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What an exciting week it has been! My Monday began with opening the gates to a score of scooters and cyclists all enjoying the fresh air and exercise of travelling to school by their own steam or should I say foot power. The scooter skills and Dr Bike run by Tom from Sustrans has been extremely successful and coupled with bikeability in Y6, I feel the school has really joined together in taking on the challenge of finding alternative and healthy ways to travel to school. Well done to everybody who has taken part so far. YR and Y6 will be scooting next week and we will continue to use the Golden Padlock and record our results in each class. Last week Y6 won a smoothie bike as a prize and I will award a trophy for the class which wins each week. So keep on pedaling and pushing those scooters!!

Last Saturday I was privileged to attend the 5 aside football tournament at West Wight Sports hall with 5 teams from Brighstone. All the teams showed real grit and determination. I was so proud of them and even more so when we came 1st in both the girls and boys tournaments as well as finalists for the other teams. All teams said that playing their own school friends was the most challenging. Well done to them all.

Year 1 have been out and about on a visit to Carrisbrooke Castle and delighted me with tales "Old Fashioned toys" they saw and studied. I am sorry to say many of them I can remember playing with myself...But I was assured "They were really OLD toys Mrs Pugh, much older than you...well nearly." This is why it is such a joy to teach children, no matter how much you learn about yourself you can always rely on children to tell you how it is and put you in your place!

Finally today, most of the classes have enjoyed a workshop with an Orca specialist who has introduced the children to the wonders of the deep and the creatures that they may see around our beautiful coast line. I know many asked questions about the sad events that have occurred over the last few days, with Sperm Whales beaching themselves on the mainland coast. I hope that this and all the learning opportunities we have given the children over this term will ensure that our world is in safe hands and that the children of Brighstone will be proud protectors of the planet.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Pugh

Golden Book

| <u>Butterfly</u> | Gemma ~ Mummy is so proud of how well she is doing in her swimming lessons at the moment, she has been asked to go up to the next group in the deep end!! The Whole Class ~ for their wonderful behaviour at Carisbrooke Castle this week. |
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| Grasshopper | Amelia ~ Trophy and rosettes for Horse Riding. |

The 27 children that took part in the Indoor 5-a-side football tournament were congratulated on their efforts and presented with medals. Report below.

The Football team were congratulated for beating St Francis 4-1 on Wednesday. Report below.

Collective Worship focus – Perseverance

Romans 5:3-5

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

| <u>HEATHER'S HEALTHY HEARTY MENU</u> | | |
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| Monday | Beef Burger in a Bun and Jacket Wedges OR Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash Stew Garden Peas and Carrots, Apple Crumble with Custard. | |
| Tuesday | Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy/Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (v), Carrots and Cauliflower, Sponge with Custard | |
| Wednesday | Chicken Pie and New Potatoes/veggie cottage Pie(v), Broccoli and Swede, Fruit and Jelly | |
| Thursday | Mexican Beef Enchiladas (Wrap) with Wholemeal Rice/Macaroni Cheese with Wholemeal Bread Wedges(v), Garden Peas and Roasted Vegetables, Berry Fool | |
| Friday | Fish Fingers with Chips/Cheddar Cheese & Tomato Tart with Chips(v), Baked Beans and Sweetcorn, Chocolate Muffin | |

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 %:

| Bee | 96.21 |
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| Butterfly | 96.62 |
| Ladybird | 100 |
| Caterpillar | 96.58 |
| Grasshopper | 96.93 |
| Cricket | 98.52 |
| Dragonfly | 98.41 |
| Whole | 97.76 |
| School: | |

Congratulations to Ladybird Class for their positive attendance this week.

Well done!



Dates for your diary:

FEBRUARY

Tues 9th ~ Pancakes at Breakfast and afterschool club!

Fri 12th ~ Last day of half-term Mon 22nd ~ First day of 2nd half-term

Mon 22nd ~ Parents evening appointment sheets will be available in

office foyer or by telephone

Thurs 25th ~ Phase 2 reports out W/c 29th ~ Parents evenings

March

Friday 18th ~ BSA Disco - Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 will be from 6pm to 7pm and

Years 4,5 and 6 will be 7.15 to 8.15pm.

Thurs 24th ~ Last day of Spring Term

Sun 27th ~ Easter Sunday

Pancake Day

TUESDAY 9th February

Join your friends from St Mary's on Shrove Tuesday; for freshly cooked pancakes with a choice of toppings.

