



Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! What a fantastic start we have had to the second half of our Spring Term! The warmth of the early spring sun has been a welcome break from the darkness of winter and the children have been able to enjoy some of their playtimes on the school field.

At this time of year our thoughts turn to Lent – next week is Ash Wednesday and we are really looking forward to working with the children and you, as parents, on our #Live Lent project. The theme for this is 'Let Your Light Shine'. After the success of the Kindness Project during Advent, we really believe that this will have a positive effect on the behaviours and attitudes that the children have both in school and at home.

There has been a lot of media and social media discussion this week about 'Momo' and other possible online dangers for children. No matter whether the current scares linked to YouTube or Whats App are real or hoax, it is important that we all work together to keep children safe online. Please do take the opportunity to look at some of the e-Safety resources that are available on the school website under the Parents Info Tab.

Safeguarding our children is important to us as a school, with this in mind we would like to politely remind parents of the need to keep us informed when their child is absent from school. Please let the school know by telephone, text or email by 8.55am each day if your child is absent. It is important that the school is informed on a daily basis of your child's absence unless you have already specified a fixed period of time because of the nature of the illness or absence. Many illnesses eg: coughs, colds, viral, headaches etc can vary and are unpredictable, in these circumstances we would need your child's missing attendance mark to be confirmed daily. In all instances please provide written confirmation of the absence when your child returns to school. Please do not be offended if you are asked to confirm your child's absence, this is being done to ensure that all of the children are accounted for and safe.

Today our children from year 3 and year 4 have enjoyed a trip to the mainland, experiencing life on Butser Ancient Farm, we hope they enjoy their learning and look forward to hearing about it next week.

Best Wishes  
Mrs Fox

### Golden Book

<b>Mars</b>	Emily ~ for trying really hard to take turns and share.
<b>Jupiter</b>	Nico ~ for his great place value work
<b>Venus</b>	Sam S ~ for his super ICT work and helping others.
<b>Pluto</b>	Darcey ~ For her one word dialogue and being a resourceful learner. Ruby ~ For tidying the classroom by herself
<b>Mercury</b>	Macy ~ For her one word dialogue and being a resourceful learner.

### Collective Worship

**Dear God,  
Thank you for all that you give us.  
For all of nature and creation.  
Thank you for the signs and beauty of  
Spring that bring us hope.  
Help us to feel glad that we are alive.  
Help us to wake each morning and  
feel the hope that each day brings.  
Amen.**

### Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Monday	Hot dogs with OR veggie hot dog tomato sauce and wedges, coleslaw, green salad, followed by yoghurt and fruit station
Tuesday	Chicken curry OR lentil and vegetable curry with rice, broccoli, sliced carrots, followed by apple, cheese and biscuits
Wednesday	Roast pork OR quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy, red cabbage, green beans, followed by mixed fruit crumble and custard
Thursday	Harry Potter Pizza or George's Marvellous Macaroni Cheese, Peter Rabbit's Carrots, Jack's Magic Beans, James and the Giant Peach Crumble
Friday	Battered fish with chips OR spinach and tomato quiche and tomato sauce, baked beans, garden peas with new potatoes, followed by chocolate shortbread

### Attendance %

<b>Mars</b>	67.41
<b>Jupiter</b>	97.78
<b>Venus</b>	98.29
<b>Saturn</b>	98.25
<b>Neptune</b>	92.40
<b>Pluto</b>	100
<b>Mercury</b>	100
Whole School	93.49

Congratulations to Years 5 & 6 for their positive attendance this week

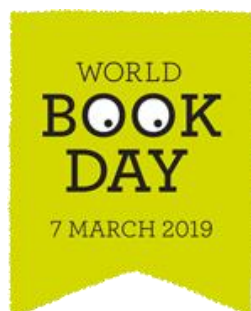
## DIARY DATES

### April

Friday 5th ~ Last day of term  
Tuesday 23rd ~ First day of Summer term  
Wed. 24th-26th ~ Year 4 Residential Trip to Bembridge

### July

Monday, 22nd ~ Development Day—No School  
Tuesday 23rd ~ Development Day—No School



It is World book day on Thursday 7th of March. Children are invited to come to School dressed as their favourite book character for a suggested donation of £1 in aid of book aid international.

## Sickness and Absence

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure you let the School know by telephone 01983 740285, school text system by 8:55am on the first day of absence.

When your child is well enough to return to school, please provide a note to the office or email [Melissa m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk) explaining the absence within 3 days of your child returning to school, to avoid the absence being marked as unauthorised.

## Rotary Easter Card Competition

West Wight Rotary Club are running a "Decorate an Easter card" competition. There will be 4 prizes of a £10 WH Smith voucher for the following categories:

Reception, Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6.

Please collect (or ask your child to) an entry card from the School office.

Deadline for entries is **Thursday 4th April.**

## After School Clubs

### Sports Clubs with Mr Goldsmith:

Clubs will be starting W/c 4th March - W/e 5th April. Please note; not all clubs will run due to pre-arranged sports fixtures.

Monday ~ R,1,2 - Dance (4/5 weeks) £4

Tuesday ~ 3,4,5,6 - Hockey (5/5 weeks) £5

Wednesday ~ 3,4,5,6 - Dance (3/5 weeks) £3

Thursday ~ 3,4,5,6 - Cross Country (4/5 weeks) £4

Friday ~ R,1,2 - Indoor Football (3/5 weeks) £3

Monday ~ 3,4,5,6 - MAP with Mrs Jones

Friday ~ Cooking with Mrs Fox - Already fully subscribed from last term.



On **Friday 15th of March** we are raising money for this year's Comic Relief appeal. Children can come to school in mufti, something red and/or wearing Comic Relief accessories.

Children will be able to share their favourite jokes throughout the day.

Please don't take Rudolph's red nose, if you would like to, you can purchase accessories at Sainsbury's, TK Maxx, Oxfam or online.