



Portesbery School Newsletter

July 2013

a happy school where every one matters

Message from Matthew

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to congratulate all the pupils and staff for another successful year at Portesbery (including a visit from Ofsted!).

The plans for the new school continue to progress well, and these should be available for you to view during the BBQ and Presentation evening. We are still awaiting planning permission and this should be approved over the Summer holidays with the work on site commencing in October.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday, and sharing the pupils' achievements with you all. Matthew

Specialism Quality Mark

We are proud to announce that following an assessment visit from the Specialist Schools & Academies Trust, we have been awarded a **Specialism Quality Mark** for the work we are doing with our pupils in '*Enabling and Enhancing Communication and Independence*'. We were awarded the status of '*Leading and Transforming*'; the highest accolade.

Well done to everyone involved in this process, especially the pupils as the assessor observed some exemplary practice during his visit.



INSET Days

Please see the school website for the term dates. The planned INSET days are:

Tuesday 3rd September
Friday 25th October
Monday 4th November
Monday 3rd March
Monday 2nd June

Out of term time contact

If you need to make contact with the school during the school holidays we have set up an email account that will be checked regularly.

Please email contact@portesbery.surrey.sch.uk and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will make contact with you. For regular school business, please continue to use info@portesbery.surrey.sch.uk

Pupils moving on

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to:

Rianna who is going to Parity Day Centre

Lyndon who will be attending Guildford College and a local Post 19 provision

Daniel who will be enrolling at Colleg Elidyr in Wales

Nina who will be going to a College at Young Epilepsy in Lingfield

We wish them all the best and look forward to regular updates from their families.

Staffing News

Lauren Cobbett and her husband welcomed the safe arrival of Baby Oliver on Thursday 4th July. Charlotte will commence her maternity leave over the Summer holidays, with her baby due in September. Matthew is also expecting a new addition in the Summer holidays!

Recently, we said goodbye to Nicola Fowler and at the end of term we will be saying goodbye to the following members of staff: Rachael Purvis, Bethany Brookes, Tracey Cousins, Jen Dawson, Lorraine Shinn and Lucy Atkinson (ASC). We wish them all the best for their future.

In September we will be welcoming back Margaret Conlon (S2) and Adele Devine (Red) to the teaching staff. We will also be welcoming the following SNSAs: Emma Newman (Yellow), Sophie Craven (Red), Jade Beckett (Blue), Ella McClelland (Green) and Louise Bradfield (S2).