

The Buzz



2nd December 2022



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

The weeks are flying by and Christmas is approaching very quickly! The children have been busy rehearsing for the Nativity, the choir have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming concerts, and the hall is looking very Christmassy with the colourful Christmas tree donated and decorated by the BSA (thank you!).

Yesterday, our **school choir** performed at the IOW Pearl, where they wowed the audience with their beautiful singing. They will be performing at a few other venues in the next couple of weeks; I hope that you get the chance to see them and enjoy their enthusiasm and stunning harmonies.

Tomorrow afternoon (Saturday 3rd), a special **Christmas Tree decorating activity** session will be taking place at St Mary's Church between 2.30pm-4pm. It sounds like fun; I hope to see you there! (See the advert on p9 of this Buzz.)

Honey Bee class are very excited about going to visit **Butser Ancient Farm** on the mainland as part of their History unit Stone Age to the Iron Age. Butser Ancient Farm is an amazing place where history is brought to life. We can't wait to hear all about it and to see their photos.



On Thursday 8th December, we will be holding a **Christingle Service** in St Mary's Church at 8.40am. Parents/carers are welcome to join us; please let the school office know so we have an idea of numbers for seating purposes. Children are asked to bring in an orange on Wednesday so they can decorate it in readiness. School is providing all the other materials.

Thursday 8th is also **Christmas Jumper Day** in aid of Save the Children. Any donations welcome, big or small!



Just another reminder of our upcoming Christmas events:

Our whole school Nativity will be taking place on Tuesday 13th December at 1.15pm and on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm. A letter was sent out yesterday with further information. We have the BSA Christmas Disco and mini market this afternoon, Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 8th December in aid of Save the Children, and Christmas Dinner day on Wednesday 14th December. Our choir is taking part in the Stars of Wonder concert at St Mary's Church on Sunday 11th December, and St Mary's Church are holding a Christmas decorations session on Saturday 3rd. Posters about these activities are in this Buzz and on our Facebook page.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and see you again on Monday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team



Collective Worship - Compassion

This week's Collective Worship focus is 'Coming to the rescue'.

We heard the story of The Lost Sheep. Jesus said "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them—what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that was lost until you find it.



When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbours and say to them 'I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!'

The shepherd went looking for the sheep, who was probably upset, lonely and afraid, because he cared about it and wanted to help. He showed compassion. How does it make you feel when you see someone who is upset or lost or fed up? How could you help them?



Thank you prayer

God of compassion,
You care for us more than we could ever care for anyone.
Thank you that you sent Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to bring us back to you.
Thank you that you come and find us whenever we feel lost or alone.
Help us to help others when they feel lost or alone.
Amen



"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." Proverbs 3:27

School Dinners

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

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£2.35** per day.

Baguettes now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of JPs (ham, cheese or tuna)

| Week 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Option 1 | Pesto Pasta Bake | Sausage & Mash | Roast Pork | Beef Bolognese | Fish fingers |
| Option 2 | Tomato Pasta | Tomato Pasta | Vegetable Pastry Roll | Veggie Bolognese | Veggie Burger |
| Dessert | Ice Cream | Flapjack | Jelly | Chocolate slice | Crispy Crackle bar |

Poetry Corner

Dragon Smoke

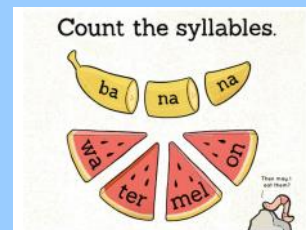
Breathe and blow
white clouds
with every puff.
It's cold today,
cold enough
to see your breath.
Huff!
Breathe dragon
smoke
today!



Grammar and Spelling Matters

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

Spellings: Syllables



Rules for Counting Syllables

- 1 **One Vowel Sound** per syllable
per syllable
- 2 **Split at double consonants**
butter, battle
- 3 **Split at compound words**
mail box, dog house
- 4 **Split at vccv** (vowel consonant vowel)
elbow, doctor
- 5 **Split at c-le** (consonant followed by l)
turtle, cradle
- 6 **Split prefix or suffix**
pre view, kind ness

www.teachmeinyours.com

Can you clap the syllables in your name?

