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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

Preparations for Christmas are now well and truly underway. The postbox is in place if children wish to send cards to one another. Please ensure that all cards have the child's name and class written on them clearly to ensure delivery! It was a pleasure to see so many people at parents evenings this week. I hope that you found the meetings useful. Unfortunately Miss Capelin was unwell and so her meetings will now take place next week on Monday and Wednesday. The same appointment times will stand. If you now cannot attend due to the changed date, please contact Miss Capelin directly, who will be happy to see you at another time. There appears to have been a sickness bug doing the rounds this week! Please can I remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should be kept off school for at least 24 hours after their last episode. Please do not send your child into school if they have been sick in the night. Thank you. Finally, our fibre optic cables were installed yesterday evening and we are hoping that our new broadband service will be in place by Christmas! We are now approaching a very busy two week period, so please read the Buzz carefully and keep an eye on the diary dates section in particular, so that you are fully aware of the many exciting events we have planned. It's just 22 days until Christmas! Miss Johnston ☺

KS1 Golden News

Starfish – Grace R has been working extremely hard at sounding out in her reading and writing. Super work!
Seahorse – Freya, Jessica and Fionnuala are in the Golden Book for their excellent 'A day in the life of a pirate' recounts. Superb descriptions and interesting details ☺ They even received Headteacher's Awards from me – well done!
Lobster – Miss Johnston's Magic maths group (Chloe P, Faith, Fiona, Sol, Bailey, Ellis and Luke) for their 2D shape work and perseverance with time.
Top Table – Maxwell, Brandon, Chloe H and Jack L. Well done to all!

Diary Dates

2nd December – Artscape Project launch @ 6pm
 6th December – Full Governors
 7th December – Year 6 visit to Milestones Museum
 8th-11th December – Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival
 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 1-4pm
 12th December – Phil the Bag Collection @ 8:30am
 12th December – Starfish Reindeer Hunt (am)
 13th December – KS2 Choir singing in Newport 9:45-11:30am
 13th December – KS2 Christmas Party (pm)
 13th December – KS1 Performance in St Mary's Church 1:30pm
 14th December – KS1 Performance in St Mary's Church 1:30pm

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 items at home 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 bolognese OR cheese hotpot, pasta, broccoli and sweet corn, followed by Easi-Yo yoghurt and fruit topping
TUESDAY: Roast chicken and stuffing, OR roasted veg. risotto, roast potatoes, peas and carrots, followed by cherry crumble tart and custard
WEDNESDAY: Mild beef curry OR vegetable and tomato layer, rice, green beans and salad followed by jam sponge and custard
THURSDAY: Cod fish fingers OR cheese and tomato pizza, oven chips, peas and baked beans, followed by fresh fruit salad and Easi-Yo custard
FRIDAY: Christmas Dinner. Please note, there is no jacket potato option available today.

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

Christmas Tree Festival

Our KS2 choir will be opening this on Thursday at 3:30pm next week. If your child is participating, they will remain with us at school at the end of the day and we will then take them down to the Methodist Church. All children should then be collected from school at approximately 4:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend the opening, but space is very limited.

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 **before Friday:**

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!

Stars of Wonder Concert

St. Mary's Church, Brighstone: **Sunday 11th December, 7pm.** This annual musical concert is the 'grand finale' of the Christmas Tree Festival! Featuring local talent from in and around our community, including various pupils (past and present), parents and governors from Brighstone Primary School! With an interval of yummy mince pies and mulled wine and a retiring collection for the Island-based charity Love Russia.

FAB Bookings – Places for the Christmas break are filling fast, so don't forget to return your form as soon as possible to guarantee a place!

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 bag. 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.

Christmas Crafts mornings at the Museum of Island History

Drop-in free activities for families, plus free entry to the museum 10.30am – 2pm
Saturday 3rd December
Make a Victorian-inspired pop up Christmas card.

Saturday 10th December

Weave like a Roman - make your own braid to take home and wrap your presents.

Saturday 17th December

What's in the box? Decoupage, bring a box to decorate like the Victorians.

The Museum shop is open, with historically inspired gifts, books and toys. Stocking fillers from 50p

Artscape Project Launch and Art Exhibition

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

Saturday 3rd December 10am-4pm

Sunday 4th 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 form sent home last week and send it to the County Press or Isle of Wight Radio by Friday 16th December. Thank you for your support.



Luke 1

Miss Johnston

Worship Theme:

Advent: Preparation

Weekly Prayer:

Dear God,

We thank you for this special time of Advent, a special time of waiting and preparation.

Help us while we go about our preparations,

to find time to think of the gift of Jesus that you gave to us at that first Christmas time.

Amen.