



## PSA AGM

8<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### Portway Infant School Headteacher's Report

On behalf of all the staff and governor's, but mostly on behalf of the children, at Portway Infant School, I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to the PSA.

Spending cuts are a well publicised national issue. The money the PSA raise for school continues to be a critical funding source as we tighten our belts year on year. The money raised by the PSA enables us to continue our delivery of an 'above and beyond' school experience for our children.

Last year the PSA have continued their support in reducing the cost of school trips. By subsidising the cost of trips at £3 per child we are not only reducing the financial burden for our parents but we can continue to offer high quality educational visits at an affordable price.

As a school we have deliberately saved our money to put towards our grounds development. Now that our long awaited building project nears completion we are finally in a position to undertake landscaping work to develop the grounds around the school as a learning resource.

These will include developing the Early Years outdoor learning curriculum, developing the Year 1 & 2 outdoor areas and developing the Forest Schools provision in the wider grounds.

In addition to the obvious fundraising benefits we would also like to thank the PSA for the social aspects of the events they organise. The children look forward to the Christmas and Summer Fayres with great excitement and thoroughly enjoy these events at school. Many parents feedback on how well run these events are and how much they enjoy them.

We would again like to give a special mention to Sarah and Matthew and the significant amount of time they sacrifice as a family to the organising and running of events. It is no small task co-ordinating both parents and staff and liaising between 2 headteachers!! We would like to thank them for their patience, understanding and unwavering commitment to our school.

**Thank you to all the members of the PSA but a special thank you to the committee who work so hard and give up so much of their own time in making the PSA the great success that it continues to be.**