



Porters Grange Weekly

Friday 29th November 2019

Sneak peek at our week

Dates for the diary

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd

Reception Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Nursery Christmas decorations with parents - 10am and 2pm

Tuesday 3rd

Yr 3&4 Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Friday 6th

Yr 1&2 Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Wednesday 11th

Reception Christmas concert - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Thursday 12th

Yr 3&4 Christmas concert - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Friday 13th

Christmas Jumper Day

Nursery Christmas concert - 11.00am and 2.15pm
Christmas lunch

Yr 5&6 Christmas decorations with parents - 2pm

Monday 16th

Yr 1&2 Christmas concert - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 17th

Yr 5&6 Christmas concert - 9.30am and 2.00pm

Thursday 19th

INSET DAY

Friday 20th - Friday 3rd January

Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Monday 6th

Children return to school

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th

INSET DAY

Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half Term

MARCH

Thursday 12th

Reception Height, weight, vision & hearing checks

Early Years

Nursery

Nursery class have had another busy week. We have started to learn our Christmas songs that the children are enjoying. We have also had lots of fun with a range of construction toys building our own fabulous models.

We have also enjoyed playing with shaving foam this week.

REMINDER: Please remember our Christmas decoration day is on Monday 2nd December. Please refer to your letter with regards to timings. We hope to see you all there.

Reception

This week in reception the children have been busy practising for our Nativity performances on **Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am and 2:00pm**. You are welcome to attend either one or both of the performances. Please let us know if more than two people from your family will be attending, as extra seats will need to be provided. They are enjoying singing the songs and practising the actions. They are very excited for you all to watch.

We are very excited to be sending home brand new decodable reading books this week which will more closely match our phonics teaching. Please look after them, ensuring no books are lost at home and above all enjoy them!

REMINDER: Next week we have fun Christmas dates:

Parent Christmas decoration afternoon on **Monday 2nd December at 2pm**.

We will also be holding two "Reading and Phonics at Home" sessions for parents with Miss Preston at **1:45pm and 2:45pm** on the **same day** to guide you through our school methods. It is asked that a parent/carer from each family attend either the 1:45pm or 2:45pm session. **Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!**

Key Stage 1

Year 1

We have been learning about the seven continents this week and plotting them on a world map. In maths we have been counting to 20 and practising our skills counting on from 10. We have challenged ourselves in English to write about the dragons we are playing with during our choosing time.

REMINDER: Please continue to read at home using your Reading Buddy. The Reading Buddies need to be kept at home until the end of term when we will swap them. Over the next few weeks the children will be bringing home brand new reading books. These books have been specially chosen to support and develop the children's reading. Please encourage the children to take care of these books and bring them to school daily.

Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been rehearsing their Christmas production and have been learning the songs and actions to go alongside it. In maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and have revisited some areas from assessment week. In English, we have been working hard on our punctuation and grammar, looking at statements, commands, questions and exclamations as well as subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions.

REMINDER: Please continue to read at home with your child as reading regularly at home can have a huge impact on your child's reading progress.

Dinner menu - Week 2

Monday

- Vegetarian lasagne with hand cut potato wedges
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
- Garden peas & sweetcorn
- Ice cream

Tuesday

- British chicken & vegetable pie with mashed potato & gravy
- Sweet & spiced potato & chickpea curry with lemon infused rice
- Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Carrots & broccoli
- Apple & cinnamon crumble with custard

Wednesday

- Honey glazed slow roasted gammon & rosemary roast potatoes with traditional gravy
- Spinach, feta & tomato quiche with rosemary roast potatoes
- Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce
- Roasted seasonal root vegetables & garden peas
- Waffle with chocolate sauce

Thursday

- Farm assured British beef lasagne with garlic bread shard
- Chilli con carne & Mexican rice with a taco sail
- Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or salmon mayonnaise
- Green beans & sweetcorn
- Jam sponge with custard

Friday

- Battered Fish fingers & chips
- Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
- Baked beans & garden peas
- Chocolate & beetroot brownie

Salad bar & freshly baked bread available daily

PARENT DATA

We are collecting updated contact details, please take a minute to fill out a quick form on

www.portersgrange.co.uk/data

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been exploring the brilliant book 'Penguin in Peril'. They have been developing detailed character descriptions and have been devising ideas for their own version of the text. In maths the children have been using strategies for learning the 4 and 8 times tables and have been discussing any patterns they notice when completing these.

REMINDER: Next week our parent Christmas craft afternoon will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 2pm for year 3 and 4.

Year 4

This week the children have participated in termly tests which test some of their skills in maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar. They have showed a great hard working attitude and concentrated well. The children have carried on completing their work on the Romans and their science work on animals.

REMINDER: Remember PE kits should be in all of the time. The children can wear black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms and need to be wearing a white t-shirt. They should not be borrowing PE kit every week.

Year 5

This week we have been identifying the features of newspaper reports. We have had fun reading lots of interesting stories in First News (a newspaper especially for children). We have been completing our maths tests this week and the children have worked really hard. In geography we have been learning about how different types of mountains are formed and where they are located. We are in the process of making an animation about the moon landings.

REMINDER: Please don't forget to bring your reading books to school.

Year 6

This week the Year 6 children have been writing a balanced argument and ensuring that both viewpoints are represented fairly. They have also continued to enjoy our gym sessions and are busy learning the songs for our Christmas performance.

REMINDER: Please bring in old shoe boxes and other small cardboard boxes for our DT topic.

Music

After school activities (3-4pm): Monday, Year 2 Music Making; Tuesday, Choir for years 3-6; Thursday, Porters Band.

Instrumental lessons: Monday/Thursday – guitar; Wednesday woodwind and keyboard; Thursday – violin. Please make sure instruments are in school on these days.

There are places available to learn musical instruments. Please see Mrs Baines for details

Upcoming events:

The choir will be carol singing in the Cliffs Pavilion Foyer on Tuesday 10th December at 12.00

A selected group of choir members will sing at the Maranatha Care home on Monday 16th December

French

This week year one are enjoying learning some greetings through a song; Year 3 are also learning through a song about classroom objects, and Year 6 are learning about the 2018 World Cup final in French (a big year for France).

