

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you **well** and you have had a lovely summer holiday. I can't quite believe that 6 weeks has past and tomorrow hails the return to school; we are all very excited to see all of our amazing children back.

In this newsletter, there is information about the arrangements for tomorrow morning and an update on the exciting things that have happened over the past month and a bit.

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

### First Day

In the morning, the gates will open at 08:30 and the children will be able to enter the building between 08:35 – 08:45. The gates will then close at 08:55 and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late and will need to come through the main school office.

Year Group	Entrance Route
Year 1	Enter via the door next to the KS1 boys' toilets.
Year 2	Enter via the KS1 main entrance (next to the KS1 hall)
Year 3	Enter via the stairs at the bottom of the KS2 playground
Year 4	Enter via the KS2 main entrance (next to the KS2 hall)
Year 5	Enter via the end door next to the conservatory on the back KS2 playground
Year 6	Enter via the KS2 main entrance (next to the KS2 hall)

In the afternoon the gates will open at 15:10 and children can be collected between 15:15 and 15:25.

Year Group	Exit Route
Year 1	Goldsworthy will exit the same way that they came in. Hockney and Riley will exit via the Year 1 door
Year 2	Exit via the KS1 main entrance (next to the KS1 hall)
Year 3	Exit via the stairs at the bottom of the KS2 playground
Year 4	Exit via the KS2 main entrance (next to the KS2 hall)
Year 5	Exit via the Year 5 classroom doors onto the back KS2 playground
Year 6	Exit via the Year 6 classroom doors apart from Shakespeare who will exit via the KS2 main entrance

***Please note that unfortunately due to mechanical parts not arriving over the summer break due to transport issues, I am unable to open the gate on Highgate Road safely. This is because both the release mechanism and automatic holder are not working. It means that in the short term, the entrance and exit will be via the main gates on Copnor Road only. As soon as the parts have arrived and the gate is working safely, I will reopen both entrances as I would not want to risk any child being hurt by the heavy gates swinging into them.***

Breakfast club will operate from 07:30 until 08:45 and afterschool club will run from 15:15 until 18:00.

The School Office will return to the main building and there will no longer be an office situated in the Conservatory on the playground at the start and end of the day.

## Hot School Meal Price

The cost of a daily Hot School Meal now costs £2.25 per day. Arrangements for ordering hot meals remains the same and can be ordered via your child's Scopay account.

## School Uniform & P.E Kits

All children should be dressed in the Copnor Primary School uniform. P.E Kits will be needed from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please can you ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

## COVID Restrictions and Face coverings

All COVID restrictions have now been lifted across England and this is the same in schools, however, Portsmouth has seen an increase in cases over the past week and therefore the guidance around social distancing and hygiene is still deemed to be very important in managing the spread of COVID cases. Therefore, when on site please be mindful of others and should you wish to wear a face covering for your own safety, you will be very welcome.

## Exciting Changes

Over the summer the school has been full of contractors, machinery and new equipment.

## EYFS Redevelopment

This area is well underway and is due to be completed in the next couple of weeks ready for the start of the new EYFS intake. Unfortunately, due to COVID the final bits of this area are slightly delayed so please take care when coming onto site. The area has been fenced off, but please ensure you and your children remain outside of this area for your own safety.

## Playground Climber

The middle playground has been updated with a brand-new climber construction installed. As you can see from the pictures below, this will be an amazing addition to the playground and I know the children will really enjoy playing on it – that is, if they get a chance as the teachers are also very keen!





## Musical Stage

In front of the conservatory as musical performance area has been installed with outdoor musical equipment for the children to create the next Mozart on.



## Redesign of the Key Stage 2 building

Over the summer holidays Mrs Caruana and myself have completely redesigned the shared areas of both floors to create more space, designated year group libraries and work spaces for the children. Our next plan is to redesign the 'Arts and Crafts' room into a proper designated room where children can go and experience the joys of Art with specialist resources and equipment.

## Advance notice

### Roof works

Unfortunately, at the end of July and during August, Portsmouth was hit with a few torrential thunder storms and heavy rainfall. Due to the amount of water that fell during those storms, parts of the school were flooded because of leaks that happened in the roofs of both buildings. We have had some emergency works completed to both buildings, but this will require some major works in the long term. As a result, we are having to have one of classrooms completely gutted and new flooring laid.

### Meet the Teacher

A reminder that during the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, straight after school until 4:30pm there is the Meet the Teacher meetings. There is no set agenda to these meetings they are purely chance for you to pop into school and meet your child's class teacher, say hello and see where your child is spending their time in school.

Year Group	Date of Meeting
Year 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 2	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 3	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 4	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 5	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 6	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September

### INSET Days 2021 - 2022

A reminder that the first of the 5 Inset days for this academic is a couple of weeks. The dates of all 5 school closure days are as follows:

Inset Day 1 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Inset Day 2 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Inset Day 3 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Inset Day 4 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Inset Day 5 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

I hope that you have a restful last day off, take care and keep yourselves safe and I very much look forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning.

Matt Johnson  
Headteacher