

GOVERNANCE

Our governing body is doing a great job of supporting the school but also challenging our thinking as we strategically move the school forward. This year we have appointed a new Chair Neil Healy, whose children attend Glenbrook. Our parent governors continue to be Narges, Paul and Rachel, but we are looking for other members of the community (who aren't parents) who might be interested in joining us on our journey to further improve the schools of Bilborough. If you know of anyone please let me or the office know.



Here is a link to the Spencer Academies Trust Governance page:

<http://satrust.com/governance-and-scheme-of-delegation/>

EVERYONE'S A LEARNER

I hope you all had a lovely long weekend.

On Friday, we were all busy extending our own learning. Every teacher leads a subject in school and is responsible for ensuring it is taught well across the school. They have been busy analysing planning and checking it meets the needs of the children—this helps our curriculum be connected, purposeful and fun! Over the coming weeks they will all identify areas within their subjects they want to improve across the school. TAs were also busy learning. They revisited the science behind how to make knowledge stick to ensure how we teach is the most efficient method to ensure children know more and remember more. They also explored different ways of evidencing learning, especially for those children who find writing it down tricky. As well as this, many staff went into their stretch zone developing their IT skills around using PowerPoint.

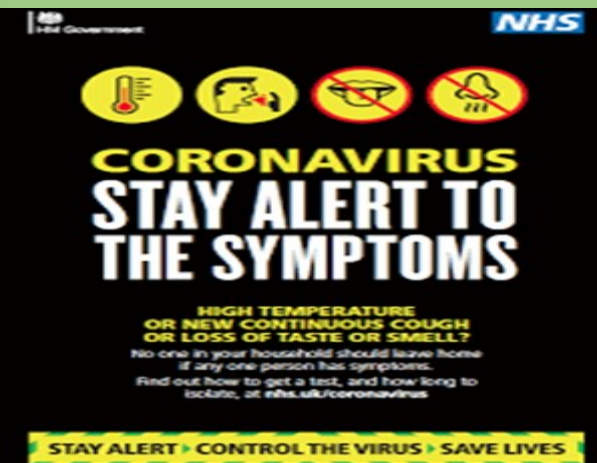
So Every day really is a school day at Portland.



REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you for your input recently when we were considering how best to provide children with remote learning. The amount of responses we received gave us real insight as to how you have found the process. We really valued your feedback and have made changes to give you and your child the best chance for them to make as much progress as they can at home, if they are isolating.

You will receive learning from the first full day of absence and this will link to the learning the children are completing in class to match the curriculum. There will be links to online videos as well as tasks to complete. It is really important that this is completed as we are finding that otherwise the child can feel far behind on their return.





Newsletter – Monday 5th October 2020

This week's Headteacher's award winner is

Aliya

Well done Aliya, you have been completing your work at home and really have gone above and beyond. You have found a creative way to complete each task you have been set. You have presented your work using hand drawn pictures, coloured them beautifully and written out all of your sentences. Your work has been completed with meticulous detail – we are really impressed.

Class	Name	Class	Name
Rainbows	Samira	Vermilions	Charlie
Buttercup Buttercups	Alissica Daniel	Bluebells	Tala
Roses	Evie	Junipers	Jannah
Arctics	Jake	Amethysts	Emmanuel
Forests	Ryandeep	Sapphires	Shanaz
Lavenders	Lexi	Sunflowers	Daiba
Peacocks	Reagan	Daffodils	Sofia

Rainbows	94.4 %	Bluebells	92.6 %
Buttercups	97.7 %	Junipers	96.2 %
Buttercup	98.9 %	Amethysts	94.5 %
Roses	97.8 %	Sapphires	96.5 %
Arctics	100 %	Sunflowers	97.0 %
Peacocks	99.1 %	Daffodils	98.6 %
Vermilions	97.2 %		

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Well done for achieving the highest attendance this week. Remember - children attending all week and on time will be entered into the prize draw at the end of every half term.

KS1	Arctics	Milkshake and cookie
KS2	Peacocks	Milkshake and cookie

A reminder that holidays will not be authorised and may incur a fine. It is also crucial for all children to arrive at school between 8:40 am and 9:00 am this is when learning time begins.



MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Friday 16th October - End of Half Term
Monday 2nd November - Return to School
Monday 30th November - Inset Day
Friday 18th December - End of Half Term
Monday 4th January - Return to School

School Dinners

This Week is MENU WEEK 3
Nursery: £1.80 a day / £9.00 a week
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: Free
Year 3 – 6: £2.00 a day / £10.00 a week

REMINDER – The school drive is not open for drop off or collection unless you are registered disabled.