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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

I was delighted to be asked to undertake the reading at the licensing of our new parish priest, Rev. Helen O'Sullivan on Saturday. It was a wonderful service, led by Bishop Christopher, and he asked after the classroom and Seahorse Class! Helen spent Tuesday morning in school and is looking forward to getting to know the children and yourselves over the coming months. Christmas is on its way (sorry!) with us beginning our preparations for advent next week and momentum is gathering for the Christmas Fair! Watch this space for further exciting information! The BSA will be issuing maps to give to all the children next week so that only they know how to find the secret present room! The secret present room will be full of gifts, all priced at £2, which will be fully personalised and gift wrapped, including a large variety of gifts to suit family, friends, pets and much more. Please find attached the programme for this year's Christmas Tree Festival, which we hope that you will enjoy attending. I had a super meeting with the Head Boy and Girl this week, who have been talking to the class about things that they would like to do, to commemorate their time at Brighstone – they have some exciting ideas which I look forward to sharing with you after Christmas. Reception and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their pirate day yesterday and even I was tempted by their fabulous ships biscuits! Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend. Miss Johnston ☺

Golden News

Starfish – Hugh – made a real effort at School. And at home to learn his letter sounds

Seahorse – Ben – for making excellent progress with his sounding out when writing. **Isobel** – for an excellent attitude to learning and fantastic dedication.

Lobster – Logan for excellent effort and working really hard with subtraction sums. **Holly** for super effort and really working hard with her times tables.

N/B: We hope to have the Christmas post-box in place in the main entrance for children's cards by 2nd December. Please note that staff cannot give out lists of children's names.

Diary Dates

- 28th November – Parental Consultations
- 29th November – Last tag rugby session
- 30th November – Parental Consultations
- 1st December – Gymnastics Club
- 2nd December – Year 6 Great Exhibition to parents 10-11am
- 2nd December – Last homework club
- 2nd December – Artscape Project Launch @ 6pm
- 6th December – Full Governors
- 7th December – Year 6 visit to Milestones Museum
- 8th December – Gymnastics Club
- 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
- 9th December – Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics @ 3:30pm
- 10th December – Christmas Fair

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 the provided bags 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!

Children In Need

Thank you for participating in our 'spotty day'. A special well done to the following children: Katielyn raised £1.72; Thomas raised £14.29 with his raffle and Leah raised £10.15. The whole school raised £178.91 collecting money for mufti and tuck. Therefore the grand total, including Isabel's fundraising last week, means £242.32 to bank.

HAPPY, HEATHERS, HEALTHY, HEARTY MENU

MONDAY: Grilled sausages and gravy OR veggie burger, jacket wedges, sweet corn and coleslaw, followed by apple and orange flapjack

TUESDAY: Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding, OR macaroni cheese, roast potatoes, green cabbage and cauliflower followed by chocolate sponge and chocolate sauce

WEDNESDAY: Pork burrito OR vegetable bolognaise, pasta, sliced green beans and carrots, followed by Easy-Yo yoghurt and fresh fruit

THURSDAY: Fish fingers or cheesy leek jackets, oven chips, peas and baked beans, followed iced bun

FRIDAY: Roast turkey and stuffing, OR sweet potato bake, roast potatoes, green cabbage and broccoli, followed by pineapple upside down cake

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

A jacket potato option is also available to children in Years 4, 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

**Brighstone Community Library
Children's Mini Christmas Tree Competition**

Mini trees are available from the library to take home, decorate (no electric lights please) and return to the library by:
Tuesday 6th December for display in the library during the Christmas Tree Festival. After the Festival children can take their tree home to keep. **Cost of entrance £1.50** (includes free tree)
Mystery prize for the best tree.

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!

Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware that there is a national day of strike action on Wednesday next week. The staff at Brighstone do not have to inform me of their intention to strike until the day, but have chosen to do this in advance and I thank them for this. This has enabled me to undertake a risk assessment and determine that as no staff members will be striking, the school will be open as normal. Thank you for your patience and support.

Free School Meals

Please see the attached letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Donate a Coat

In an effort to keep the elderly and homeless warm this winter, you can help by donating any unwanted ladies, men's and children's coats in good condition to ITV's Daybreak and Salvation Army cause. Please bring in any unwanted items to the school hall on Monday morning, where parent Lisa Matthews has kindly volunteered to collect and deliver them to the depot, until Christmas. Thank you for your support.

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.

IOW Pearl Party There will be a Christmas party at IOW Pearl on Sunday the 4th of December with 'Bedazzled' Children's Entertainers, lots of silly games, a treasure hunt competition and a party bags. It's totally free and a good opportunity for parents to relax for the afternoon in pleasant surroundings whilst the children are kept entertained.
Tel No 01983 740352; Email: marketing@iowpearl.co.uk;
Website: www.iowpearl.co.uk

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 today – remember to put it in your child's blue report folder and to bring it with you to your consultation appointment next 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.

Charity Challenge 2012

The County Press and Isle of Wight Radio are currently seeking nominations for a new charity to sponsor. Brighstone School is a registered charity (No: 307389) and we would love you to nominate us! We would like to continue to improve the premises and extend the offer that we are able to make to the children, parents and community, by providing additional facilities. As a church aided school, we do not receive any money from the Local Authority to do this. If you can spare 5 minutes, please complete the attached form and send it to the County Press or Isle of Wight Radio by Friday 16th December. Thank you for your support.



Luke 19

Miss Johnston

Worship Theme:

Forgiveness

Weekly Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.