

School details

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*If nothing ever
changed, there'd be
no butterflies.*
-Unknown

2022 INSET days

Our Inset days will be on:

Monday 21st March

Friday 1st July

School and Nursery will be closed for children on those days.

This half term has seen the largest number of Covid case amongst children and staff since the pandemic began. The high numbers have been mirrored right across the country in every school affecting attendance and learning. I am so please that we have got such a strong community and have seen many examples of people looking after each other. Thank you!

The Prime Minister is due to give an announcement Next week on the possible lifting of Covid restrictions. I anticipate that he will announce a return to 'normal' sooner rather than later. Once the announcements have been made I will let you know what that means for Portsdown. At the moment it is an unknown.



Change of morning routine for Years 5 and 6

From Monday 28th February, Year 5 and 6 will no longer use the end drive. Instead these children will come up the middle drive and thee make their way to the 'Cage' playground from 8.35am where there will be staff to supervise them. This is just for Year 5 and 6 children.

Time to celebrate this half term

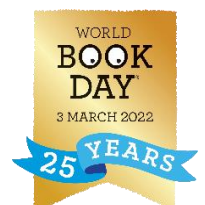
We have had a really good half term with lots going on right across the whole school – From Nursery to Year 6. Head over to our Facebook pages to see some photos. You will see photos of our children in Nursery learning and growing through play, our star of the week winners, Readers of the week winners and the visit of the author Mini Grey (She said our children were the most enthusiastic children of any school she had visited!) Plus lots more!

Thank you also for supporting us with ensuring that your child attends every day they can when they are well so they don't miss out on the great things going on.

What's to come...more information about each one will be available nearer the time.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March** 2022 where children can get dressed up as their favourite character. Prizes for the best dressed!



Red nose day and Rainbow Day

Friday 18th March Red Nose Day – Children come into school in normal uniform but will be encouraged to bring in their Red Noses. We will do lots of fun work around the important messages from this special day.

Tuesday 22nd March 2022, we will be hosting a 'RAINBOW DAY' to celebrate 'World Down Syndrome Day' and Inclusion. The day will be a celebration of differences and inclusion. We will ask teachers and children to dress up in colourful/ bright/ rainbow clothes. We will ask you for a voluntary donation for the dress up and whether you would like to bake/ bring in cakes for our cake sell which we will have that day. There will be prizes for the best ones too! Children can bring in money to buy cakes that day (which will be available outside at breaktimes). Money will go to a Makaton charity. We will have the Portsmouth mascot, Nelson, in all day plus a visit from the Portsmouth FC amputee football team. Coaches from the club will come in to teach children in Years 1 to 6 games such as blind football, boccia and visually impaired course. It's going to be a really fun day!

Relationship and Changing Bodies

Look out for some information coming out tomorrow regarding our PSHE units on Relationships and Changing bodies. In the second half of the summer term we will deliver 2 or 3 lessons in each year group to teach children about their bodies. It will be done in a caring and age appropriate way. Please read the information carefully when it comes out as it will show you what your child will be learning. We will also provide you opportunities to discuss it in more details.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be held on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March**. Where we have some part time teaches, one of these dates may change but we will let you know. Look out for a letter coming out straight after half term. We will offer face to face or telephone appointments.

Reading Rewards and Phonics

Once our new stock of books arrives, we will launch additional opportunities for children to win and bring home brand new books. We will also start teaching our new phonics scheme called Little Wandle – See here for more information <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

After Easter ...

After Easter we will launch our new Vision and Values (Thank you all for your input before Christmas on this), our new website and 2 days worth of scooter training for KS2. Plus lots and lots more!