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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON Thank you for your wonderful response to the Cauliflower Cards project organized by the BSA. The cards have been sent today, meaning that we should receive the ordered packs by early November. Also, thank you for returning your photographic orders. If you would like to order photos, these should be returned by **WEDNESDAY** morning next week. My week started well on Saturday as I had accepted an invitation to the Star Awards for children. This was a truly wonderful event and I was delighted to see several of our pupils receive very special awards. I was further delighted by seeing some of my esteemed Local Authority colleagues dressed as cowboys and joining in with the barn dancing...but that's another story! This week we have been celebrating book week, which has focused on stories from around the world this year. We hope that parents found this dressing-up theme suitably broad in being able to create a costume and the winners from each class (as well as the adult categories!) should have brought home an apt reward today. Technology has also been a constant theme in school this week. Rob Ellis came into school on Thursday to talk to the children about internet safety and delivered a highly interesting presentation to parents the same evening, which those who attended found highly useful. Miss Brough and Clare (Year 3 LSA) also began work on our new and extremely exciting 'virtual learning platform' on Tuesday. We will be constructing this throughout the year and will keep you updated on our progress. Wishing you all a super weekend (someone told me that there's a heat wave on the way!) and I look forward to seeing many of you in church on Sunday. Miss Johnston ©

Diary Dates

9th – Brighstone Horticultural Show 12-4 @ Wilberforce Hall
10th – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church @ 10:45
11th – Year 1 visit to Brighstone Museum
12th – Collective Worship in St Mary's Church @ 9am
12th – Year 2 visit to Alum Bay
12th – Full Governors
19th – Year 5 visiting Carisbrooke Primary School – pupil voice project
20th – BSA Meeting. 7pm Warhol Class. All welcome!
21st – Last day
22nd **October** – 1st **November** – School Closed. FAB OPEN!

Security Issues

I'd like to start with a THANK YOU. Use of the grounds after school has improved and we are particularly grateful to parents and children for dismounting from their bikes as they reach the school entrance. This ensures that nobody is hurt by a keen cyclist as they walk into school. It is with sadness that we have temporarily closed the woodland area. This is unfortunately due to some vandalism experienced last weekend. Myself and Brian are working to rectify the issues and hoping to re-launch the area with new play bark and further wooden seating before half-term. I'm aware that some parents are a little unhappy about the alarms that we have installed to all our fire doors. This was both an Ofsted and Health and Safety requirement, immediately alerting people to any doors that have been opened internally or externally. If parents have any questions or queries about school security, please do come and speak to myself or Mrs Pugh. All work is carried out with your child's safety in mind.

Christmas Card Competition 2010 – The Three Shepherds

MP Andrew Turner's annual competition is open to all children up to the age of 13 who live on the island. The winner will receive a book token and 50 cards of their own design to send to family and friends. The winner's school will receive 200 cards. All entries must be received at Andrew's office at: 24 The Mall, Carisbrooke Road, Newport by 9am on Thursday 11th November. All entries must be able to be reproduced using a standard four colour process (no cotton wool or glitter) and be no larger than A4. This year's theme is 'The Three Shepherds'. Entries must not be folded and the artist's name, age and school should be clearly marked on the reverse of each entry. Artwork will be returned to schools after the competition. Good luck!

MARY'S MARVELLOUS, MOUTH-WATERING, MOMENTOUS MEALS

MONDAY: Sausages and onions, OR veggie sausages, mashed potato, sweetcorn and broccoli, followed by peaches and ice-cream.

TUESDAY, Roast pork and apple sauce, OR veggie burgers, roast potatoes, cabbage and carrots, followed by shortbread.

WEDNESDAY: Homemade beef burgers in a wholemeal bap, OR veggie burger, rice, sweetcorn, and peas followed by frozen yoghurt.

THURSDAY: Fish Fingers, oven chips, baked beans and peas followed by cornflake cake.

FRIDAY: Roast chicken and homemade stuffing OR tasty vegetable bites, roast potatoes, carrots and broccoli, followed by apple sponge and custard

All the above are subject to change.

Homemade bread, crudité's, yoghurt and fresh fruit are always available.

N/B: Pupil dinners will increase to £1.75 per day from 1st November. This is a price increase across the island in all primary schools.

Trip Letters

Letters have gone out to: Y1,2,3,4 and 5 this week. Please check book bags and return permission slips ASAP! Thank you.

INSET Days

A reminder that the school will be closed on: **22nd October and 1st November** but FAB will be open on the 22nd.

