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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

As I sit to write the Buzz this Thursday evening, I am reflecting upon a highly successful Farmhouse Breakfast Week 2012. This week, every child has received a different breakfast every morning and we have had numerous visitors into school including: Mary Case, Hamilton's, Pabulum, Sainsbury's and Briddlesford Farm as well as experiencing a super worship on Healthy Eating, led by the Eco-Schools Council. Today sees our week culminate in a Community Breakfast and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Mrs Pugh will be 'holding the fort' for me to begin with at the breakfast, as this week we received a very welcome invitation from BBC's Countryfile, to participate in some fossil hunting and filming on Brook Chine this morning! I will be down on the beach bright and early with some Year 6 pupils and look forward to reporting back on our adventure next week! I'd like to extend huge congratulations to Jan Munt, who this week passed the National Programme for Specialist Leaders in Behaviour. Jan was instrumental in supporting the pupils and Mrs Pugh with re-writing the behaviour policy last year and continues to meet with pupils to review how well the policy is working. Jan's work was highly praised and she is a real credit to the school. Well done Jan! A reminder that last week we advertised our forthcoming Maths Week: 28th February to 2nd March. We would be pleased to welcome parents into the school to share with us how you use maths in your job or everyday life. We are also looking for a brave parent's team to face our KS2 children at the end of the week – please return your response forms to the school office. Good luck to those children who are participating in the Farmhouse Breakfast football tournament tomorrow – I look forward to hearing about your matches! And finally, they say a change is as good as a rest, so I will be moving to the playground gate at the front of the school whenever possible from next week. Miss Johnston ©

REMINDER – PLEASE can we have your clean, undamaged black boxes to help us with our recycling effort. Thank you!

NO KS1 GOLDEN ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK – COFFEE AND CHAT: Maths

Diary Dates

1st February – Seahorse Class 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 (attachment sent last week)
10th February – 3rd payment due for Year 6 residential trips
13th – 17th February – Half term
20th February – **School Closed: INSET Day**
22nd February – BSA Meeting @ 7pm
23rd February – Year 3 visit to Amazon World

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.

Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood

The Wight Strollers will be performing at Medina Theatre during February half-term in aid of local charities.

Adults £7.50

Children and OAP's - £5.50

Saturday 11th February - 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Sunday 12th February - 2:30pm

Saturday 18th February - 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Contact the Box Office on: 527020 for more details.

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 a previous 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: Beef bolognese OR cheese hotpot, pasta, broccoli and sweetcorn, followed by apple and blackberry strudel.

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: Battered Fish OR cheese and tomato pizza, oven chips, peas and baked beans, followed by shortbread.

FRIDAY: Roast pork, apple sauce and gravy OR quorn and vegetable wrap, roast potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli, followed by fresh fruit salad.

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

Decorate an Easter Card Competition

We are delighted to be participating in the West Wight Rotary Club Easter Card Competition. With this edition of the Buzz, your child should have received an egg-shaped piece of card. If your child would like to enter the competition, they should use this card to create an Easter greetings card.

The Rotary rules are as follows: only use the card provided; one entry per child and the entry must be the child's own work. The name of your child, Brighstone School and their year group should be placed on the reverse of their entry.

The cards will be judged in year groups from Reception to Year 6, so all children are very welcome to enter. All entries need to be received in the school office by: **5th March**.

The winner will receive a WH Smith voucher and certificate, as well as a trophy for the school. Good luck!

Have you returned your FAB booking form for February half term yet?

Spaces are filling fast!

Upcoming 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.

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 7th February

Please see the more detailed attachment sent with the Buzz last week for further information.

CEOP will be releasing a parents and carers guide to the internet in a 'tv-style programme' on the 7th February, via their website:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

The focus of SID 2012 is 'connecting generations'. It aims to encourage families to explore online technologies together. We have and will continue to undertake age appropriate work with the children on safer internet use, including cyber-bullying, use of chat rooms etc, throughout the year.

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 3 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 have 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.

Brighstone Children's Choir

Meets on **Mondays 5.15pm-6pm** at **St. Mary's Church, Brighstone**. Free and open to all children in Year 2 and above - we would love to see you there!

Conducted by professional singer and experienced choir director, Liz Traill, with opportunities to develop singing and performance skills.

Covering a wide range of styles and repertoire.

Contact Beth Peckham on 525923 for more details.

We also have our own school choir, who are currently rehearsing to be in the Ventnor Music Festival. Contact Mrs Pugh or Mrs McQueen for further details.

Year 6 Meetings and Events

I have been 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.

Medina College has just sent me an electronic copy of their Parent Handbook and latest newsletter. If you would like a copy of these, please contact the school office.

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 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**.

Jumble Sale in Shorwell

Shorwell Village Hall

Saturday 11th February - 10am - Midday

In aid of Shorwell Recreation Ground

Please drop any jumble into the village hall on the Friday between 7 - 8pm or Saturday before 9am.



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Miss Johnston

Worship Theme:

Food and Farming

Weekly Prayer:

Dear God,

We remember the words that Jesus said:

'Give us this day our daily bread.'

We thank you for the food you give, that helps us grow, as well as live.

For those who work our food to bring.

We thank you God for everything.

Amen