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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

This week the school has been participating in anti-bullying week and our behaviour group (who helped to write our behaviour policy last year), led an excellent assembly on the appropriate behaviours that we expect to see in school. Years 4 and 5 took part in money skills workshops and I thoroughly enjoyed the last Forest Schools session with my current group, during which we each created a 'log book' and cooked popcorn over an open fire in our very own home-made contraption! Year 1 have become smugglers and there has been a great deal of music ringing through the corridors! Mrs McQueen held a very well received coffee and chat for parents of children with special educational needs on Thursday morning. The focus was speech and language and she is now interested to hear from parents which professionals they would be interested to meet with at the next one! If you have any suggestions, please let Mrs McQueen know. Please can I remind parents that we are currently collecting items for the Christmas Fair - see the next page. A final note to say that Year 4 may now also order a jacket potato option, in place of the main/vegetarian meal for their school lunch if they wish. Miss Johnston ☺

Golden News

Starfish - Well done to Grace R, Kaitlyn, Kereena, Izzy and Jack H, for their excellent team work in the 'construct a pirate ship' challenge. Also to Jessica for her fabulous sounding out.

Seahorse - Henry M and Brandon have completed some super art work this week! Excellent concentration and care.

Lobster - Bess H for her super effort in writing a traditional tale and Alfie for a super week with great effort in all aspects of learning.

A special mention to - Isabel H, who baked tuck for Children in Need and raised £34.25 selling it to Years 5 and 6. Also to **Abby B**, who raised £150 for The Macmillan Trust doing a Sponsored Silence from 8.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. at the weekend.

Note from Miss Brough: Remember to log onto the VLE and go onto your class' homepage for information and websites about the current learning. All pages will soon be updated, ready for the next topic! ☺

Diary Dates

19th November - Licensing of The Reverend Helen O'Sullivan:
4pm at St Mary's Church

24th November - Reception and Year 1: Pirate Day

24th November - Steve Beynon (IWC Chief Executive) and Cllr Cousins visiting

25th November - 2nd installment due for Year 6 trips

25th November - Autumn term reports to go out today

28th November - Parent Consultations

30th November - Parent Consultations

2nd December - Year 6 Great Exhibition to parents 10-11am

6th December - Full Governors

7th December - Year 6 visit to Milestones Museum

8th December - KS2 Choir opening the Christmas Tree Festival at The Methodist Church 3:30pm

9th December - KS1 Coffee and Chat: Reading @ 8:40am

9th December - Christmas Dinner

Can you help us?

Do you have any old men's/ladies shirts that are no longer required? If so, please could you send them in to school to be used as art shirts by the children? We would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

Phil the Bag

We first participated in this during the summer term and raised some useful money for school funds, which has assisted in paying towards the school text system. Phil the Bag will be returning on: **12th December**. Please start collecting: All types of unwanted textiles in any condition - *shoes, bags, belts, hats, curtains, towels, bedding*. Please begin collecting these at home in bin liners and then bring them into school on the 12th (not before please!) The school receives money by the kilo, as well as promoting our passion for recycling!

HAPPY, HEATHERS, HEALTHY, HEARTY MENU

MONDAY: Beef lasagne OR vegetarian pizza, new potatoes, salad and sweetcorn, followed by Easi-Yo strawberry mousse

TUESDAY: Roast pork and apple sauce, OR cheese and onion whirls, roast potatoes, cabbage and mashed swede, followed by bread and butter pudding and custard

WEDNESDAY: Mince in gravy, mashed potatoes, OR quorn sausages in gravy, carrots and peas, followed by custard rice pudding

THURSDAY Cod fish fingers OR tomato pasta bake, oven chips, peas and baked beans, followed by cherry cookie and milkshake.

FRIDAY: Roast chicken and stuffing, OR baked bean lasagne, roast potato, cauliflower and green beans followed by iced sponge and custard.

Also homemade bread, crudités and fresh fruit are always available.

A jacket potato option is also available to children in Years 5 and 6.

All the above are subject to change -Dinners now cost £1.85 per day
or £62.90 for every school day of this half-term

Year R/1 Pirate Day

YR and 1 children (and staff!) have enjoyed a super few weeks learning all about pirates & smuggling. This will culminate in a day of pirate activities on Thursday next week, including YR & 1 coming into school dressed as pirates! Seahorse Class will be selling 'ships biscuits' (without the worms!) at playtime. Bring in 30p for a tasty treat!

