

The Buzz

1st April 2022



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Well, I think it has been four seasons in one day, today. Rain, snow, sun—you name it, we've had it today! The children got very excited to see the snow yesterday and today, albeit a few flakes. Unfortunately, this cold snap meant that Polar Bear's fairy tale forest trip had to be postponed on the guidance of the Forest School Leader, but we will rearrange it and let you know. However, they instead had a fun day of fairy tale activities; see p4 of the Buzz and Facebook for photos.



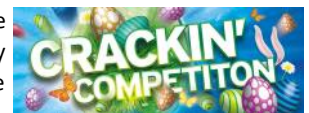
Our school meals provider is **Chartwells** and they have sent out a parent survey to gather feedback about the meals. Please take the time to fill in the survey by clicking on the link in the email attachment sent out yesterday.

New **Covid guidance** came out today, which we will be following as a school. Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.



On Tuesday, Mr Goldsmith and Miss Newman took two **netball teams** from Years 5 & 6 to West Wight Sports Centre - the teams battled hard, with their skills progressing throughout the afternoon, with the sides finishing in second and third place. On Wednesday, the Year 5 & 6 girls played their football semi-final at Wootton. Unfortunately, we were defeated 5-0 by a very strong side, though the girls should be very proud of their performances throughout the season and for reaching the final four. Well done to all the children who took part!

This is a reminder that the children are invited to take part in an **Easter competition** next week. They are welcome to bring along a decorated Easter bonnet, an Easter garden or a decorated hard-boiled egg. They can submit entries in one or more categories. These will then be judged by members of the BSA. There are lots of amazing prizes to be won! Please bring in your entries on Thursday 7th April.



I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship - Justice

This week's Collective Worship focus is: **Keeping God's Rules**



Long ago, God wanted to show his people how to behave towards one another and treat each other justly.



He gave Moses, who was the leader of the people, some special rules. They became known as the Ten Commandments. We looked at them and discussed our thoughts. Did we understand them? Did we agree with each of them?

Hundreds of years after God gave these rules to Moses, Jesus was asked a testing question by one of the religious leaders. He asked, of all the commandments, which is the most important? What would your response to this be?

In their class worships, each class then created their own Ten Commandments for living well today. What would you choose to include?

A Prayer for Living Well

God of justice and mercy,
You love us and want the best for us.
Thank you for helping us to know the right way to live.
May your ways be our ways,
So that all that we do and say is honouring you.
In the name of Jesus,
Our Saviour and guide,
Amen



"Our purpose is to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of one another."

St Paul 2 Corinthians 8.21



School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Sausage and Mash	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Veggie Bolognese	Noodles	Vegetable Pie	Chickpea and Potato Curry	Veggie Burger
Dessert	Flapjack	Peach Shortbread	Raspberry Yoghurt	Fruity Chocolate	Vanilla Ice Cream

Poetry Corner

Blow, Breezes, Blow

Blow, breezes, blow!
Flow, rivers, flow!
Shine, sun, shine!
And grow, flowers, grow.

Anonymous



Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

Can or may?



Golden Book

Koala	Annie, Jax, Rufus, Tristan and Skye—for super reading.
Polar Bear	Allina - she has been working really hard this week and coming into school with a smile (carried over from last week).
Lemur	Freddie—for making great progress with his handwriting.
Chimpanzee	Peyton—for amazing writing about dragons. Max B—Fantastic effort in his Maths papers and in Art and Geography. His hard work has really paid off. (Both carried over from last week.)
Orangutan	Thomas—for honest determination when calculating with fractions. Asya - care, attention and creativity in Art (carried over from last week).
Sports Bee	Lauren - for showing great team spirit and perseverance during the Netball tournament.

Whole school dates

Friday 8th April: Last day of term
Monday 25th April: Start of summer term

Reminders

If someone other than usual is collecting your child from school, you **MUST** inform the school office to save confusion at the end of the day.

The one-way system is still in operation in the mornings.

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 28th March
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 81.1% ↓

Late marks this week: 10 ↓

Fingers crossed for next week....

Fake News

April 1st seemed like a fitting day to warn/remind you about the perils of fake news and scammers. There is so much information coming at us from all angles and it can be overwhelming.

The NSPCC and Childline websites are always great to visit when needing any advice on keeping ourselves and children safe:

“Digital platforms have made it easier for anyone to share information online, and it can be difficult to determine whether something is real or false.

What a young person sees online can shape how they view the world and impact their overall wellbeing. It’s important to talk to them about how misinformation spreads and how to look out for it.”

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/fake-news/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/how-to-spot-fake-news/>



News from the Classrooms

Polar Bear Class

Our trip unfortunately had to be postponed today, so we challenged the children with some fairy tale activities in school instead. Here they are making their own trolls out of clay. They came up with their own troll designs and went outside to collect natural resources to use on them too. They then worked in groups to make a bridge. Can you guess the fairy tale we based our challenges on? The children worked superbly in their teams to create their bridges and had some wonderful, unique ideas. Well done team Polar Bear :)

