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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

I don't know where this week has gone! It has been an incredibly busy week for me, so please accept my apologies for absence from the gate. Weather permitting, I hope to resume normal service next week! Last Friday I mentioned our Epiphany Day. This was a huge success and it was a pleasure to see so many parents in school. Please come and have a look at our displays in the school hall, which illustrate the day. This week Seahorse Class launched their geography topic with a walk around the village and 4 children from Years 5 and 6 accompanied Miss Brough to an event for gifted and talented writers at Carisbrooke High School. They now have a 'gap task' to complete and I look forward to seeing their work develop. I've also had the pleasure of seeing some wonderful poems in Year 5 and amazing stained glass art in Year 4. As previously advised, the Education Welfare Service carried out a 'late sweep' on Wednesday. They will be returning in the near future, as there was some concern over the number of families arriving through the main entrance after 8:25am. We are human and know that there are some days when the car won't start or the alarm doesn't go off, but the school day does begin at 8:25am and it is important that children are in school for this time. Children in Years R, 5 and 6 can come into their classrooms any time from 8:15am. Enjoy the weekend – I look forward to seeing everybody safely back in school on Monday. Miss Johnston ☺

KS1 Golden Assembly:

Starfish – Alanna – certificate for swimming 5m also excellent progress with her letters and sounds, and using them in both reading and writing

Seahorse – Aidan and Annabelle – excellent mathematical thinking and discussion

Lobster – Bethan for always taking great care with her presentation and super effort. Johnnie - excellent effort in story writing

Other Achievements – Top Table: Frida, George C, Annmarie, Thomas M.

Diary Dates

- 16th January – Spring term after school clubs begin
- 17th January – Forest Schools sessions begin
- 19th January – BSA Social: The 3 Bishops @ 7pm
- 23rd – 27th January – Farmhouse Breakfast Week
- 27th January – Community Breakfast @ 8:40am
- 1st February – Seahorse walk around the village
- 3rd February – Coffee and chat @ 8:40am
- 10th February – 3rd payment due for Year 6 residential trips
- 13th – 17th February – Half-term
- 20th February – **School Closed: INSET Day**
- 21st February – School re-opens to children @ 8:25am

STOP PRESS – Although it seems a long way off, we are starting to think about ideas to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. If you have any ideas about events or commemorative items, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Primary and Secondary Admissions Policies

The Local Authority is currently consulting on some significant changes to their school admissions policies, which include the removal of a priority (catchment) area. The Governing Body is providing a school response to these policies, but I would strongly suggest that parents view them and make their comments known as well. The policies and further information can be found at: <http://www.iow.gov.uk/council/consultation/schoolad.asp> If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office, who will be able to print you a paper copy if required.

REMEMBER –

Spring term after school clubs start next week!

Walk the Wight

We are delighted to be supporting Walk the Wight again this year. Please find attached an information sheet and pupil registration form, which needs to be returned to the school office by **3rd February** if you would like your child to participate. Even if you cannot participate in the optional walk on the day (13th May), you can still participate, just by walking for 30 minutes each week. Let's aim for 100% participation! Thank you for your support.

HAPPY, HEATHERS, HEALTHY, HEARTY MENU

MONDAY: CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU - Chinese bbq chicken OR vegetable noodle stir fry, served with rice, sweetcorn and broccoli, followed by Chinese spiced cookie.

TUESDAY: Roast pork and apple sauce, OR cheese and onion whirls, roast potatoes, cabbage and mashed swede, followed by apple crumble 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.

Homemade bread, crudité's 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 cost £1.85 per day
or **£53.65 for every school day this half-term**

Farmhouse Breakfast Week - 23rd to 27th January 2012

I hope that you all have these dates in your diary. We already have a number of visitors planned to come in and work with the children around making healthy and local food choices, as well as our now legendary community breakfast from 8:40am on 27th January. All welcome! We look forward to celebrating this week with you and your children. We will be providing every child with a healthy breakfast, every morning, that week. We would be grateful if you are able to make a small donation towards this, as it is quite an undertaking to provide breakfast to 190 children for 5 days - £1 per child is a suggested amount. Thank you.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I enclose a donation of _____ towards Farmhouse Breakfast Week.

Dietary Needs: _____

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY

We were delighted to hear this week that we will finally be moved across to our fibre optic broadband link on **MONDAY** morning next week. If all goes to plan, we will no longer require the temporary ariel at the front of the school and should have clearer telephone lines! However, we have been advised that during the switch over, there will be a period of approximately 2 hours (if all goes to plan!), where we will be without internet, email, telephone or access to our text system. Therefore, if you need to contact the school on Monday and cannot get through on the landline (approximately between 9 and 11am), please contact us on our emergency telephone number: **07729529952**. Thank you for your patience with the IT and telephone issues we have been experiencing since the unannounced Local Authority 'switch off' last term. We hope that Monday's connection will resolve and enhance our communication systems.

Website Competition

The "Midwinter Mystifier" has just launched on the Brighstone community website at brighstoneparish.org in the 'News and Events' section. Why not have a go at solving 12 anagrams of local streets, lanes, highways and byways across the area, from Limerstone to Brook and Mottistone and from the downs to the sea? Email solutions to the website at: info@brighstoneparish.org or pass your entry into Brighstone Community Library before the closing date of **23rd February**. Don't forget to include contact details if it is a written entry.

School Closure Days

A reminder that the school will be closed on the following days this academic year:

23rd February – INSET Day: FAB open. Bookings now being taken. Forms were sent home with the Buzz last week.

11th June – Jubilee day off for staff. FAB will **NOT** be open.

23rd July – INSET Day: FAB open.

Readers

Do you have an hour to spare? We would love more parents to come in to school to support us with hearing children read. Any time that you can give is a help! Please speak to your child's class teacher. An enhanced CRB check will be required, but there is no cost involved. Forms can be obtained from the school office. Thank you for your support and involvement.

Year 6 trips meeting and secondary transfer days

This week I was informed that the main transfer days for Year 6 pupils moving to Carisbrooke, Medina or Christ the King Colleges in September, will be:

27th June and 11th July 2012

The SENCO's at the secondary schools will make additional arrangements for children with special educational needs.

There will also be a meeting for children and parents regarding the transition trips in July **AT BRIGHSTONE** on **February 28th** at **1:30pm**. Headteachers from all the schools will be present to talk about the trips they are organising.

Year 4 Residential Trip

We were sorry to learn yesterday, that the emergency works to HMS Belfast gangplank will not be completed in time for our scheduled trip in March. Mrs. McQueen has written to Year 4 parents to inform them of this. Obviously we are disappointed but are hoping to re-arrange this wonderful trip as soon as the booking process is re-opened.

Theatre Train Club in Shorwell

We were delighted with the interest in this club. We are currently negotiating the fine details with Theatre Train and hope to be in contact with you about this club again in the near future. Thank you for your patience.

Bug Club and Mathletics

A reminder that we have provided all children with FREE access to Bug Club (Reading) and Mathletics websites at home. These sites are a super way for you to support your child with their learning and have fun!

The school ID log-in for Bug Club is: **caji**

Children should have their individual log-in's at the front of their reading records. Please contact us if your child does not have their log-in for either site, or you do not have access to the internet at home. We can provide internet access via our breakfast club. Please contact Miss Capelin (Reception Teacher) for further information.



Exodus
7-14

Miss Johnston

Worship Theme:

Perseverance

Weekly Prayer:

Dear God,

Give us the self-belief to persevere when the task is hard and the odds are against us.

We thank you for people who inspire us by their courage, perseverance and concern for others.

Give us all courage and comfort when we struggle to keep going.

Amen