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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have only one week left until half-term. Earlier this week the school governors spent a day in school, there was a vibrant, purposeful and hardworking atmosphere and the children were very eager to share their learning with the governors as they visited the classrooms.

Over the past two days we have welcomed two authors involved in the Isle of Wight Literary Festival into school. On Thursday afternoon, local author, Marianne Su-Yin shared her book: *On The Trail Of The Missing Pets* with year 4, 5 & 6. The children had a wide range of interesting questions for her; we are hoping to be able to invite Marianne back into school later this year to do some more work with the children. Our second author was Simon James, who has written a number of children's picture books. As a school one of our particular favourites is 'Dear Greenpeace', this has been used as a guided reading text and both staff and pupils were very excited by the visit. The full programme for the Literary Festival can be found online at: isleofwightliteraryfestival.com there are a wide range of events and activities taking place across the weekend.

Many of you have asked about the DVD / video from the school performance of *Neverland* in July, for the past few weeks we have been trying to compile the video. Unfortunately a combination of the length of the performance and the quality of the sound recording mean that putting together a feature length version is not going to be possible. We realise that this is a disappointment. Our intention is to put together a selection of the music (including solo and chorus performances) along with a range of still photographs, we hope to have this available immediately after half term and there will be no charge for copies.

We would like to thank all of the parents who have supported their children with this half term's homework. Some of the class teachers have already asked for the children to return their books. Please could we ask that all books for this half term's homework challenge are returned by Monday 16th October so that the teachers can mark the work and prepare the certificates for the children that have completed the minimum of their five homework pieces. If you require further information, on Wednesday (18th October 6.00pm) we have our next parent information session about homework and spelling.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Fox

Golden Book

Apple	Lucy ~ for showing a lot of confidence and determination to have a go at things by herself.
Willow	Erin M ~ for working really hard in her writing and reading.
Sycamore	Clarita ~ for suggesting lots of good adverbs in our English lesson.
Juniper	Olivia ~ for being really helpful to others in Maths. For always being focused and always giving good answers.
Cherry	Imogen ~ for her great use of scientific language and thinking in Science.
Silver Birch	Hannah ~ for her excellent problem solving skills and working in a systematic fashion.
Oak	Todd ~ for responding really well to feedback in Art.

Collective Worship

Creation – Respect for the world

Dear God,

Thank you that you created such a beautiful place for us to live.

We pray that you will help us to look after the world around us.

Help us to love and care for each other.

Help us to look after each other and all that you have entrusted to our care.

Amen

Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu— NEW MENU

Monday	Sausages/Quorn sausages with mash, cauliflower, peas and gravy followed by whole meal plum and vanilla crumble with custard.
Tuesday	Roast pork/Quorn with roast potatoes, cabbage, swede and gravy followed by carrot and courgette cake and custard.
Weds	Shepherd's pie with carrots, green beans and gravy OR sweet & sour vegetable noodles followed by apple and raisin flapjack.
Thursday	Chicken tikka with rice OR creamy vegetable pie with mash followed by dutch apple pie and custard.
Friday	Salmon fishcake with chips, beans and peas OR macaroni cheese with garlic bread followed by lemon drizzle cake.

Attendance %

Apple	100
Willow	98.21
Sycamore	100
Juniper	95.49
Cherry	97.86
Silver Birch	98.81
Oak	94.16
Whole School	97.56

Congratulations to Years R, 2 Class for their positive attendance this week!

Dates for your Diary

October

Weds 18th ~ 3.00pm Year 6 Residential meeting.
6.00pm - Parent Information Session -
Homework & Spellings

November

Friday 3rd ~ **Development DAY—School Closed**
Tuesday 14th ~ 3.00pm - 6.00pm - Parent Consultation
Evenings
Weds 15th ~ 3.00pm - 6.00pm - Parent Consultation
Evenings

December

Friday 8th ~ **Development Day—School Closed**
Tuesday 19th ~ 6.00pm School Nativity
Wednesday 20th ~ 1.15pm School Nativity

Handwriting

Year 1

1st~ Erin B, 2nd ~ Felicity, 3rd ~ Fergie

Year 2

1st ~ Elin, 2nd ~ Connie, 3rd ~ Joe

Year 3

1st ~ Tilly, 2nd ~ Soul, 3rd ~ Aria

Year 4

1st ~ Xander, 2nd ~ Carlton, 3rd ~ Olivia

Year 5

1st ~ Scarlett, 2nd ~ Lily, 3rd ~ Leo

Year 6

1st ~ Kereena, 2nd ~ Amelie, 3rd ~ Amelia

School Photographs

You should have received the proof by now of the school photographs; please let the office know if you haven't. You can order online or through the school office with the correct money.

Job Vacancy

Our school kitchen is looking for a Kitchen Assistant for 7.5 hours, for more information please call Caterlink on 550500

Medication in School

If your child needs to take any medication throughout the school day, please complete a form from the school office. Please note that unless prescribed by a doctor the school will not administer any medication containing Ibuprofen and the use of throat lozenges/cough sweets is not permitted in school.

Foodbank Donation

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest Celebrations, these were given to the Isle of Wight foodbank.

"It was a real pleasure taking away the donations from Brighstone yesterday, they weighed in at a huge total of 130kgms / 268 lbs. would like to pass on a big Thank You to all who donated" - IW Foodbank

Brighstone Church Nativity Pageant

Cast needed:

For the Pageant I will need the services of **12 angels** from any year groups – **3 pages** in year 2/3, and a couple/few of child shepherds with one speaking part left plus one reserve speaking part in case of illness in year 4 or above

The children will ALL need to be free for the run-through on 25th November and the Dress Rehearsal on 3rd December both 1 – 3 pm. In addition the angels will need to attend choir practice after school on Wednesday 2.45 – 3.45 pm every week (if possible) after half-term in school or in the church if the hall is being used for something else.

Chris Biggs

If you would like your child to take part, please contact Chris Biggs on: csmbiggs@tiscali.co.uk

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

Its that time of year again. We have a number of shoeboxes in school for you to fill with goodies for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Please collect a shoebox and leaflet with more details from the school office. Date for boxes to be returned to school: Thursday 2nd November.

Football

Training for girls years 3–6 Monday 2.45–3.45pm
Training for boys years 3-6 Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm

Money Owed

Please can we ask that all money owed for this term is paid by Friday next week. You can use our online payment system, please call the office if you require a password reminder. You can pay by cash or card at the school office. If paying by cash, please have the correct change as we now have very limited cash available.

We will no longer accept the old £1 coin as of Monday 17th October.