Reminders

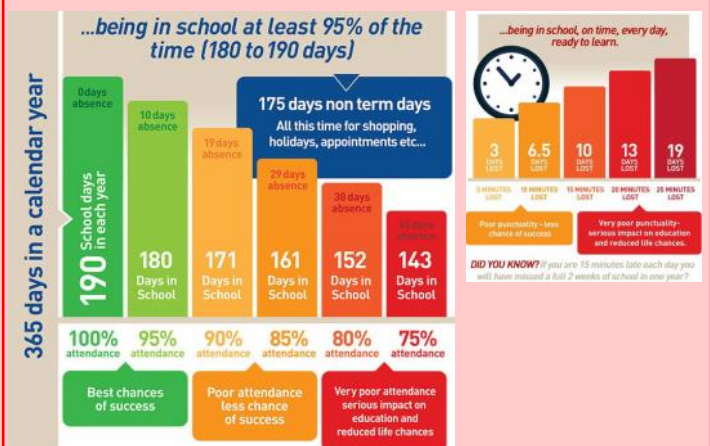
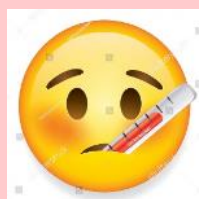
- All long hair should be tied back in **school colours**
- The **one-way system** is still in operation. Children can be dropped off at the front or back gates.
- Our **school gates** are open 8:20am - 8:25am and from 2:40pm
- **No branded** (Adidas, Nike etc) clothing items permitted
- Packed lunches should **not contain chocolate** items or any food containing **nuts**
- **Please ensure all items of clothing are named**
- Jumpers and cardigans should be **NAVY** blue
- Trousers or shorts should be **grey**
- PE shorts/leggings/skorts/tracksuit bottoms should be **navy**
- **Shirts** should be tucked in
- If your child is **late**, a suitable reason must be provided
- In the mornings, if you have any messages that you would like to pass onto your child's teacher, please let Mrs Jones, Mrs Lennon or Mrs Pelosi know, or email your child's class teacher. This will enable the teachers to greet every child individually in the morning to increase their sense of belonging and to start their day in a positive, welcoming way.
- Only **water** should be in water bottles.

Attendance Matters!

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

Actual Attendance: **88.76%**

Late marks this week: **7**



SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health



Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Children and young people of families getting income-related free school meals, are invited to take part in free activities during the Christmas holidays. A hot meal is also provided. Some programmes offer places you can pay for if you're not eligible for a free place. The [connect4communities website](#) has more information about the scheme.

CM Sports, Barton Primary School, Furlongs, Newport, PO30 2AX

Sports coaching and arts and crafts activities for ages 4 to 11

Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 December

For more information and to book Newport or Sandown go to the CM Sports website:

[Home Page - CM Sports](#) | [CM Sports \(cm-sports.co.uk\)](#)

Tel: 02392 987881

Globe Fit, West Wight Community and Leisure Centre, Moa Place, Freshwater, PO40 9XH

A multi activity club for primary school children (years R - 6). Activities include sports, dance, crafts, cookery and learning about the world we live in through our themed days. This December we will be learning about China, Columbia, Finland and Scotland.

Monday 19 to Thursday 22 December, 8am to 4pm

Free and paid for spaces available

For more information and to book go to the Globe Fit website: [HOME](#) | [globefit](#)

Island Riding Centre, Staplers Rd, Newport, PO30 2NB

Riding sessions with a healthy lunch provided for ages 6 to 14.

For more information and to book:

Email: summer@islandriding.com

Tel: 01983 214000

Christmas 2022

The Isle of Wight Salvation Army will be hosting a Christmas Day Dinner, free of charge to anyone who would be spending Christmas Day on their own.

Doors open 11am, traditional Christmas dinner served 1pm, with festivities continuing until 3pm.