Entertainment for the children by Anouska and team.

All welcome.

Donations to The Youth Worker Project

5.30pm - 7.00pm in THE WILBERFORCE HALL

Bell Ringing

Come and make yourself heard!

A Bell Ringing taster session at St Mary's Brighstone,

2.30-4.00pm on Tuesday 16th February

Please drop in to find out how a bell works, a bit of the history, what the ringers do and have a go under supervision of the Brighstone Ringers.

All children and adults welcome.

Contact Beccy on 741052 if there are any questions.

Football

Brighstone v St Francis

On Wednesday the 3rd of February 2016 the year five representatives for the football team played a splendid game against St Francis. The game started well, we had lots of opportunities and were strong in defense on one of our first opportunities Henry S hit the joint of the crossbar and post the goalkeeper tried to hit it out but Henry M came out of nowhere to score a goal top left corner to make it 1-0. A few minutes later, Alfie sent a cracking ball towards James up front he had a great touch to get the ball down and in the nick of time, the ball was in the back of the net to make it 2-0. After that the ball was kept in possession with Brighstone Primary School when the ball had been passed up the line to Ben and Ben charged up the field and scored bottom corner to make it 3-0 at half time. After half time had finished. St Francis managed to score one goal to make it 3-1. But now Brighstone wanted payback and Henry M passed the ball to Ben who was charging up the field once again but instead of scoring he crossed it to Henry S and he scored a fantastic goal to make the final score 4-1 to Brighstone. Mr Evans, Mrs Snow and Mrs Pugh were all happy for a great win to make us go to the semi-finals. Report by Alfie S - Captain and Henry M - Man of the Match.

Brighstone was on fire! - In a tournament!

On Saturday 30th January, 27 Brighstone footballers played in a 5 a-side tournament at West Wight Sport Centre. The boys and girls both won all of their matches and won their way to the final, the teams scored so many goals they can't remember. The teams that were in the final were Brighstone vs Brighstone for the girls and the boys were Brighstone vs Shalfleet. We were very happy because the girls and the boys took home both of the trophies. Well done everyone who took part and a big thank you to Mrs Pugh for taking us!!

Report By the team captains Bess and Luke

Bumped Heads

As of Monday the 8th February, if your child bumps their head during the school day, you will receive a text message to notify you alongside a note outlining any first aid administered. We will always call if we feel further medical attention is required.

Valentines Bake Sale

There will be a Valentine's Sweet Treat bake sale in the playground after school on Friday 12th February.

Monies raised will go towards the Yr 5/6 classroom building fund

We would be very grateful for any donations of baked goodies for the sale, please take into the school office on the Friday.

Meet the Governors

As we have done over the past few terms, the school governors are offering parents the opportunity to drop in to meet them and discuss anything they would find useful. We shall have a hot drink and cake ready between 6.30 and 8pm on Monday 22nd February and look forward to seeing you there.

Pop-Up Café Style Church

Come and join us this Sunday.
7th February in the Wilberforce Hall, at 10.15am.

Get Active – Prizes to be won!

This week all parents should have received a letter outlining our plans to help children get active. We have teamed up with the cycling charity Sustrans who will be providing all classes with Scooter Skills training over the next couple of weeks. All training will be within the school grounds, please ensure that children have their scooters and helmets with them when needed.

Reception & Year 6 – Tuesday 9th Feb.

Alongside this, next week we will be running the "Golden Padlock Competition" - each day a golden padlock will be put on one of the scooters or bikes left in school for the day. The owner of the bike or scooter will win a prize. This is in an effort to encourage children who live within a mile of the school to cycle or scoot into school.

Afterschool Clubs - Important info...

Afterschool Clubs start on Thursday 25th February, running for 5 weeks, 2.45-3.45pm. If you sent your reply slip in, you should have received a text message informing you of which club your child is in. £10 is now payable by Wednesday 10th February to secure your child's place. Chess, Drama and Computer club all have a waiting list, so if money is not received by next Wednesday, we will assume you do not require the space and will give it to someone else.

We are collecting.....

We are collecting milk **bottle tops** for our Easter Egg Hunt and ALSO **Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers**. Please collect from friends/family and bring in to Melissa/Suzanne.