



# Porthleven School & Pre-School



## Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome to the New School Year!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are as excited as we are to start this new school year at Porthleven School. Whether your child is returning to a familiar class or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to welcome everyone back and look forward to another year of learning, growth, and success.

### Our Priorities for the Year

This year, we will continue to focus on ensuring that every child receives a high-quality education in a nurturing and supportive environment. Our dedicated staff have been preparing for the term ahead, and we are ready to offer an engaging curriculum that meets the needs of all our students.

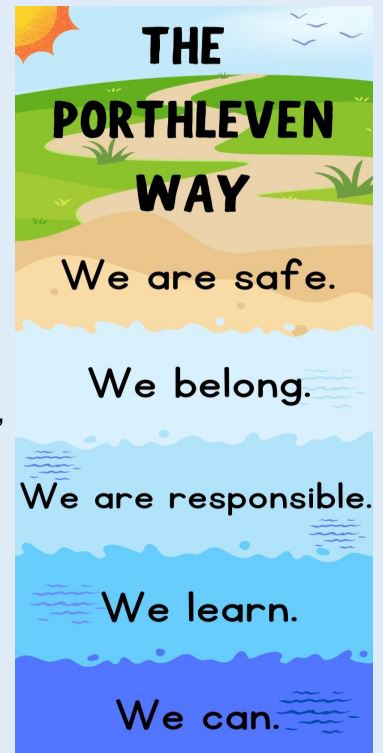
This year we will further embed our school culture 'The Porthleven Way', which underpins everything we do. Our guiding principles are that everyone at school should 'Feel Safe', 'Belong', and be missed when they are not here. A key focus this year will be to help children take on greater responsibilities and develop that understanding that 'We are responsible' for what we do. Roles such as reading ambassadors, eco warriors, and community leaders will give students opportunities to contribute to the life of the school. These roles not only foster responsibility but also help to build confidence and leadership skills. 'We Learn' is next affirmation on 'The Porthleven Way' and it is our ambition that it encapsulates everyone, not only the children but the adults too. We continue to strive to be even better and together as a school community show that 'We Can' achieve when we support each other.

### Important Information for the Term

To help you prepare for the upcoming weeks, here are a few key reminders and dates:

**School Uniform:** Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform each day. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on our website. The new school hoodies have been handed out and we ask that children wear them on their PE days and any other day when they are attending PE clubs.

**School Timings:** The school day starts promptly at 8:40 and finishes at 3:15. Please ensure your child arrives on time to start the day smoothly.



PE Days: On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kit. PE days for your child's class:

YR Rainbowfish - Monday

Y1 Seahorses - Tuesday

Y2 Jellyfish - Thursday

Y3 Narwhals - Monday

Y4 Swordfish - Wednesday

Y5 Manta rays - Thursday

Y6 Dolphins - Friday

Parent -Teacher Meetings: We will hold our first parent-teacher meetings on the week beginning 4th November to discuss your child's progress and how we can work together to support their learning journey.

### **Communication and Support**

We are committed to maintaining open communication with all parents and carers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact your child's teacher via their class email or through the school office. Our website and newsletters will also keep you informed about school events, trips, and activities.

### **Looking Ahead**

We have a fantastic year ahead filled with exciting opportunities for your child to learn, explore, and grow. Together, we can make this year a successful and enjoyable one for all our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all at the school gate.

With warm regards,

Dan Clayden

Headteacher

# Important Messages

## Wanted

Nursery and Reception are on the look out for donations of wooden role play toys e.g. wooden food, ironing boards, kitchen items to add to there role play corner. If you have any items you would like to donate please see mrs Penrose or Mrs Blight in the office.

## Phonics Meeting - Reception Class

On Thursday 12th September in the reception classroom there will be a meeting about early reading at 2.45pm.

## Snack

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack for morning break, such as fruit, vegetables or plain crackers and cheese. If this is supplied in a pot, please could the pot be clearly labelled. We also have fruit and vegetables provided by the governments 'Fruit and Vegetable Scheme' available each day for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 apart from the first few days back after holidays.

## Tapestry

All Tapestry accounts have been made inactive now and your child's learning journals are now available to download for this year.

New reception and Nursery child - over the next week you will receive a link to set up your account please look out for this email.

## Milk

*Cool Milk*

Milk is available for free for children under 5, Once your child turns 5 they can continue to receive milk if you receive Pupil Premium or you can sign up via Cool Milk for around £18 per term. If you would like your child to continue receiving milk in school and they are 5 or over please let Mrs Blight know in the school office to help you register.

## School Lunches

Please can all outstanding lunch debts be cleared by September.

A reminder that lunches should be paid weekly or daily, ParentPay allow accounts to be pre charged with payments and also allows parents to set up regular set payments to keep accounts in credit.

## Bags2School

On Thursday 19th September at 9am we will have a collection from bags2school. They are collecting:

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

Please see the full list of collections here - <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

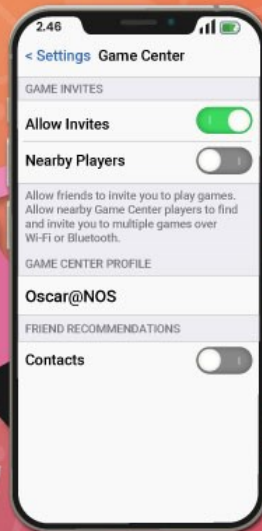
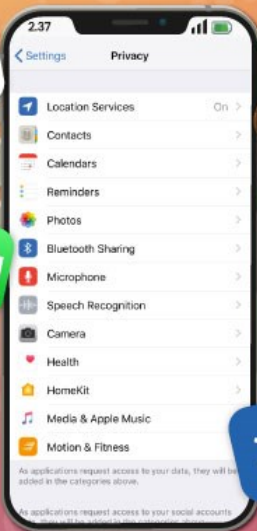


# Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 12th September	Phonics meeting for reception in the reception classroom 2.45pm
Thursday 19th September	Bags2School collection
Monday 23rd September	Year 1 Hearing Screening
Wednesday 25th September	School Immunisation 2024/2025
Monday 14th October	INSET DAY
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY
Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Thursday 8th May	INSET DAY
Friday 6th June	INSET DAY
Monday 7th July	INSET DAY

# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



## How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

## How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

## How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

