

# 2024

*Happy New Year from everyone at Portway Juniors!*

It may feel as if the holidays were a while ago but we wish everyone a very happy 2024 and hope that this new year is a good one for us all. Everyone has come back to school very positively and it's been a very good first week back! Although this is our spring term, and the days are getting longer now, we are still likely to see some cold, wet and challenging weather. As we like to get outside as much as we can for playtimes, please ensure that your children come to school prepared with coats, hats etc. Our Forest School learning will still go ahead as well and the dates for these sessions, for each year group, can be found in the half termly leaflets that were sent home but are also on our website under the relevant year group tab. ([www.portwayjunior.co.uk](http://www.portwayjunior.co.uk))

**New staff** We welcome two new members of staff to the team this term. Miss King joins us as the new teacher for Hare Class and Mrs Davey joins the Admin Team as our new Receptionist. We are very pleased to have Miss King and Mrs Davey joining us and, as the term moves on, know that you will be able to get to know them.

**New term, new topics** Already we are very busy in school. Year 6 have transformed their corridor into Hogwarts and thrown themselves into their Harry Potter study and Year 5 have started their new topic, 'Dragons and Danes' with a look at the book 'Dragon Slayer'. Year 4 have begun their study of 'The Variety of Life' and are looking forward to learning all they can about the world's different biomes and animal life whilst Year 3 have launched into their learning about the Stone Age with a visit to the local museum planned later this month. As the term goes on, we'll be hearing about how this learning is progressing, it certainly promises to be a very busy term!

**Calshot** For the week of the 22 January, Miss Simons, Miss Freemantle, the Year 6 team and a number of other staff across the school are off for a residential visit to Calshot Activity Centre. We know that everyone will have a super time and photos will be shared via our website, so please do have a look under the Year 6 tab. But please bear with us - uploads may be slow due to the lack of robust Wifi there!

**Uniform** Being Portway smart is important in helping your child understand their role and responsibility at our school. A reminder of appropriate uniform is overleaf. Dates of PE lessons and Forest School days can be found on the relevant year group leaflets on our website - [www.portwayjunior.co.uk](http://www.portwayjunior.co.uk). If you need support with your child's uniform, please let us know as we are here to help

*Miss Windross*

## Clubs

**Clubs - Spring term** Clubs will start a little later this term in the week beginning 5th February. This is partly because the evenings are still quite dark & cold but also because we have most of Year 6 (and lots of staff) going to the Year 6 Calshot residential soon. A list to sign up will be sent home in a few days.

**Polite Reminder:** When waiting to collect children, can we please ask you to wait away from the classroom windows so that children are not distracted when their attentions needs to be in class. Particularly if you are waiting for Year 5 & 6. The pathway is quite narrow and it is helpful to keep it as clear as possible. Thank you

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**When:** Thursday 11 January 5:30pm

**Where:** Infant School Hall

Please come along. It's a great time to start making plans for the Spring Fling and it would be lovely to have as much input as possible!

Please see the Adverse Weather plan that was attached to the email with this Press. This gives clear info about what happens if we have heavy snow etc.

## Key Dates

Mon 22 - Fri 26 January  
 Tue 30 January  
 Wed 31 January  
 Thurs 1 February  
 Thurs 1 February 3:30  
 Thurs 8 February 3:30  
 12 - 16 February  
 Wed 21 & Thurs 22 February  
 Fri 23 February  
 Thurs 29 February 3:30  
 Thurs 21 March  
 Fri 29 March - Fri 13 April

Year 6 Residential visit to Calshot  
 Bat Class to Iron Age Museum  
 Owl Class to Iron Age Museum  
 Fox Class to Iron Age Museum  
 Meeting for Year 5 parents about next year's residential visit  
 Meeting for Year 6 parents about end of year SATS  
 Spring half term holiday  
 Parent Consultation meetings  
 INSET day (school closed to pupils for staff training)  
 Meeting for Year 3 parents about Hooke Court residential visit  
 PTA Spring Fling  
 Easter holidays

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 Messages can be left on the answerphone outside of these times (or at any time during the day)

**INSET Days still to come:**  
 Friday 23 February  
 Monday 3 June

## Girls' School Uniform from September 2023

### Winter Uniform

### Summer Uniform

Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers

Blue and white summer dress (optional)

Pale blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece

Black shoes & dark or white socks/tights

Black shoes & dark or white socks

## Boys' School Uniform from September 2023

### Winter Uniform

### Summer Uniform

Black or grey trousers

Black or grey short trousers (optional)

Pale blue polo shirt

Pale blue polo shirt

School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece

School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece

Black shoes & dark socks

Black shoes & dark socks

## PE Uniform from September 2023

Pale blue round necked T-shirt

Royal blue PE shorts

A tracksuit should be worn in winter - plain blue/black and for sport rather than fashion

Trainers or black plimsolls

Our branded jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts are available for purchase from [Stitch-a-Logo](#) or [Happy Fish](#) - click the links to order.

[Stitch-a-Logo](#) [Happy Fish](#) Items such as dresses, plain trousers/shorts/school skirts and unbranded polo shirts can be purchased in shops such as Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys. Asda currently offer a 'sensory friendly' uniform option too.

**Safeguarding update for parents / visitors to school:** in order to ensure pupils continue to be safe in school, whilst there are children in the hall - for PE / assemblies / group work, our front door will be locked. Please use the bell to indicate you are there and a member of admin staff will come to meet you and let you in.

## Keeping Safe Online

If your child received a new device for Christmas, have you set up parental controls?

**Consoles:** All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with. Find the specific settings on the Safeguarding part of our website - <https://www.portwayjunior.co.uk/safeguarding> - or by clicking the relevant console below.

- [Playstation](#)
- [XBox](#)
- [Nintendo Switch](#)



**Mobiles and tablets:** You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access. Additionally you can make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using. See the links below or on our website.

- [Apple devices](#)
- [Android devices](#)



## A Guide to the Online Safety Bill

The Online Safety Bill is a new set of laws to protect people online. The laws will make social media companies more responsible for the safety of their users on their platforms. The Government have created a guide to the new laws detailing how the laws will protect children and adults. For example the new laws mean that social media companies will have to show how they are enforcing age limits. Click the link to read more:

[Guide to the Online Safety Bill](#)

## LEGO Fortnite - PEGI 7

Lego Fortnite is free to play (in app purchases are available though). The game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning that the content is considered suitable for children over the age of 7. However you should also be aware that this game can be played with up to seven people, or solo. Lego Fortnite is only accessible on Fortnite, so you must download the main game. When setting up an account, if your child is under the age of 13, they will be given a 'cabin account,' - certain features are disabled (such as communicating with other players) unless you override them.

Please ensure you set the parental controls as appropriate for your child, we also recommend setting the appropriate settings on the console itself. There are also two worlds available - Survival or Sandbox. You can find out more about each world

[HERE](#) so you can decide which would be best for your child.

**Fortnite  
is rated  
PEGI 12**