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# Brighstone Buzz

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## NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

Well, it may still be cold outside but the snow is starting to thaw and we all have our fingers crossed that we do not experience weather that is so severe again for another 30 years! I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents, staff and members of the community who came up to the school on Sunday to help clear the paths. Without your hard work we would not have been able to open on Monday. I must also praise the sterling work of our caretaker Brain (and his wife!) who came up to the school everyday to check the oil, pipes and condition of the site. It is very much appreciated as I just could not get to Brighstone! I endeavoured to keep parents informed by our invaluable text messaging service and I hope that you found my updates helpful. I also produced a snowed in edition of the Buzz, which is available on the school website. If you did not get the text message updates, please contact Suzanne to ensure that she has the correct mobile phone number for you. There are lots of activities that you can get involved with included in this week's Buzz and you have hopefully all received the planning for this half term from your child's class teacher this week. If you did not, or would like to see what the other classes are up to, please visit the school website where you can download and print all the documents. Finally, just a polite reminder that parents should not park in the bay outside the New Road entrance to the school, as it is required for the children who are brought to/collected from school by taxi and bus. Wishing you all a very happy and warm weekend! Miss Johnston ☺

## GOLDEN NEWS

**PANTHERS** – Isabelle, Katie and Chloe P for swimming certificates. Chloe P excellent writing of words we use a lot . to, the, I go

**LEOPARDS** – Katie is in the Golden Book for all the help that she has given her mum with her broken arm and the new baby. Also, a big well done to Emma for being a lot more confident in having a go when writing independently in all subjects.

**LIONS** . Well done to Sam, who has been contributing lots in class and also to Jacob for remembering that gravity keeps us on the ground

**FAB** – Cerys and Thomas L for helping make a wonderful Igloo in our Winter Wonderland out of milk bottles.

## DIARY DATES

18<sup>th</sup> Jan . Governors Admissions Meeting Sept 2010

18<sup>th</sup> Jan . Governors School Reorganisation Working Group Meeting/EGB @ 6:00pm

19<sup>th</sup> Jan . BSA Meeting. 7pm . Tiger Class

20<sup>th</sup> Jan . Cooking club WEDNESDAY, this week only!

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan . Family Fun Day! 1-3pm

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Jan . Farmhouse Breakfast Week

26<sup>th</sup> Jan . School Council Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> Jan . 8:40am: parent/governor/staff breakfast and open forum in the hall. Bacon rolls will be served!

30<sup>th</sup> Jan . Feel Good Day

## Family Fun – 23<sup>rd</sup> January!!!!!!

We will be holding a family fun afternoon from 1-3pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, to present taster sessions including the following:

- ✓ Hula hooping
- ✓ Skateboarding
- ✓ Cycle maintenance
- ✓ Remote control cars
- ✓ Relaxation sessions
- ✓ Art attack

An information and booking form from our extended schools officer, Kay Smith, should have reached you via your child's book bag yesterday. If not, please contact Suzanne in the office. A donation of £3 per family to cover expenses is kindly requested.

## MARY'S MARVELLOUS, MOUTH-WATERING, MOMENTOUS MEALS

**MONDAY:** Beef casserole (if your child would prefer the Veg. alternative, please let Suzanne know in the morning . thank you) OR tomato pasta bake, garlic bread, carrots, green beans, followed by rice pudding.

**TUESDAY:** Roast pork OR cheese and onion whirls roast potatoes, broccoli, sweet corn, followed by peaches and ice-cream.

**WEDNESDAY:** Mince and gravy, mash potato OR veg. bolognese, Swede, peas, followed by jam tart and custard.

**THURSDAY:** Fish fingers, chips, peas and beans, followed by shortbread

**FRIDAY:** Roast turkey, OR veg. sausage, roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage followed by fruit crumble.

## Music Lessons

Would your child like to learn to play the violin? We currently have 2 spaces for some keen people! If you think this could be you, please let Suzanne know in the office.

