

# Newsletter – March 2017

## A happy school where every one matters

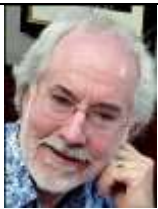


**Message from Matthew**

It is with much sadness that I write this last update for you all. I have had the most wonderful (and, at times, challenging) time leading this school through a period of fantastic change. Your support throughout has been invaluable, positive and encouraging, and I am very grateful to you all for that. It has been an absolute pleasure supporting the development and growth of your children, and seeing them gain in skills, ability and confidence.

I am sure that the school will continue to go from strength to strength under Nathan's experienced leadership and the school's excellent governing body.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to following the school's developments in the future!



**Message from your Chair of Governors**

This has been an unusually busy term, packed with challenges for staff, governors and parents. As ever, we've managed them well, our pupils are flourishing and we can be proud of all they and we have achieved.

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Matthew as he leaves us for his new school. Many of us have known him since he joined the school and all of us have enjoyed working with him. So much of Portesbery's character and success is down to Matthew's own quiet style, concern and professionalism. Thank you Matthew, and good luck for the future. Many of you will have met Nathan Aspinall who will be joining us as Headteacher at the start of next term. We are all very confident that he is just the right the right person for the job, and that everything we value and love about Portesbery will be in safe hands. Have a great Easter break!



**Staffing news**

We say goodbye to Cathryn at the end of this term as she is beginning her maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the safe delivery of her new arrival.


We also say goodbye to Kirsten, class teacher in Beetle class, as well as Jackie Williams, TA in Beech.

We have welcomed Kim back from her maternity leave, and she is taking up the position of class teacher in Beetle. We will also be welcoming Charlotte Bune, CT in Butterfly class and Frances McNaughton, CT in Post 16, in the new term.

**After School & Summer Club**

You will all by now have received your booking confirmations for summer term's ASC and we are looking forward to getting stuck into swimming, lots of sports activities outside, cooking yummy tea party snacks and drinks in cooking club, as well as lots of fun and exciting things at sensory & relaxation and kids' choice club.

After the Easter holidays please keep an eye out for the programmes and booking forms for Summer Club 2017 running from July 24th to August 11th in your children's books. Activities will include a trip to Boscombe Beach as part of our sleepover event, a visit to Miller's Ark Farm and much, much more. I am still in the planning stages so not all the activities are locked in yet, so if you have anything new you would like to see on the programme for this year then please drop me an email with your thoughts ([rob.broughton@portesbery.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rob.broughton@portesbery.surrey.sch.uk)). Otherwise, be sure to get your booking form in by the deadline of Thursday 25th May.

 <b>School Council</b>	<p>We are pleased to announce our new school council representing our four house teams: Zak, Natalie, Suki, Bradley, Lillie-Anne, Obaid, Rose &amp; Callum M</p> <p>A bouncy castle has been a recurring theme to discussions of the previous school council and they were all happy to get a bounce on Comic Relief day. What a great idea and there are some fab pictures on facebook!</p>
<b>Speech and Language Therapy Service</b>	<p>From April, we are delighted to be receiving an increase in Speech and Language Therapy, delivered directly by Surrey County Council. Kirsty will continue as our SLT, increasing to three days each week, and she will be joined by Emily Ross for a further two days. Sally will continue in her role as SLTA and increase her time at the school to 3 days. Watch out for their welcome letter.</p>
<b>Spring Clean!</b>	<p>Please can you take the opportunity over the Easter holidays to give your children's equipment a spring clean, getting into all the nooks and crannies that can harbour germs.</p>

### Dates for your diary

<b>March</b>	
Spring term ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (2.15pm)
<b>April</b>	
Summer term begins	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May</b>	
Whole School Enrichment – May Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
INSET – School closed	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term	WC Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>June</b>	
Primary Sports Day	21 <sup>st</sup> June (am)
Secondary Sports Day	28 <sup>th</sup> June (am)
<b>July</b>	
Secondary Production	11 <sup>th</sup> July @ 1.45pm
Secondary Curriculum Day	11 <sup>th</sup> July
BBQ & Presentation Evening	12 <sup>th</sup> July (from 5pm)
Primary Curriculum Day	14 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer term ends	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (2.15pm)