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I was delighted to sit in Golden Worship today and listen to the fantastic examples set by so many children. The majority of the teachers comments referred to tremendous effort and super motivation, I am so proud that we have a school filled with such independent learners I was particularly pleased to hear of so golden moments when children realise that they are able to do something that they have been persevering at. Well done Brighstone. I have had the pleasure of spending a lot of time with both year 3 and 6 this week and so I have seen examples of this first hand.

I have had lots of children ask me this week whether I have entered us into David Walliams competition, the winners will receive a visit from the man himself on World Book Day. The answer is yes, so fingers crossed.

World Book Day is just one of the exciting things coming up over the next few months. More information will be included in the Buzz soon.

I know that the weather forecast has been threatening snow and several parents have asked what will happen if it snows. This is clearly difficult to predict and depends on the severity of the snow. Should we wake up to a white blanket in the near future updates will be available on IOW radio and I will use our text system to keep you informed.

Have a lovely weekend.

| Golden Book   |  |  |
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| Pandas  | Leo ~ for working so hard at writing independently and making lots of progress.  |  |
| Penguins  | Benji ~ huge improvement with your handwriting and imaginative story writing.  |  |
| <u>Leopards</u>   | Fi ~ for trying so hard when bridging through ten when adding.  Ruby ~ for working really hard on her numeracy target.                                 |  |
| <u>Jaguars</u>  | Summer ~ for being highly motivated in all lessons.  Alex V ~ for completing and amazing stone age scene at home even though he was off school poorly. |  |
| <u>Elephants</u>  | Tom ~ for making a huge effort with his handwriting and presentation in creative writing.  |  |
| <u>Tigers</u>   | Luke ~ for always having a positive attitude and being a great behaviour role model for his peers.   |  |
| Blue Whales   | Megan ~ for making excellent progress in Maths. Jack & William ~ for being motivated and excited by their Maths problems.                              |  |
| This week's behaviour role models:- Imogen (Y1) and Luke (Y5) |  |  |

#### **Collective Worship Focus:** Courage

#### **Deuteronomy**

31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.





| HEATHER'S HEALTHY HEARTY MENU                                      |   |  |  |
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| Monday   | Burger in a bun with potato wedges OR vegetable chilli and rice with    |  |  |
|  | peas and carrots followed by oaty fruit crumble and custard.            |  |  |
| Tuesday Roast beef OR shepherdess pie with roast potatoes, broccol |   |  |  |
|  | and gravy followed by Carrot cake.                                      |  |  |
| Wednesday  | Lasagne OR Quorn, leek and potato pie with roasted vegetables and       |  |  |
|  | sweetcorn followed by fruity delight.                                   |  |  |
| Thursday   | Macaroni Cheese OR chicken pie with new potatoes, cabbage and           |  |  |
|  | carrots followed by chocolate orange crispy.                            |  |  |
| Friday   | Friday Fish fingers OR Quorn burger in a bun with chips, beans and peas |  |  |
|  | followed by gingerbread with lemon custard.                             |  |  |

Mixed Salad, freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, milk and water are also available daily. If your child does not like what is on the menu there is the alternative of a Jacket Potato with cheese, cheese and beans, beans or tuna mayo which they can order during registration.

School Dinners for Years 3-6 are charged at £2.05. If you would like to pay for school dinners for the whole half term it will be £61.50

#### Attendance %:

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| Panda            | 81.72 |  |
| Penguin          | 88.89 |  |
| Leopard          | 75.21 |  |
| Jaguar           | 97.12 |  |
| Elephant         | 95.47 |  |
| Tiger            | 97.94 |  |
| Blue Whale       | 95.93 |  |
| Whole            | 92.12 |  |
| School:          |       |  |
|                  |       |  |

Congratulations to: Tiger Class for their positive attendance this week. They will have Ali the Attendance Bear in their classroom all pext week

Well done!

## **Dates for your diary:**



### **February**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

- ~ Keyboard ensemble 9am
- ~ Eucharist in the Church 0840 All Welcome

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

~ First day of new term.

~ Last day of term.

#### **Community Lunch**

Every Tuesday from 12pm we invite parents, grandparents and members of the community to the school hall for a two course lunch. For £3.40 you will get a roast dinner, pudding and tea or coffee. Please let the school office know on a Monday if you would like to attend.

#### **FAB Club**

If you are unable to collect your child/ren from school on time, you can call the school office and book a place in FAB for them at a cost of £4 for the first hour (snack provided), £3p/h thereafter.

Fun at Brighstone or 'FAB' is a breakfast and afterschool club available Monday to Friday from 7.30-8.25am and 2.45-5.30pm on school days and 8.30-5pm in school holidays.

#### **After School Clubs**

Information and reply slips will be coming home on Monday for clubs starting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

#### February Half-term FAB Club

Half term is the 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of February; please make sure that you have handed in your booking form for FAB Holiday club as running this is dependent on numbers.



#### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

When you shop in store or online with Sainsbury's you will be able to collect Active Kids Vouchers for the school.

Vouchers are available now until  $-5^{th}$  May. Please hand them in to the school office, or post in the box in the school foyer.



#### Job Vacancy

Our school kitchen is looking for a kitchen assistant for 1.5 hours a day. Please call Heather on 740931 or Karen at Chartwells on 550500 for more details and an application pack.

#### News from Reverend Helen

This year, there are lots of opportunities for you and your children to explore what it means to be a Christian, making greater sense (I hope) of our status as a Church of England Aided Primary School.

Emmaus: If you have a child in Year 6 they will have just received a letter inviting them to join the Emmaus course. This course runs on Tuesdays after school, 2.45pm until 4pm from 24th February - 7th May (taking a break for Easter) at The Exchange next door to the school. We will explore together what it means to be a Christian in today's world. We expect the young people to bring their own ideas and questions to this group. Faith is something we wrestle with, and at their age the big questions are already in the air. If you have a child further down the school who would like to join that course they are welcome to do so.

Breakfast at the Rectory: This is an open and informal group which meets from 8.30ish to 9.30ish on Wednesday mornings at the Rectory. We have coffee and croissants and talk together about the things that challenge and help us to hold onto our faith. Our discussions ranged over how we make sense of what the Bible says, evil and the Devil, Angels, death, prayer, Heaven, sin, healing, the sacraments, the Church, you name it we've talked about it. You are very welcome to dip in and out of this group as you are able to. Just come along.

<u>School Eucharist</u>: on the first Thursday of every month in term time we celebrate the Eucharist (Holy Communion) at St Mary's at 8.40am. Year 6 children lead us in worship, our young campanologists call us to worship ringing the church bells and the school choir sings for us. All are welcome to join us for this very happy celebration.

<u>Collective Worship:</u> each Thursday Steve Sutcliffe and I lead worship at the school at 9am. This mirrors our weekly celebration of BIG Worship at St Mary's (Sundays at 10.15am).

<u>Fridays 7pm - 9pm</u>: for those of you with children in year 7 and above there is group of young people who meet at The Rectory in Shorwell (5 Northcourt Close) each week to discuss issues relating to faith and life. Our licensed lay minister Steve Sutcliffe leads this group.

Please contact him on 741341 or llmsutcliffe@gmail.com for more details.

With love, Helen