To attend, for volunteering opportunities or donations, please contact:

The Salvation Army Hall, Pyle Street, Newport, Tuesdays 10am to 1pm

Call: 07583 257515 every day 12pm to 6pm

Email: IOWSA.ChristmasCampaign@gmail.com

or [message through Facebook](#)

Brighstone and Shorwell Methodist Church is open 7 to 14 December 10am to 2pm. Some Christmas trees will be on display.

Open as a warm area for a chat and coffee in a welcoming environment. Soup available 12pm to 2pm. All welcome.

Get contact details on the [Brighstone and Shorwell Methodist Church website](#).

Golden Book

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Bumble Bee | Evan - for working hard at using his Fred Fingers to write words. Tristan & Skye - working hard in RWI. Quinn - working hard with his writing. |
| Honey Bee | Freddie H - for excellent work in History. Reece - for trying hard in all subjects and showing great learning behaviours. |
| Ivy Bee | Lucy - for excellent work in Maths. Jack S-C - great descriptive poetry about the Mongolian Steppe. |
| Sports Bee | Iris - for demonstrating the school games values - always! |
| Bee-Haviour | The choir for representing the school and singing so beautifully at their first performance |



Key dates this term

- Saturday 3rd December: Christmas Tree decorations activity at St Mary's Church (2.30pm—4pm)
- Monday 5th December: Y3/4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- Weds 7th December - Choir perform at the Grange
- Thursday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 8th December: Christingle Service at 8.40am
- Sunday 11th - Mottistone Manor Christmas Palace 11am-3pm. Choir performing at midday.
- Sunday 11th December: Stars of Wonder concert at St Mary's Church at 7pm (choir performing)
- Monday 12th December: BSA Secret Present Room
- Tuesday 13th December: Nativity at 1.15pm
- Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 14th December: Nativity at 6pm
- Thursday 15th December: Last day of school
- Friday 16th December: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 3rd January: Back to school

Looking ahead:

- Thursday 20th July: School closed for staff development day
- Friday 21st July: School closed for staff development day



Class News

Ivy Bee class have been reading *The Unforgotten Coat* by Frank Cottrell Boyce, which is about two Mongolian refugee children who have arrived at a primary school in Liverpool. While learning about the context of the story, Ivy Bee class have been exploring what Mongolia is like.

They have written some poems in response and create a class poetry book.

Jack S-C was awarded a Golden Award this week for his poem, which is published below for you all to enjoy and appreciate.

Well done, Jack!

Mongolia Mongolia

Mongolia Mongolia an Asian wonderland

A nomadic country.

Warriors as brave as lions.

Hunting with majestic golden eagles to kill their prey.

A steppe as wild as the sea, rimmed with metal glistening mountains capped with icing.

A magical wonderland with towering holy rocks.

Yurts look like fairy cakes in a sea of pure grass.

This is my Mongolia.

By Jack S-C



Brighstone School Association

CHRISTMAS DISCO

in the school hall
Friday 2nd December 2022

KS 1 | 4PM - 4.45PM
KS 2 | 5PM - 5.45PM *£2.50 a ticket.*

EACH CHILD WILL BE GIVEN A SPECIAL GIFT.
SQUASH AND A PACKET OF SWEETS INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE.

While your child is dancing, go round and support our mini market by the wooden house

Tickets available from the school office or online at pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation

Brighstone School Association

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Friday 2nd December 2022
in The Hive Classroom

£8 per session
Booking in advance




Come and learn how to make a Christmas wreath while your child is at the disco

Mulled wine or other drink included in price.

Please bring foliage, any decorations you may like to use, gardening gloves and secateurs.