We will also shortly be sending out invoices for Spring term tuition and would appreciate prompt payment.

Year 4 Residential Trip to Burlew



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Brighstone Explorer Scouts are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 23rd January at the Wilberforce Hall from 10.00 - 12.00. All welcome. If you have any jumble please drop it off at the Hall on the morning.

There WILL NOT be a Golden Assembly on 29th Jan. see below

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This is a workshop for parents whose children have a disability and it is being held at Landguard Manor, Shanklin on 20th January from 10am-2pm. The aim of the workshop is to focus on service development in relation to short breaks and to reduce the barriers which prevent disabled children from accessing universal services. A lunch will be provided along with raffle prizes. Anyone who is interested should contact either Dorothy Harrington at Parent Partnership on 825548 or Irene Giblin, Aiming High Administrator on 533523. Please take advantage of this valuable and supportive opportunity.

Parents Voice

This is a voluntary group of parents/carers with a wide range of special educational needs and disabilities. Their purpose is to help shape changes to existing services and participate in the planning of new and future initiatives for children and young people with SEN and disabilities. If you would like to join the network or be informed about future developments, view: www.iwpp.co.uk/parentsvoice.aspx or contact parentsvoice@iow.gov.uk 01983 868173.

Tri-Golf Junior Academy

If your child is aged between 6 and 11 and would like to learn how to play golf, an eight week course is starting on 25th January 4:30-5:30pm for just £10 in total. This will be held at West Wight Sports Centre with all equipment and clubs provided. If you would like to book a place for your child, you must do this on advance by contacting: 823818 or email: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk

Walk the Wight We are delighted to be participating in Walk the Wight 2010 and would love to have 100% participation at Brighstone! We haven't got there yet! If you haven't done so already, please return your form to the school office, no later than 29th JANUARY. If you have lost your joining form, please speak to Suzanne, or download one from the school website. If you have not participated in Walk the Wight before, once you have returned your application form you will receive a walking map and stickers from us at school. You then have until mid-May to complete 22 walking units on the walking map. One unit is approximately 30 minutes of walking, so that could be as simple as walking to school and back. You then have the option of either completing the 4 mile walk from Freshwater Bay to Alum Bay on 16th May or you can walk another 4 units at any other time. Further details about Walk the Wight will be published via the Buzz later in the year. EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS BY SIMPLY WALKING FOR JUST 30 MINUTES EVERY WEEK - GO ON, FILL IN THAT FORM, GET WALKING, GET HEALTHY AND SUPPORT THE ISLE OF WIGHT HOSPICE.

Farmhouse Breakfast Week - 25th-29th January 2010

The staff are all extremely excited about being able to participate in Farmhouse Breakfast Week at the end of January. During the week, we (and some outside visitors), will be talking to the children about making healthy eating choices, particularly at breakfast time and celebrating some of the wonderful produce that is available on the island. Each morning after collective worship, we will be providing a different breakfast for the children to eat (and in some cases prepare) and on Friday we will be offering a breakfast to you! We will not be having a golden assembly on the 29th Jan instead you will be welcome to come in to the hall, have some breakfast and a cup of tea and just take the opportunity to talk to one another, some governors and members of staff. This is a completely informal event and we'd just like to welcome you in to the school, offer you something to eat and an informal chat about anything you like (in the warm) and maybe introduce yourself to somebody new! So, if you'd like to help prepare breakfast for your child's class or come and join us for breakfast on Friday 29th, we'd be grateful if you could complete the form below and return it to the school office by WEDNESDAY next week, so that we know how many people we are going to be catering for. We look forward to seeing you!

Childs name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to come and help prepare breakfast in my child's class between 8:30 and 8:50am on: (please delete as appropriate) Monday 25th /Tuesday 26th /Wednesday 27th /Thursday 28th /Friday 29th

I WOULD/WOULD NOT (please delete) like to come to the adult breakfast and chat on Friday 29th and I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number) adult/s with me.

My child has the following food allergies/dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

REMEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR RECYCLING IN THE LIBRARY!