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I cannot believe today is the end of this term and tomorrow the beginning of the summer holiday. I do not know where this academic year has gone! We have been reflecting on the wonderful things that have happened this year. The Fun Run, the Christmas Hey Ewe production and Panto, the residential visits and trips both on the island and across the water, Sports Day and Chitty to name but a few, no wonder the time has flown by! It has been an exciting year but none of it would be possible without the hard work of everyone involved in the Brighstone Primary Team: the children, staff, BSA, parents and governors. My huge thanks go to all of you for the wonderful work and dedication you have shown this year.

New beginnings and challenges are always exciting but often go hand in hand with saying Au Revoir to friends and colleagues. Today we wish goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 who leave very big shoes to fill. Topaz class - it has been an absolute pleasure to meet you this year. Your future lies ahead of you, grasp it with both hands and think back of your time at Brighstone and smile, as we will when we think of you! We also wave goodbye to a few other children throughout the school today and wish them luck in their new schools.

We also bid farewell to several members of staff today and wish them luck in their new posts. I know that Miss Rand, Mr McQueen, Mrs Graham and Mrs McQueen all take many fond memories of their time at Brighstone which I am sure they will reflect on over the coming months and years.

Thank you all once again for making my first year at Brighstone so amazing and memorable. Have a wonderful summer holiday, stay safe and have fun. We look forward to seeing you on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Golden Worship - 18th July 2014

Congratulations to Esme, Fay, Frankie, Ellie, Ellena and Lottie who all received certificates from the High Sheriff, Claire Locke this morning in celebration of their dedication and perseverance in the recent Level 6 Reading and Maths SAT's tests. Many of them achieved this level which is a tremendous success for Year 6 pupils. Well done ladies!

Our congratulations also go to our gardening Team particularly Mrs Stables and Mrs Metcalfe who have achieved a Gold award from The South East in Bloom competition. Great work!

God, you are everything to us, giving us life, filling us with love, and setting us free from sin that we might live in you.

Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1 Corinthians 16:14



#### **HEATHER'S HEALTHY HEARTY MENU**

<u>Wednesday:</u>Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Cajun Wedges OR Mince and mash with garden peas followed by Ice Cream Bar or Ice Cream with fruit

Thursday: Chilli with Rice OR Mediterranean Tart with New Potatoes and crunchy light coleslaw with roasted vegetables followed by Chewy Muesli Fruit Bar and Milk

<u>Friday:</u>Crispy Battered Fish with Chips with peas and baked beans followed by Chocolate Sponge Mixed Salad, Freshly baked bread and Fresh Fruit are available daily also.

Just a reminder that If your child does not like what is on the menu there is the alternative of a cheese, cheese and beans, beans or tuna mayo Jacket Potato for Reception - 6 which they can order during registration. To assist with this we would appreciate if you could discuss the menu with your child as during a busy lunch service the kitchen is unable to arrange alternatives. Thank you.

If you wish to pay for your child's dinner for the whole of the ½ term the amount will be 36 X £2.05 = £73.80

#### Attendance:

Diamonds: 91.85% Sapphire: 94.67% Emerald: 93.16% Opal: 96.43% Garnet: 98.52% Topaz: 98.15%

Our overall school: 95.43% Congratulations to <u>Garnet Class</u> for their positive attendance this week. They will share Ali the Attendance Bear in their class all next

week. Well done!

Forthcoming Dates:

18<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Holidays

19<sup>th</sup> July – Brighstone and District Horticultural Show – (Chitty, the car should be there).

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Development Days

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Return to School

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October – Development Days

25<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

20<sup>th</sup> July – Development Day

### Aerobics – TUESDAYS 5.45 – 6.45 p.m.

Come and enjoy informal aerobic sessions in the School Hall and get fit for those Summer shorts and short-sleeved T-shirts. Sessions will be approx. ½ aerobic and 20 minutes floor exercises at a cost of £2.00. Any further questions, please call Suzanne on 740285. It's fun and friendly!

Here you go!A few months ago Year 2 went for a walk up to the downs and the forest with Helen Parry from The National Trust. This week we welcomed Helen back to our class to present her with a donation of £30 for the charity. This money was raised from our Castle Museum in the autumn term and our Toy Exhibition and Puppet Shows this week. Thank you to all parents who made a donation.

Helen explained that they are using the money for a Trail Cam so they can take photos of the animals in the local environment.

She also gave every child in the class a 'My Adventure Scrapbook: 50 things to do before you're 11 3/4'.



#### **Summer holiday activities - National Trust**

There are plenty of different and exciting activities on the Island during the summer for families ... on the beach, at Bembridge Windmill, Newtown Nature Reserve, The Needles ... whatever the weather!

Collect a free '50 things to do before you're 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>' scrapbook from any NT property with lots of ideas for enjoying getting outdoors!

For further information on summer holiday activities, see <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/isleofwight">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/isleofwight</a>, look for us on facebook (National Trust Isle of Wight) and twitter (@IsleofWightNT) or call our Estate Office on 01983 741020. For further information on 50 things to do before you're 11 3/4

# BRIGHSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Come along on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July** at 12.30 p.m., marquee opens at 1.30 p.m. to this Village Show, tea tent, loads of stalls and Children's Country Dancing at 3.15 p.m. Presentations at 4.00 pm, followed by a raffle and auction of show produce. Walk around the marquee and see your child's handwriting, fruit, vegetables and much, much more.

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 2014

#### Free Transport - New Applicants Only

If you have applied and your child is eligible for free home to school transport, please contact the Transport Team on 823780 <u>after 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014</u> to find out which service your child has been allocated to.

#### **Spare Seats**

If you would like a spare seat for your child on a council contracted service from September 2014, you will need to apply from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. **Please note:** those who currently hold (or have previously held) a spare seat or those on a waiting list will need to reapply from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. Applications can be made online – please see revised weblink: <a href="http://www.iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/School-Admissions/Home-to-School-Transport-consultation">http://www.iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/School-Admissions/Home-to-School-Transport-consultation</a> or by telephoning the council's contact centre on 823780. Please be aware that any applications received before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 will be automatically rejected.

As always, spare seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There will not be any preference given to those that have previously had seats or those that may have siblings travelling on a particular service.

You will be informed by email (please check your spam/junk mail folder) or by letter whether or not a spare seat can be