll finish with an assembly themed on resilience with Terry and we'll learn a bit more about him. Years 3 and 4 will practise their scooting skills with Terry and will have the opportunity to demonstrate resilience as they learn some tricks to impress. Years 5 & 6 will take part in a riding workshop where they will showcase their resilience to learn some BMX tricks. The workshops are shared between our two visitors to ensure that every child gets an opportunity to participate in and achieve a new skill. All the equipment (bikes, scooters, safety equipment) is provided so there is no need for children to bring anything extra to school. Children should come in PE kit for these days - there will be a note in the home/school diary. We are very excited for this opportunity and are very much looking forward to it. Please keep your fingers crossed for some good (and dry) weather!

Staffing news We are pleased to be able to announce that Miss Abbott became engaged over the summer holiday! We are very pleased to be able to celebrate this wonderful news and to wish Miss Abbott and her new fiancé many congratulations!

Miss Windross

Music Lesson spaces

There are spaces for pupils who wish to have music lessons in guitar, piano or woodwind. Please use the link here to register your interest and for further information about cost and payment.

[Register interest in music lessons](#)



Portway Pop In

Every Monday 8:45-9:45
Community Room

Nurturing Programme starts

27.9.23 at Vigo Primary.

Contact Gemma Sacree for
more information

Headlice: There have been some sightings of these little creatures. Please could everyone check hair to evict any that might be found there! If everyone could do a quick check over the next couple of days, hopefully we can stop them spreading. More advice on treating headlice can be obtained from pharmacies or visit www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice

Uniform reminder: please remember that jewellery is not part of appropriate school uniform. Any earrings worn in school must be studs only and must be able to be removed (or covered with tape) for PE lessons. Necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery are not allowed.

Year 4 Hooke Court 2023

There is still a bit of time to sign up for our Hooke Court adventure if you're in Year 4. All information is on our website under 'Pupils' and then 'Year 4'. Please click the link to sign up: [Hooke Court 2023 sign up](#) (If you're already signed up, there's no need to sign again)



HARVEST HELP

Our assembly to celebrate Harvest is on 2nd October. As part of this, we are looking forward to helping Andover Foodbank again with the amazing work they do in our area. Any donations you can make will be gratefully received and these can be brought to the hall on the morning of 2nd October. The Foodbank would particularly welcome any of the following items.

Shopping list

Harvest 2023

If you are able, please donate an item from the list.

Thank you for your help

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Rice pudding or custard
- Coffee
- Curry sauce
- Tinned pulses
- Milk (long life)
- Biscuits
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauce
- Dried rice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables

Thank you for your support

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**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Online Safety:

ChildNet has some excellent resources to help you feel confident in supporting your child with staying safe online. If you have specific concerns about your child online, please come and talk to us. We teach children how to keep themselves safe online and our website has some helpful support for parents too. Help your child to be SMART online by following these rules.



Mobile phones in school

Children are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. However we are aware that, in some cases, it is necessary, especially when pupils reach Year 6 and become more

independent. If children do need to bring a phone to school then it must be switched off when children enter the school site. Phones must then be handed in to the class teacher and kept securely until the end of the day when they will be returned to pupils. Pupils are not permitted to use their phones during school time and parents are responsible for their child's mobile phone use. On our website, under '[Key Information](#)' and '[Safeguarding](#),' you can find helpful parent guides for safeguarding your child's mobile phone use for both Android and Apple phones.

Key Dates

21st Sept	Coffee morning for Year 5 - Otter, Raven, Finch Classes
22nd Sept	Coffee morning for The Hive - 8:45-9:30
25 - 27th Sept	Resilience workshops for all pupils
2nd October	Harvest Assembly & Foodbank donations received
18th & 19th Oct	Parent Consultation Meetings
23rd - 27th Oct	Autumn half term holiday
Mon 13th Nov	Individual pupil photographs
Tues 14th Nov	Pupil flu immunisations
22nd - 24th Nov	Y4 Hooke Court residential trip
Fri 15th Dec	School finishes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 2nd Jan	School closed to pupils for staff training
Wed 3rd Jan	Spring term starts for all pupils

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Inset dates for 2023/2024

Friday 1st September	Monday 6th November
Tuesday 2nd January	Friday 23rd February
	Monday 3rd June



Healthy snacks We encourage children to have a healthy snack for breaktime - this should ideally be something like fruit, veggies or a healthy snack bar. Sweets or chocolate based snacks are not to be brought in and should be saved for home. It is also a good idea for children to bring in a water bottle - they can refill this during the day. Water bottles can be bought from the school's reception if needed.

Positivity

Resilience

Integrity

Dedication

Encouragement



PORTWAY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS INVITED

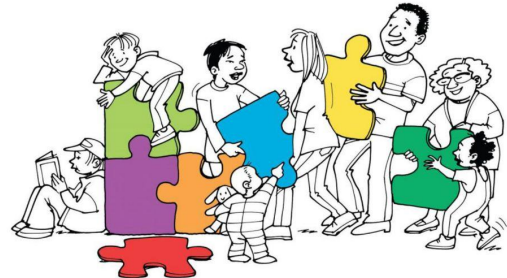
THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

7 pm – 8.30 pm
Junior School Hall

The Nurturing Programme

Free Evening Sessions starting soon

Are you interested in improving upon your own parenting skills?
Do you want less nagging and more cooperation at home?



A 10 week programme that helps parents to understand why children behave as they do, recognise feelings behind behaviour and explore different approaches to discipline.

Starts: Wednesday 27 September 2023

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Vigo Primary School, Andover

Spaces are limited so don't miss out!

For more information or to sign up, contact Gemma on
07842 039491 or email g.sacree@portway-inf.hants.sch.uk



Portway Parent Pop In



Community Room
Portway Infant School
8.45 – 9.45

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encrypted means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients, not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS
Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES
Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days. If a contact has been blocked, they will be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These rules can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the recipient can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS
WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING
Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message. (The other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. If your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING
The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are' – it is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe, but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING
If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS
Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP
If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone adds them back in once, if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION
If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of live location options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS
You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the right of the message, from where your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert
Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of www.nationalonlinesafety.com, a free resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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