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### Highlight of the week

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now ready to settle back into the new academic year. The children have come back to school today with a renewed energy and readiness for learning, and it has been so lovely to see them all again and to catch up with their summer news.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children, who have begun school with us. I know that all the older children will remember how they felt when they started school and do their utmost to make our newcomers feel welcome and safe.

As always, we are more than happy to help you, should you have any further queries at this stage in the term. Please do use the usual channels of communication to contact us, should you need to.

Kind Regards,  
Jacqui Waine



### Forthcoming Events

**Year 2 Visit – South Bank**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Art Party-**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
September.

**Year 6 Swimming Starts**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September

**Year 5 Swimming Starts**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November



### Staff Changes

Due to circumstances outside of our control, we have had to make some staff changes. We entirely understand that staff changes can create a degree of anxiety for our families. However, I will like to reassure you that we have made these changes with permanent members of Portway Staff to ensure consistency for our pupils. As of now, these changes will be in place:

Year R- Waterloo- Iona Rolfe – Teaching and Learning Director- EYFS

Year 1- Oxford Circus- Jenna Clifford/Mouna Barakeh

Year 5- Whitechapel- Mouna Barakeh/Shahinabanu Bhutawala

Should you wish to discuss these changes further, please do not hesitate to come and see a member of the leadership team.

### Attendance

At Portway we expect children, to be in school every day and on time. Regular school attendance enables children to make progress with their learning and meet age related learning expectations. Please try to arrange appointments out of school hours.

Where an appointment time is unavoidable, please inform the school in advance of the appointment. We appreciate there are occasions when children are too poorly to come to school,

If your child is absent due to illness, please contact the school on the first day of absence by 9.00am (Tel: 020 8472 7142) and put in writing the reason for the absence along with the medical evidence on his/her return.

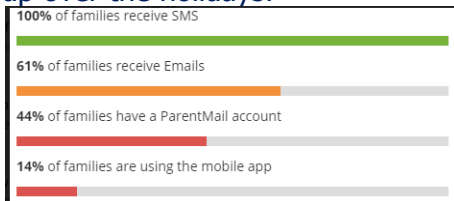




# ParentMail

Parent Mail – Portway is going Paperless!

All families should have received a registration link for our new communication software Parentmail. We are pleased to see that so many of you have signed up over the holidays!



The newsletter and all other communications will be sent via email using Parentmail after today, so it is vital that everyone registers online as soon as possible, so that you can keep up to date!

If you have not received a registration email, not yet provided your email or just need some support please speak to the school office who will be happy to help you.

We want to continue to make the school experience as enjoyable and productive as possible for all our children. Curriculum maps for each year group are available on the website.

<http://portway.leadinglearningtrust.org/>

## Reading



On behalf of the teachers can I ask you to help your children get into good habits of reading daily, completing homework set and bringing it back on time. Your support at home really does make a difference! Laura Brothwell – Assistant Head Teacher

## Portway Online

Portway now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Become our friend, follow us and keep up to date with what is going on!



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