Shoebox Appeal

If you would like to support this appeal, please collect a shoebox and explanatory leaflet from the school office. After filling the box, please sellotape a donation of £1 towards transport and administration costs along with the label (included within the leaflet) to the top of the box. Do not include the following: battery powered items, war related items, food, liquids, sweets, medicines, large toys or sharp items. Return to the school office by **21st October**. Many thanks for your support of this appeal.

London

Please find attached to the Buzz further details about Year 5's trip to the British Museum in London on 6th December. We have 20 adult seats available on the coach at a cost of £25 per seat. If you would like to visit the museum or undertake a bit of Christmas shopping, please complete the form and return it with a £5 deposit. See Mrs Ludlow in Year 5 for further details.

Play Rangers

I have been liaising with the Play Rangers and am pleased to inform you that they will be launching a brand new play session in Spanners Close, Chale. The sessions are completely **free of charge** and run under an open access policy which means that no registration is required, you can just turn up and come and go as you wish. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Sessions are open to all Brighstone Primary families and cater for children up to 16 years – you do not have to live in the area to access this facility. They will be there all year round no matter what the weather and anyone can come along. They will run a variety of play activities from giant inflatable's and parachutes to a Nintendo Wii and i-play gadget van, face painting and arts and crafts to football and other sporty games. The sessions at Chale will be on the following dates and times between now and the New Year and sessions will continue on a fortnightly basis in the New Year, information and dates for the start of the 2011 sessions will be given out on the last session of this year.

Thursday 14th & 28th October (3pm to 5.30pm)

Monday 11th & 25th October (3pm to 5.30pm)

Thursday 9th December (3pm to 5pm)

Anyone for Stargazing?

On the 11th November from 7pm, we will be holding a school event (in conjunction with the Astronomy Society) on the downs area at Jubilee Car Park. We will be using telescopes to look at the moon and stars. Although this is part of Year 2's topic, all are welcome to attend. Further details to follow, but put the date in your diaries now! This event is being organised by Mrs Pugh, Year 2 teacher. See you there!

Lantern Leaders

The West Wight Lantern Parade and Carnival is being held on 10th December. Would you like to be a lantern leader? Training is available on 18th and 20th October 6:30-9pm at the Carnival Learning Centre in Ryde (you must attend both sessions) or 19th October 9:15-2:30pm at Yarmouth Youth Club. Cost is £25 per person. Further details are available from Miss Johnston if you are interested.

Travelling Trends

Monday 8th November at 7pm

Tickets on sale now! Please help us spread the word. Attached to this issue of the Buzz is an A4 poster about the upcoming ladies' fashion show at the school.

Please can you help us get word out by displaying the poster either in your place of work, or in the window of your car?

Tickets are on sale now in the school office or from the Village Shop – make sure you snap yours up quickly as places are limited. It's a fun night out and a chance to pick up high street fashions at bargain prices.

This is a Brighstone School Association fundraiser for our school. Thanks for your support!

Volunteers

Do you have some time to spare and would like to volunteer your services to the school, but are not sure how to go about it? If so, please come and chat to Miss Johnston. We are always looking for help in a variety of areas-listening to readers, helping in the school garden etc. We would love to hear from you! A full enhanced CRB check would be required.

FAB

A booking form for October half-term and our first INSET Day (22nd October) has been sent out. In order that we can appropriately staff our holiday provision, we would be grateful if you could return your booking forms to the school office via your child, **ASAP**. Further details can be obtained from Amanda Dove from 2:30pm daily on: 740285. We will enquire about bookings during the Christmas break after half-term.

Harvest

A reminder that we will be participating in the Harvest Service at St Marys Church on **SUNDAY** at **10:45am**. Children will be singing, sharing poems and prayers and (fingers crossed) showing a DVD of their harvest learning this week. Part of the service will also have a 'commissioning' element, welcoming the new staff and pupils to the school and praying for a good year ahead for all. Children should sit with their parents but may be asked to come out to the front of the church to support singing activities. See you there!

Join us for worship!

Next Tuesday (12th) Drew will be leading the school in worship in St Mary's Church, instead of the school and you are all welcome to join us! 9am in the church for a 20 minute celebration of worship on our weekly theme.



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Worship Theme:

Harvest

Weekly Prayer:

Thank you God for

Huge melons

Apples to crunch

Nutty nectarines

Kiwi fruit from far away

Yummy strawberries

Oranges to peel

Unusual fruit

Amen

Miss Johnston