

# PORTER CROFT

## Church of England Primary Academy

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September 2016 Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

### 9<sup>th</sup> September

Good to be me day  
Wear traditional  
dress to celebrate in  
our assembly

### 12<sup>th</sup> September

FS2 pupils begin  
school today  
BFG movie 1.30pm

### 13<sup>th</sup> September

Road Dahl Day

### 14<sup>th</sup> September

Y6 parents coffee  
morning for  
secondary schools

### Group of Year Six

pupil's to visit  
Bramall Lane SUFC

### 15<sup>th</sup> September

Year Four start  
swimming today

### 21<sup>st</sup> September

Ten Year Two pupil's  
to participate in a  
Sports Competition

### 27<sup>th</sup> September

African Garden day in  
school

### 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September

Year Six residential to  
Thornbridge

### 30<sup>th</sup> September

McMillan coffee  
morning

## Welcome to Porter Croft!

I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday and I hope you all had a good rest. It is an exciting time of year with the start of many new staff and pupils joining us alongside Foundation 2 pupils next week. I would like to wish everyone well for the new school year ahead!

We have always had an 'open door' policy at Porter Croft and this is something we will continue to promote, so please feel free to come and speak with us if you need to.

## Attendance Rates

A quick reminder, that the Government changed the law regarding attendance and so our policies have been updated to be in line with this.

This means children whose attendance falls below 95% will be classed as persistent absentees. Medical appointments count as absences so please remember to book these outside of the school day.

## Twitter

The Academy has a Twitter account which you can follow to keep up to date with our news and events, follow us @portercroft. Also all classes have active Twitter accounts, you can access these through the same @portercroft account at [www.twitter.com/portercroft](http://www.twitter.com/portercroft).

## Uniform

Thank you in advance to all of our parents and carers who have made sure that their child has come to school in the correct uniform and have named their children's clothes ready for the start of term. If you have not done so already please label over the weekend. Sadly, last term we ended up with a very full lost property box and it is impossible to return unnamed clothing.

Uniforms can still be ordered from the office. Please see Denise Hale or Caroline Hartley for more information and they will be happy to help you.

## PE Kits

Please make sure your child has a PE kit that is kept in school. The PE kit at our Academy is:

- A white T-Shirt
- Black or dark blue shorts (or jogging bottoms if appropriate)
- A change of footwear e.g. pumps



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## Behaviour Policy

We have been very pleased to observe good behaviour at Porter Croft last year, and this is something we want to maintain.

We are sending you a copy of the Parent/Academy agreement to remind you of expectations. Please ensure you fill in, sign and return the reply slip to let us know you support the school in our efforts to provide a safe and secure learning environment for your children.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

## Secondary School Applications

For parents of Year 6 children, it is the time of year when you need to apply for a Secondary School place. If you need any help with the application process, please speak with either myself or Ellie Long (Learning Mentor) who will be happy to offer support.

We will be holding a coffee morning for Year Six parents who wish to come in and seek advice about how to complete their application form on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9am.**

The online application process closes on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016** and paper applications must be received by the Local Authority by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.**

## Good to be me day

This week is 'Our School Week' which we will celebrate on Friday during our good work assembly. As part of the celebrations we are asking children to come in their cultural dress on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Y6 Thornbridge residential

Please pay the final balance by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Parents on board

We are really keen to get our parents involved with their children's education so keep a look out for exciting opportunities that will come up for you to be involved in throughout the year. We would like as many parents to be on our poster 'Parents on board' in the entrance hall.

## Roald Dahl Day

In order to celebrate Roald Dahl day and the 100 years since his birth we would like to invite **KS2** parents to a movie afternoon. We will be showing the 1989 BFG movie on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** starting at 1.30pm in the hall. Please join us and your child on this fun afternoon, popcorn will be available for 20p.

We are also making BFG dream jars on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** and pupils can come in fancy dress too on that day to celebrate. We need clean empty jars sending in for every child. Thank you.

## Eid-Ul-Adha (Big Eid)

We understand that Big Eid will be celebrated on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of September** this year so we would like to wish our parents Eid Mubarak for Monday.

## African Garden

We are very excited about a group of pupils being involved in setting up an African garden in school. We need materials for the garden so we are asking for donations of the following;

- 150 house bricks
  - sturdy sticks 1.5m long (hazel/willow/birch)
  - garden string
  - top soil
  - compost
- Please see Mr Carpenter or the office if you can help.

Thank you  
Cath Thomas, Headteacher



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