



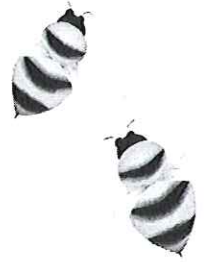
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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

At last – we are connected! I'm delighted to say that on Monday, our fibre optics were connected and we now not only have amazingly fast broadband, but crystal clear phone lines too! Thank you for your patience during this interim period, which I know has been incredibly frustrating for all of us. Spring term after school clubs have begun this week and I met a very enthusiastic book club and highly knowledgeable and keen ICT Club this week. I hope that the children enjoy these opportunities and I thank the staff for providing their time and expertise. I also enjoyed our first Forest Schools session of the term on a cold Tuesday morning, where the children showed an amazing talent for sawing and plans for constructing a tree house began to develop! Many of you will have started to receive wheelie bins as part of the new waste collection service. We will also be switching to an enhanced recycling service from the end of January and would like your help! If you have a household black box that is clean, undamaged and you will no longer require, please could you bring it into school as we require approximately 15 of them to kick start our classroom and office recycling. Many thanks. Please take some time to read the Safer Internet and Maths Week attachments, as we would value your support and involvement. Best wishes. Miss Johnston ☺

KS1 Golden Assembly:

Starfish – Well done to Jack H and Michael F for making a real effort when blending for reading ☺

Seahorse – Congratulations to Henry M for excellent writing and presentation of work. Also to James K for his explanation in topic work.

Lobster – Katie MS and Annmarie have been recognised for developing their independence within learning.

STOP PRESS – Pabulum Wordsearch competition. Please return to school (named) by **Friday 27th January**. The winner will receive £25 of cinema vouchers. 2 other people will receive 2 cinema tickets each.

NO KS1 GOLDEN ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK – COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Diary Dates

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 (see next page)
3rd February – Deadline for returning Walk the Wight Forms
6th – 10th February – Assessment Week
6th February – Seahorse Class visiting St Mary's Church
7th February – Safer Internet Day (see attached)
10th February – 3rd payment due for Year 6 residential trips
13th – 17th February – Half term
20th February – **School Closed: INSET Day**

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.

Do you tweet?

School Transport have been in touch to let me know that Southern Vectis have now implemented a Twitter Feed, purely for the contracted Home to School Bus Services. The Twitter feed will detail any issues that affect the service provision such as breakdowns, emergency road closures, diversions to routes etc. Parents can subscribe to the feed for FREE, in order to receive updates on your home computers or web enabled smartphones.

The twitter feed is: @iwschoolbuses

REMEMBER –

Payment is now due for spring term clubs

Walk the Wight

We are delighted to be supporting Walk the Wight again this year. With last week's Buzz we sent out 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 join 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: Grilled sausages and gravy OR veggie burger, jacket wedges, sweet corn and coleslaw, followed by flapjack.

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

WEDNESDAY: BURNS NIGHT SCOTTISH BREAKFAST MENU: Lorne sausage, OR veggie sausage, egg, sauté potatoes, mushrooms, tomatoes, beans and bread, followed by Scottish marble shortbread.

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

FRIDAY: Roast turkey and stuffing, OR sweet potato bake, roast potatoes, green cabbage and broccoli, followed by jam sponge and custard

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 cost £1.85 per day

or £53.65 for every school day this half-term

Farmhouse Breakfast Week – NEXT WEEK

We 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, next week. Thank you to those of you who have sent in a donation towards this. We would love to know if you're coming along to our community breakfast. If you are, please complete the form below to assist us with numbers and return by **WEDNESDAY**. Thank you.

I am looking forward to joining you on Friday 27th January and will be bringing _____ people with me.

Name of parent/carer: _____ Child's name: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

P.S. If your child has an **eggcup**, please bring it in to school on the following days:

Monday – Year 3 Tuesday – Reception and Year 4 Wednesday – Years 1 and 5 Thursday – Years 2 and 6

Up and coming coffee and chat opportunities

We have 2 coffee and chat opportunities coming up this term:

3rd February: Focus – **Maths**. Mr McGouran and Mrs. Pugh will be on hand to talk to you about all things numerical. If you have a question you'd like to ask about your child's maths learning, would like a calculation strategy demonstrated or some vocabulary explained, this is your opportunity. 8:40am in the school hall.

1st March – Focus: **Special Educational Needs**. Mrs. McQueen has invited Parent Partnerships along. Parent Partnerships help parents and carers whose children have special educational needs from pre-school age until they leave school. They can provide advice on many areas from applying for statutory assessment to helping to choose the right secondary school for your child. 8:40am in the school hall.

All parents welcome.

Wildlife Gardening Talk

This is aimed at children over the age of 10 (and their families), who have an interest in wildlife and gardening. The talk will be interactive with plenty of slides and pictures to help inform children and families on how they can create a wildlife garden. There will also be audience participation!

When: 27th January

Where: Arreton Community Centre: 5-6:30pm
Suggested donation of £2.50 per adult, refreshments included. This event is being run by the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust.

School Closure Days

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

20th February – INSET Day: FAB open. Bookings now being taken. Forms were sent home with the Buzz 2 weeks ago.

11th June – Jubilee day off for staff. FAB will **NOT** be open. The Queens Jubilee occurs during half-term. The government have therefore authorised school staff to have an additional day off for this year only, to be taken as determined by the Governing Body. The 11th June is the date that our Governing Body has authorised for staff.

23rd July – INSET Day: FAB open.

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.

Moshi Monsters

I have to admit, I had to research these on the internet! However, there have been a few instances where children have been bringing these into school, swapping them and then deciding they are not happy with the swap. If your child is currently a 'Moshi Monster' fan and wants to swap characters, please bring them with you when you come to collect your child, and liaise with other parents to swap them between yourselves – I know that some families have already been doing this successfully. We discourage children from bringing any toys into school to prevent upset and thank you for your co-operation with this.

Year 6 Meetings and Events

Last 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.

We will also be holding a Year 6 SATS Meeting (for parents only) on **Tuesday 6th March** at 6pm. This will be to inform you about the SATS process and to answer any questions that you may have. SATS week will be: **14th -18th May**.

Concerns A reminder that if you do have any concerns about your child, please don't wait for a parents evening or survey to tell us. We welcome parents talking to us at an early stage and will always listen. Whenever possible, we will try to solve the issue for you but on the rare occasions where this isn't possible, we will explain why. Please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you.



Daniel 6
1-23

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