Tickets available online at pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation by completing the emailed form and returning to the office



Brighstone School Association

Secret Present Room

12th December 2022
Happening during the school day



We are giving the children the opportunity to purchase small gifts in our Secret Present Room

Each gift will be wrapped ready to go under the tree

£2.50 per gift

If you would like your child to take part, please complete the form being send home and return to school by Friday 9th December

Alternatively you can Pre pay for your gifts via our PTA Events page - www.pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS & SERVICES AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE 2022

| DATE | TIME | CHOIR/MUSICIANS | CONTACT | EVENT | REFRESHMENTS | HELPERS NEEDED | DONATIONS | CHURCH BELLS |
|------------------|----------|--|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| NOV | | | | | | | | |
| 27 th | 7.00 pm | Belles, Barnacles, Hand bells, Sorella Acapella – mixture of repertoire + carols | Chris B, Crispin, Mike C, Yvonne | CONCERT | YES | Village/Horticultural Society ? | MOUNTBATTE N HOSPICE | YES |
| DEC | | | | | | | | |
| 10 th | 7.30 pm | Trident Concert Band | Miriam 741061 | CONCERT | YES | Will do own | BAND + CHURCH | NO |
| 11 th | 7.00 pm | Stars of Wonder – Youth Orientated | Pete 247515 | CONCERT | YES | SWAY + others | SWAY + CHARITY ? | NO |
| 14 th | 7.00 on | (Shorwell) - West Wight choir | James Longford + Chrissie Acland | CONCERT | YES | Will do own | MOUNTBATTE N HOSPICE | - |
| 18 th | 10.30 am | Methodist Chapel | Mike Hackleton | SERVICE | YES | Will do own | CHAPEL | - |
| 18 th | 4.00 pm | (Shorwell) 4 th Advent Carols of Praise - Choir | Barbara + Linda Bushell | SERVICE | YES | Will do own | CHURCH | Shorwell ringers |
| 22 nd | 6.00 pm | Crown Inn Shorwell | Jackie + Linda | CAROL SINGING | Buy own | Will do own | CRISIS | - |
| 23 rd | 7.00 pm | 9 Readings, Songs & Carols – soloists, choir, readers | Jackie Maw | SERVICE | YES | Women in the word | TEARFUND + CHURCH | YES |
| 24 th | 4 pm | Crib Carols | Jackie Maw *Sharon & Norma | SERVICE | YES | The Sunday team* | HOME FOR GOOD | YES |

Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2022/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2022 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply from **9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022** Please note that the online form will be live until on or around 5th June 2023

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here:

<https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport>. Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022.** Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £130.00
- Up to half a term £65.00
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £65.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.

Important Points to Note

- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- Services available are listed at the bottom of the Privilege seat webpage
- There will be a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.

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presents

Cinderella
The most magical pantomime of all

Will the slipper fit?

Will two fools be covered in gunge?

Will dreams come true?

SHANKLIN THEATRE
DECEMBER: 17th, 18th & 30th at 7pm
18th - 24th, 26th - 28th, 30th & 31st at 2pm
Relaxed Performance: 29th at 2pm
JANUARY: 1st at 2pm

Box Office: 01983 868000 www.shanklintheatre.com

£2 OFF
each ticket when presented at the Box Office

New Carnival Presents

RYDE
Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December
Join us... 5-8pm
Celebrations in the Town

- * **Lantern Parade** (5.30pm)
Start from top of Dover Street, to Star St, High St, Cross St, and ending in Vernon Square
- * **Illuminations** (The Neon Garden in St Thomas Rest, the Land and the Sea in Vernon Square)
- * **Music & Entertainment**
- * **Food Stalls**

Join in-
Lantern Making Workshops:

Family Workshop- Sat 26th Nov
11-2pm Ryde Methodist Church

Lantern Leaders Course-
Weds 23rd Nov 5-7.30pm The Coaching House, Union Rd, Ryde

To book contact:
Gemma@thenewcarnivalcompany.com
01983 716095

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER
2.30 PM - 4.00 PM
IN ST MARY'S CHURCH
BRIGHTSTONE

Inviting the whole community to come and create decorations for our large Christmas Tree!
Enjoy time + refreshments together

CHILDREN WELCOME WITH PARENTS/CARERS!

The return of...
STARS OF WONDER ... at last!

St Mary's Church, Brightstone
Sunday 11th December 2022 at 7.00 pm

A musical concert involving a range of local talent - young and not so young - to warm your hearts this season
Mince pies and mulled wine at the interval

Retiring collection in aid of

Come along & enjoy this festive event!

