

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

The gift of Easter is hope - new beginnings, new opportunities.

We have had a reflective, yet vibrant and engaging week as we have approached the highlight of the Spring calendar – the Easter holidays. We came to together as a whole school for Eucharist on Wednesday; it was lovely to welcome the parents that were able to join us for the service. I would like to say a huge well done to every class for their uniquely imaginative contributions to the 'Sheep of Shorwell' displays. As well as fun and fellowship, the service a great opportunity to focus on the Easter message as the excitement of the holidays approaches.

We would like to thank the BSA for all of their hard work with the organisation and preparation of the Easter Bonnet Competition and the Bottle Top Hunt. Despite the rain, this caused great excitement and was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children. Well done to Brook the winning house for collecting the most bottle tops and special congratulations to Lucas in Year 5 for finding the 'Golden Egg'. We had a fantastic response to the Easter Bonnet competition. Congratulations to all who entered, there were some unique and imaginative entries.

I would like to say thank you to all of the parents who made appointments to meet with the class teachers this week for Parent Consultation Evenings. If for any reason you were not able to attend one of the evenings, your child's teacher would be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time – please do contact the school office to make an appointment.

My final celebration of this term is to say a huge WELL DONE to our year 5 & 6 Netball team. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, seven of our children competed in the West Wight Cluster Hi5 Netball Tournament. They were so determined and focused. This was rewarded with a well-deserved second place. By the time we had reached the final game there were only two goals between them and first place. They will now go on to compete in the island finals.

Finally I would like to share with you that we have appointed Mrs Cohen and Mr Hayden as our new Year 5 class teachers. They both come to us with an exciting range of complementary skills and subject knowledge that we believe will enhance the opportunities for the children at Brighstone; ensuring that our pupils continue to enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum.

I would like to express our thanks and best wishes to Mr Givens for the contributions he has made to the life of Brighstone CE Primary School. We wish him every success as he continues on his career path.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter Best wishes, Mrs Fox

# Horticultural Show - Handwriting Results

Apple	1st Toby, 2nd Ariana, 3rd Lucy			
Willow	1st Wesley, 2nd Elise, 3rd Erin B			
Sycamore	1st Tobias, 2nd Charlotte, 3rd Daisy			
Juniper	1st Olivia, 2nd Ava, 3rd Tilly			
Cherry	1st Xander, 2nd Darcey, 3rd Lily J			
Silver Birch	1st Scarlett, 2nd Ruby, 3rd Finn			
Oak	1st Kereena, 2nd Erin, 3rd Frida			



# **Collective Worship**

Father God,

Thank you that we can come together and celebrate Easter.

Thank you for loving us so much.

Thank you for the Easter story.

Help us to own up when we do wrong.

Help us to be quick to say sorry.

Help us to be quick to forgive.

Amen

# Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Mon	Sausages OR vegetarian sausages and mash, carrots, peas and gravy
16th	followed by peach crumble with custard.
Tue	Roast Turkey OR quorn roast, with roast new potatoes, gravy and
Tue	fresh seasonal vegetables followed by apple pie with custard.
Wed	Spaghetti Bolognaise OR quorn and veg stir fry with noodles,
wea	sweetcorn, broccoli followed by chocolate brownie.
	Mediterranean chicken with rice OR vegetable tagine with lemon and
Thur	mint couscous and wholemeal flatbread, mixed peppers and green
	beans followed by sliced cheese, apple and biscuits.
Fri	Salmon fish finger/fish fingers, chips, baked beans and garden peas
	OR cheese, onion and spinach quiche, followed by Iced Sponge.

# Attendance %

Apple	97.96
Willow	91.96
Sycamore	96.03
Juniper	89.47
Cherry	93.98
Silver Birch	95.24
Oak	92.86
Whole	93.70
School	

Congratulations to year 2 for their positive attendance this week!

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 29th	~	March Last day of Term
Monday 16th Friday 20th Monday 23rd	~ ~ ~	<b>April</b> First day of term Year 3 Swimming Year 2 Trip to Carisbrooke Castle
Monday 7th	~	<u>May</u> May Day, School Closed

### **Good Friday Coffee Morning**

Pop along to our Easter Coffee Morning, enjoy some Easter treats and sweets, tea or coffee and catch up with friends. Craft area for the children, Easter raffle plus a pre-loved clothing area with bargains galore.

Where: **Shorwell Village Hall,** Russell Road, Shorwell When: **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March** Time: **10am – Midday** 

We will have fabric crayons if children would like to bring something to decorate eg: a t-shirt, tea towel, pillow case etc



### Governor's Corner - Who am I?

My name is Marianne Johnson and I have been a Governor at Brighstone since September 2015 and Vice Chair since January 2017. I am the Literacy Governor, which means I meet with Mrs. Lennon a couple of times a year to look at Literacy provision across the whole school. I am also one of the link Governors for Years R, 1 and 2 and for the Pre-School, so I have plenty of opportunities to visit the younger children while they are in class and join in with their learning. I go along as a helper on trips out of school whenever I have the chance, because it's such fun to experience the children's zest for life and their love of learning.

### Scout's Bake Sale

Well done to Lucy, Kaitlyn and Frida in Year 6 who have been selling cakes and biscuits at break time this week. They have raised **£80.60** for The Bat Hospital.

### **Rotary Easter Card Competition Winners**

Reception - Lyra Years 1 & 2 - Tobias Years 3 & 4 - Harry Years 5 & 6 - Lucy



They have each won a £10 voucher Congratulations!

### **Homework Heroes**

Reception Class ~ Lainey, Max C, Leigh, Lyra, Max B, Toby, Devon, Arya, Charlie

Year 1 ~ Wesley, Amelia, Max, Felicity, Alfie, Erin M, Elise, Sam R, Charlie, Sam S, Jack

Year 2 ~ Daisy, Elin, William, Connie, Charlotte, Tobias, Ellie-Mae

Year 3 ~ Izzy, Olivia, Tily, Lily, Sonya, Ava, Eryn, Gemma, Ettienne, Joseph

Year 4 ~ Oliver, Tobey, Thomas, Xander, Ruby, Carlton, Eloise, Lily J, Evie, Olivia, Darcey, Harry, Sydnie, Florrie, Lisa, Benji, Lily W

Year 5 ~ Jago, Billy, Lily, Leo, Finn, Macy, Hannah

Year 6 ~ Lucy, Casey, Alanna, Frida, Jack L, Kaitlyn, Amelia, Erin, Amelie, Oliver

### Sickness/Absence

Please ensure that you provide a letter or email to the school office explaining why your child has been absent from school. Failure to do so will mean the absence will be marked as **unauthorised** and could lead to a fine from Education Welfare.

