



**Key Events**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – First Day of Summer Term 1

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Bank Holiday

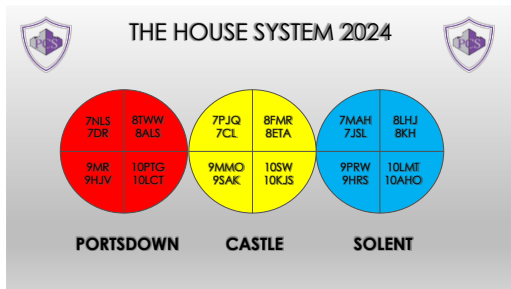
**May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Last Day of Summer Term 1

**Message From Mrs Kingston**

The Spring term has been another positive for Year 7.

The pupils have covered Internet Safety in their SMSC session. Please can I remind you that the only way for pupils and staff to communicate is via Office 365 & Teams.

Our Careers week was very successful with the whole school involved in activities aimed at helping them find out about careers linked to different subjects during their lesson that week. The new House system is proving a success with all pupils keen to gain house merits for their Houses. Currently, Portsdown is out in front, closely followed by Castle and Solent. The houses are made up as below:



Thank you for your ongoing support this term.  
Mrs Davis and I wish you a peaceful Easter.

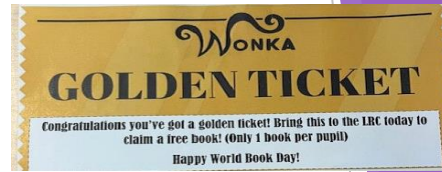
**Sports News**

The Boys and Girls' Basketball Team have both qualified for the District Bronze Medal Match. Well done to all involved and good luck with the final! Congratulations to George Searle (28th) and Jayden Delaney (30th) in the Year 7 boys' race. A great performance to finish in the top 30 in the County! Follow us on:

@PortchesterPE or  
@PCSInformation for further updates.

**Word Book Day 2024**

Thank you to all staff who put in such great effort for WBD. There were lots of activities, book swaps, quizzes & competitions.



**Attendance Spring 2**

Well done again to 7NLS on achieving 95% attendance this term, they are closely followed by 7CL. The challenge is for the rest of the year group to match, or exceed them. Congratulations to the pupils that achieved 100% attendance last half term. This shows a real commitment to their learning and future success. It was lovely to share this news in our Celebration Assembly.

**Merits**

Well done to Year 7 who collectively accrued 40862 merits in total (still the top year group!) A huge congratulations to all. Pupils are wearing their coloured badges with pride. We have our first few pupils on blue badges for achieving 500 merits. All have enjoyed their hot chocolate treat.



Please see the Enrichment Calendar on the school website for further opportunities this half term. Also, please remember there is a free breakfast club available every day from 7.30 am.

**Communication**

Communication between staff and pupils will always be via Office365 (either email or a Teams message). Links to pupil's email and Teams accounts can be found in the pupil zone on the school website.