Autism Consultation

The Isle of Wight Council would like to hear about the experiences of those with, (and involved with) autism, in order to improve the level of support on the Island, and shape the future of the Isle of Wight Autism Strategy. The consultation period is the 2nd November to 19th December. Fill in a survey online at: www.iwight.com/haveyoursay or paper copies of the survey are available by phoning: 823653 or by downloading from www.iwight.com/haveyoursay. You can write to: Autism Participation: Have Your Say, Community Services, 17 Fairlee Road, Newport PO30 2EA - autismstrategy@iow.gov.uk

Donations for the Christmas Fair

We would like donations of the following to come into school any time **between 1st November and 5th December:**

Years R, 1 and 2 – Anything red

Years 3 and 4 – Bottles (non-alcoholic)

Years 5 and 6 – Chocolate

Request to all: Homemade cakes to be brought into school on:

Friday 9th December

Could you spare an hour to help? Please complete the response slip sent out at half-term and return it to the school office via your child. We would be incredibly grateful for any amount of time that you can spare to support the school.

We cannot run these events without plenty of help!

Christmas Parties

These will be held in key stages, during school time in December. I have re-attached the flyer regarding party food. We would be grateful of your support and return by **25th November**. School meals will be served to the other key stage as usual when it is not their Christmas Party day, but jacket potatoes will not be served on this day. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Christmas Dinner

This will be held on the 9th December. I have re-attached the flyer for this and would also appreciate a return by **25th November**. There will not be a jacket potato option available on this day.

Christmas Events

Please see the calendar of events sent out with the Buzz on 3rd November or the school website for further details. We will also keep you updated through the Buzz.

FAB Christmas Holiday Club

I have also re-attached this form, as we have only received 1 booking to date. If you need a day to finish your Christmas shopping or wrap your presents, then why not book your child/ren into our facility. FAB is available to all children aged 3-11. Drop-off and collection times can be flexible to accommodate your needs. Please contact Amanda Stables on 740285 after 2:30pm, for further details.

Year 4 Residential – A reminder that parents can start to make payments towards the London trip **from now**. Full payment will be required by **February half-term**. Please see Mrs. McQueen for further details.

Music Tuition Payment

The school office sent out invoices for payment of peripatetic music lessons at the start of the month. A reminder that these must be paid by **Monday 12th December**. If you have any queries or have mislaid your invoice, please contact Mrs Norman.

Coffee and Chat

9th December at 8:40am – This is being organised by Miss Capelin and Miss Brough and will have a focus on how you can support your child in learning to read. It will include a demonstration of our new 'e-learning' resource 'Bug Club', which is FREE for parents to access at home. This event will be held in the school hall as usual. Parents will need to sign in on arrival at the hall. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Reports and Parental Consultations

Parents in Years 1-6 should receive their child's autumn term report next Friday – remember to put it in your child's blue report folder and to bring it with you to your consultation appointment the following week. If you have forgotten what time your appointment is or cannot now make your appointment, please contact the school office.

Consultation on Admissions Policy

As a Church Aided School, the Governing Body are required to undertake their own admissions and therefore have to create their own admission policy that meets the terms of the original 1836 trust deed. We have recently updated our policy and it is now out in the public arena for consultation. It can be found on the news page of our school website. If you have any comments to make on the policy, please submit them to me by 6th January 2012.

Artscape Project Launch and Art Exhibition

The art exhibition featuring the Year 6 children's work with local artists will be open on:

Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December 10am-4pm

Sunday 3rd December 10am-3pm

Venue: Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth.

Giant Lantern Workshops

Come and make a large lantern and join in either the West Wight or Yarmouth Lantern Parades on 9th and 10th December. All adults are welcome and children 7 years plus (no unaccompanied children under 12). There are 3 sessions, but you may not need to attend them all, depending on the size of lantern you make.

West Wight Youth Centre, Freshwater

Wednesday 23rd, 30th November and 7th December

6.30pm - 8.30pm **Free of charge**

Please call to book a place: 07807 370179 or

e-mail: alison@thenewcarnivalcompany.com



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Miss Johnston

Worship Theme:

Courage

Weekly Prayer:

Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness,
Life is stronger than death,
Victory is ours through Jesus who loves us.
Amen

Archbishop Desmond Tutu