Jingle all the Way
with **Mountbatten**

Sunday 18 December
Ventnor Botanic Garden
From 3pm
mountbatten.org.uk/jingle

45 years of kindness
Mountbatten

FR 1800400

Includes over **£50** worth of savings to use across Tapnell Farm! See website for details

TAPNELL FARM PARK

Season Passes

JUST £28 PER PERSON!
Under 2's FREE

Valid from 3rd November 2022 - 24th March 2023
Unlimited FREE ENTRY - See winter opening times on website

Transferable adult season pass when accompanying a child season pass holder (see website for full T&Cs)

ALL WEATHER FUN!
Indoor and Outdoor Play

Christmas at Tapnell
The Island's Award-Winning Event!

Discounted tickets for Season Pass Holders!

BUY ONLINE FOR FULL DETAILS www.tapnellfarm.com/play

isle of wight radio
Christmas Toy Appeal
BECAUSE EVERY ISLAND CHILD DESERVES A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

WIN
A SIGNED BUNDLE OF BOOKS!
AND BESPOKE ISLE OF WIGHT DRAWING

courtesy of Gruffalo illustrator, Axel Scheffler

Includes Zog, the Tales of Acorn Wood book and puzzle set, The Room on the Broom Cookbook, The Gruffalo Sound Book, plus a hand-drawn A4 picture of Pip and Posy.

Raffle tickets **£1 each.**

Tickets can be purchased until December 4th from Farnsworths Newsagents, Town Choice Cafe, Harwoods Garage or at the Beacon Magazine office, 8-10 Dodnor Park, Newport.

Raffle will be held on December 5th, at midday.

All funds raised from the raffle will be used to purchase toys for the Toy Appeal. The Isle of Wight Radio Christmas Toy Appeal aims to spread festive cheer to thousands of less-fortunate children across the island every Christmas.

Merry Christmas

A FESTIVE FEAST **£2.35**

MAINS
Roast Turkey
or
Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

SIDES
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Stuffing,
Cocktail Sausages and Gravy

DESSERTS
Chocolate Orange Muffin
or
Festive Shortbread

Reply for Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 14th December 2022

Yes my child would like a Christmas Dinner NO my child would not like a Christmas Dinner.

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

My child has Universal Free School Meal My child is in receipt of Free School Meals

I enclose £2.35 for a Christmas dinner I have paid online for a Christmas dinner

Signed: _____

Please return by Friday 2 December 2020.
Unfortunately, no orders can be taken after this date.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

8 DECEMBER 2022



DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

On Thursday 8th December, our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We know times are tough, so please remember that donations are optional (it's having tons of fun that's mandatory!), and any amount you can spare - 10p, 20p, 50p makes you an awesome fundraiser. Also, this year, whatever anyone donates will make double the difference because the UK government is going to match all donations to Christmas Jumper Day between 1st December and 1st March! All that extra cash will go towards a wonderful cause, helping 200,000 mums and babies in Kenya get the food and medicine they need! (That's a lot of mums and babies!)



Remember, there's no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit. If you want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas.

We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. Together, we can make the world better with a sweater.

Thank you for your support.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- for frequently asked questions about Christmas Jumper Day:
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/faq>
- for upcycling inspiration and sustainability information:
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/sustainability-and-inclusivity>
- for more information on how your donations help:
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>



Save the Children



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Dear SWAY Friends and Supporters,

SWAY has an opportunity to receive some funding. Over 12 days in December, the ~~Benefact~~ Benefact Group will be drawing 10 charities per working day to receive £1,000.

The first draw takes place on December 1st and the last on the 16th. Would you kindly nominate South Wight Area Youth Partnership (Charity number: 1160139) as your favourite charity by clicking on the link below:

https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1160139&ct=community&i=1669053315-87287.jpg&utm_source=holiday+card&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=12days2022holidaycard&utm_id=12days2022



Wishing our friends and supporters a Happy Christmas!
Please nominate us to win £1,000 today!



Thank you for your support.

Office: 07880951243

<https://www.southwightyouth.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Southwightyouth>

Instagram: @southwightyouth



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