

Portsmouth Primary and Early Years

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are writing to inform you about an exciting opportunity for the children at Portsmouth Primary School and Early Years. We are excited to announce that Portsmouth Primary School and Early Years will be taking part in Pompey in The Community's 'Rainbow Inclusion Day' which will be on the same day as 'Red Nose Day'.

On Friday 15th March 2024, the children are invited to come to school dressed in rainbow colours or appropriate colours to celebrate Red Nose Day for a voluntary monetary donation. During the school day, each year group will be taking part in classroom-based activities. These aim to raise awareness about disabilities, differences and what inclusion means in today's society. We will have a number of guest speakers who will share their varying experiences of the challenges and successes they have had during their careers. Children from the nursery through to Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of accessible sporting activities ranging from amputee football to new age curling so they can see how small tweaks can be made to a game to enable all people to play.

Finally, we would like to invite the children to bring in rainbow inspired cakes for the school cake sale. They can be small cupcakes, a tray bake, a loaf cake, a multi-tiered masterpiece ... and they can be baked at home or shop bought – the choice is up to you. Any homemade cakes will then be judged by a Pompey Legend and prizes will be awarded for the most creative designs and effort. The children will also have the chance to buy cakes from the selection at some point during the day and are allowed to bring up to £1 in loose change to spend on cake. We will be using the information you have provided about allergies. Please ensure that this is up-to-date. Please also ensure that any cake containers you wish to have returned are clearly labelled with your child's name on so it can be returned!

All money raised throughout the day will be split between the Makaton Charity and Red Nose Day. We run a Makaton choir in school. The Makaton Charity create and support the teaching of Makaton which is a unique language programme that uses signs, symbols and speech to enable people to communicate. Very worthy causes indeed!

We look forward to seeing your child dressed in rainbow colours or appropriate colours to celebrate Red Nose Day on the 15th March 2024. If you would like to see last year's event and some of the activities the children were involved in, please look on the Facebook page and scroll back to March 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Cowell
Deputy Headteacher