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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

Thank you to everyone who came to our community breakfast last Friday. Over 60 people attended and a good time was had by all! We also had a team participate in the Farmhouse Breakfast football match on Saturday and although they didn't win, they did play extremely well and were praised for their sportsmanship. I had a super (if a little chilly!) time at Churchill Chine last Friday morning with 4 Year 6 children. We were filmed for BBC Countryfile, which is to be broadcast on the 12th February. If you can't wait until then, please check the gallery page on our school website. This week, Seahorse Class wrapped up warm to head out on a local walk and our learning detectives have been hard at work visiting several classrooms. Today sees Mr McGouran host a maths coffee and chat opportunity and I will be taking some children from Years 5 and 6 to compete in a Basketball competition at West Wight Sports Centre later on. We are still seeking parents to form a team for our maths week quiz, so please return your forms ASAP! We will also be holding a 'work day' on 13th February. FAB are working hard to clear the school garden and would appreciate your help. If you can spare a few hours from 10am on the 13th, please report to the school hall and you will be given a job! Finally, we've been issued with a severe weather warning for the weekend. If we receive a substantial snowfall and need to close the school, we will send you a text message at the earliest opportunity, so keep your phone handy! Also, if you tweet, remember to sign up to the Southern Vectis school transport twitter feed.

Miss Johnston ☺

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

ALL OUTSTANDING DINNER MONIES FOR THIS HALF TERM ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK – CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP IF YOU ARE UNSURE HOW MUCH YOU OWE.

KS2 Golden Assembly Next Week – Parents of children accepting awards should have received letters last week.

Diary Dates

6th – 10th February – Assessment Week
6th February – Seahorse Class visiting St Mary's Church
7th February – Safer Internet Day
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
27th February – Seahorse Class visiting St Mary's Church
28th February – 2nd March – Maths Week
28th February – Year 6 trips meeting @ 1:30pm

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.

IW Scottish Fiddlers

Wilberforce Hall

Sunday 19th February – 7:30pm

Tickets: £3 adults, £1 child, available from The Library.

All proceeds raised will be given to Brighstone Library, who will be moving to their new home shortly! The library will be closed from the 23rd February until it re-opens in North Street at 10am on 5th March. Mrs. Axford (our keyboard teacher) is playing the flute in the band.

Anyone who arrives at the concert wearing something tartan will be given a free raffle ticket.

REMEMBER –

Payment is now due for spring term clubs

Upcoming coffee and chat

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.

HAPPY, HEATHERS, HEALTHY, HEARTY MENU

MONDAY: Beef lasagne OR vegetarian pizza, new potatoes, salad and sweetcorn, followed by chocolate crispy cake.

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 **Thai-style banana cake**

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 potatoes, cauliflower and green beans, followed by iced 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**

Decorate an Easter Card Competition

We are delighted to be participating in the West Wight Rotary Club Easter Card Competition. With last week's 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. We have a few spare cards in the school office if required.

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!

West Wight Sports Centre

Half term is coming soon and as usual, there is plenty to keep the children occupied! After the huge success of the Christmas Kick-about, there'll be a February Footie Fun session on Monday 13th 0900 - 1100, with a free swim afterwards. This is for anyone in school years 6, 7 or 8. There will also be raft racing on Weds 15th, snorkelling on Tuesday and Thursday, as well as the usual fun hours and parent and baby sessions. Mini-movers for pre-school children in the sports hall will continue throughout the holiday week on both Wednesday and Friday. We'll also be offering the sports hall or just one court for hire for badminton, short tennis, football, basketball at special rates of £4.20 for one court or £10.50 for the whole hall. And of course ...there will be swimming lessons throughout the week. Find out full details on our website www.westwight.co.uk at [half term activities](#).

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 7th February

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/>

It aims to answer all the tricky questions that parents may be too afraid to ask.

The focus of SID 2012 is 'connecting generations'. SID wishes 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.

Letters to return

Please return by the following dates:

Walk the Wight Registration – **TODAY**

Year 6 Yearbook additional orders – **9th February**

Year 3 Amazon Trip letter – **9th February**

Parent Consultations – **10th February**

KS2 Swimming – **10th February**

Easter Card Competition – **5th March**

Lunchboxes

The Midday Supervisory Assistants have brought the contents of some of the children's lunchboxes to my attention. We operate a 'healthy lunchbox' policy at Brighstone and expect all parents to share in this ethos. The NHS offers parents some useful advice on this:

A balanced packed lunch should contain:

- Starchy foods. These are bread, rice, potatoes and pasta, and others
- Protein foods. These are meat, fish, eggs, beans and others
- A dairy item. This could be cheese or yoghurt
- Vegetables or salad, and a portion of fruit

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

Please remember to include a spoon if you provide your child with a yoghurt, as ours are disappearing rapidly!

Thank you for your support.

May Day Jouvay – 6th May

The New Carnival Company (organisers of the Island Games) are proposing a day-time only celebration (no early starts), with a themed parade of costumes and music from Fort Victoria, to the Green at Yarmouth. The organisers of MayFest have invited us to perform. There will then be a choreographed and rehearsed show in the main arena, much like we have done before at dawn, but this year more ambitious, professionally directed and performed to a much wider audience!

The theme will be related to myths and folklore around May Day.

Please come along to an open meeting at:

West Wight Youth Centre, Moa Place, Freshwater, Isle of Wight. PO40 9XH.

Tuesday 7 February at 4.30pm,

Please let Miss Capelin know if you would like to attend the meeting and/or be involved at Brighstone, so that we can plan a co-ordinated participation.



Matthew 6
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Miss Johnston

Worship Theme:

Prayer

Weekly Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you that we can always talk to you:

Whoever we are,
Wherever we are,
Whatever we feel.

Thank you that you hear what we say,

And what we do not say.

You know what we mean

Even when we don't know ourselves.

Amen.

Parking

I have been contacted by the new owner of 'Seven' at the front of the school. He is concerned at the volume of parents using the car park and the length of time that they are parking there for. This is preventing his guests from accessing the area. Please can I remind you all to park safely and consider our neighbours at all times. There are usually spaces available in the free Warnes Lane public car park at the rear of the school. Thank you.