



# Portesbery School Newsletter

## July 2014

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### Message from Matthew

There are just over 2 weeks to go until the end of term...  
Where has the term gone?

The end of a school year is always a great time of reflection, celebration and sadness. Our teaching staff have reflected on pupil progress when completing school assessments writing curriculum reports. There are many opportunities for the school community to come together to celebrate, and sadness when saying goodbye to the pupils and staff who are leaving.

The end of a school year is also full of excitement in terms of what the next academic year will offer!

It feels strange that this time next year we will be coming to the end of our time on this site. We are all so excited about moving into our new, state of the art premises. I hope that you are all enjoying the regular updates through the additional news letters and Facebook.

I am looking forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks.  
Matthew

### Dates for the term

Mon 7th July (10.15am) — **Primary Sports Day**

Wed 9th July (2pm) — **Secondary Production of War Horse**

Mon 14th July (10.15am) — **Secondary Sports Day**

Wed 16th July (5pm-7pm) - **Presentation Evening**

Wed 23rd July (2.15pm) — **Last day of term**

Tue 2nd Sept — **INSET Day**

Wed 3rd Sept — **Autumn term begins**



### Fundraising

Some of the staff from Osborne involved in our re-build project have completed a charity bike ride of over 80 miles on behalf of our school. They raised an impressive £7,500 and had sore legs to prove it!

We have also been in receipt of a donation of £15,000 from RMA Sandhurst. Their ongoing commitment to our school is always appreciated.

We are intending to use these and any future donations on making the new site even better. We have been working with staff to create a wish list of items that would benefit the pupils. Debbie is using this information to pull all the information together for this money and any future donations.

### From your Chair of Governors

I am very pleased to write that after a lot of meetings and lobbying by a number of governors we have secured a better financial position for both this financial year and the next one for the school. This was particularly important as Matthew and his team plan the move to the new building.

Last week Matthew, Keith and I travelled to Winchester for a design workshop. We worked with the architects to begin looking at the materials, fabrics and colours that will bring the new building to life. The new building is beginning to have shape with the steel frame now in place. I am very impressed with the way that the contractors, Osborne, have taken our student project group under their wing when the students visit the site.

I look forward to meeting many of you towards the end of term at the Presentation and BBQ Evening.  
Susan Carpenter

### Portesbery Partnerships

We were disappointed to have to cancel the Family Fun Day a few weeks ago. We are going to be putting something on in the Autumn terms in it's place so watch this space...

From September 2014 we are going to introduce some new events to our Portesbery Partnership Programme. We are going re-launch our Parents Forum meetings on topics including communication, independence and behaviour. These meetings will be followed by an informal coffee and cake session. Also each term we are going to invite MAGs (Mums, Aunts and Grandmas) and DUGs (Dads, Uncles and Grandpas) to join classes for various class-based activities.

Sam Leach



### Leavers

AT the end of term we will be saying goodbye to the following pupils:

Eleanor (SEd)

Hafsa (SEd)

Juliet (FE)

Andrew (FE)

Lara (FE)

Cherelle (FE)

We wish them all the best for themselves and their families and will be asking them to keep in touch through the school's facebook page.

### Staffing News

This term we have celebrated Weddings and Births!

During the Easter holidays Sam Coomber (now Leach) and Amy Willshaw (now Harwood) got married to their partners.

Last month also saw the arrival of baby Thea (a daughter for Kirsty M) and Teddy (a second son for Rachel).

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mark Herbert (SNSA in FE) who is going to be working at the Post 19 Project in Farnham.

In September we will be welcoming Lara (a new teacher for green class) and the following new SNSAs: Alison Evans (FE), Josh Deamer (S3), Lianne Duffy (S2), Fran Skerratt (S1) and Pippa Hastings (Green).

### School Council

The School Council attended the SPAN School Council Conference at the Manor House Hotel, Guildford, on Tuesday 2nd July. We met up with lots of new friends from different schools. Everyone gave a presentation about the achievements that they're proud of.

Our presentation was all about our fundraising for charity - we've raised over £500 this year! We had a tasty lunch, and then all took part in a treasure hunt in the afternoon. We worked with friends from Woodlands and Clifton Hill schools. We were then presented with a certificate. We also received a special challenge; we have to organise a sporting event with another school, and report back at next years conference.

Busy times ahead!

Cathryn

### After School Club

It's been another busy and exciting term at ASC, since Easter we've been on lots of outings and made exciting things to take home like homemade soaps, fizzing lava lamps and paintings from the movie 'Up' to name just a few.

Now that the summer holiday spaces are all confirmed please keep a look out for the Autumn Term ASC programmes and booking forms coming home next week.

In addition to a newly revamped ASC section on the school website where you can find out more about ASC and download and print programmes and booking forms we have also launched a new parent noticeboard for ASC and Summer Club. Those of you who've picked up from ASC recently I'm sure will have noticed it on the large side window of Neil's office, but please make sure to have a good look for important messages and highlights of recent events, as well as upcoming programmes.

Rob

