

# The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.  
Primary School

## 20th January 2023

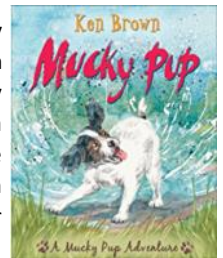


Learning and Achieving Through Love,  
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Once again, I am so proud of the children in our school. This week, I took six representatives of the **EARA group** to Gatten and Lake Primary School to share with some of the other EARA groups what we have been doing so far. While Minnie Moore, the leader of EARA, was delivering her activities and main talk, they demonstrated excellent listening skills and respect. They made active contributions by confidently sharing their thoughts and ideas with everyone there, and showed courage (one of our school values and our Collective Worship focus this half term) when standing up in front of everyone to talk about our actions so far. When they asked the other schools if they had any questions, the response was 'no, because we are going to use some of your ideas back in our own schools!' Great work Fraser, Amelia, Sammy, Lilli, Maddie and Caspar, as well as the rest of the EARA group.

This afternoon, **Bumble Bee Class** had a visit from Adah the Storyteller. She read them a story about a very mucky pup, a rather cheeky monkey and then we all joined in with Each Peach Pear Plum. The children were such enthusiastic and excited listeners! They loved predicting what was going to happen, thinking of ideas about what they would do, and of course, joining in. When she asked if they'd like her to come back another time, there was a resounding YES from every corner of the classroom. Adah was really impressed with how much the children were engaged in the stories, and then how polite they all were. Individuals came up and thanked her for reading to them and said they hoped she would come again. The perfect finish to a very busy Friday. Well done, Bumble Bee class, for showing such enthusiasm and respect, and for being such great ambassadors for our school.



It is always a huge pleasure to lead **Golden Worship** every Friday, hearing what the children have been up to and the progress they have been making. Henry and Oskar have been particularly proud of their work: In Art, Henry took a sketch that he had done last week, with pencil, and improved it using charcoal. He made it larger, and really concentrated throughout the whole lesson, making sure that he added texture where he needed to. Oskar has been making huge strides with his writing, both composition and handwriting. As you can see in this week's Buzz, there is an amazing improvement. Well done to you both!

Working together as a wider community is always so important, and providing help and support where needed. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to **Clancy Docwra**, who very kindly reinstated the tarmac by the front entrance, making it safer to enter the school.



Improvements are still taking place in our outdoor Quiet Zone, which has now been renamed the '**Cosy Cabin**' by the EARA group. The new beanbags and cushions have arrived, and today they measured up for an outdoor rug. We are also looking to put up a new wooden homemade 'Cosy Cabin' sign. If you know of anyone who might be able to create this for us, please do let us know!



With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

## Collective Worship - Courage

This week's Collective Worship theme is **Courage: Doing the right thing, not the easy thing**

We watched the story of Esther the Brave Queen. When Jewish people were being persecuted by her husband King Xerxes on the advice of his advisor Haman, she showed great courage by risking her own life and standing up for them. It would have been easier and safer for Esther to keep quiet and look after herself.



Can you think of other people who have spoken out and done the right



A Prayer for Courage



Father God,

Help us to be strong and courageous.

Help us to speak out for others.

Help us to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.

Amen

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1.9

## 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 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Pork sausages	Roast Gammon	Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Veggie sausages	Veg Pastry Roll	Tomato Pasta	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Choc Crispy Bar	Shortbread	Ice Cream	Crumble	Frozen Yog

## Poetry Corner

Over wintry wind-whipped waves  
 The white-winged seagulls wildly sweep;  
 Weaving, winding, wheeling, whistling,  
 Where the wide waste waters weep.

Anonymous



## Grammar and Spelling Matters

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

### Grammar: Commonly misused words

#### Its or it's

**its**

Belonging to it.

**it's**

A contraction of it is or it has.

#### REMEMBER

If you can replace the word with it is or it has, always write IT'S. Otherwise, write ITS.

#### EXAMPLE

"My dog loves chasing ITS tail.  
 IT'S one of his favourite things to do."

## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

Contact us: [safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk)

Speak with our DSL Mrs Jones in the school office

You can contact the NSPCC:

### Contact the NSPCC Helpline

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**0808 800 5000**

**Find out more**

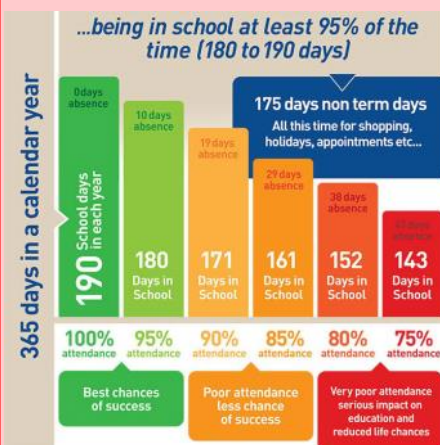
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

## Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 16th January  
 Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 94.44%

Late marks this week: **12**



# SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health



This winter, many people who have never had to ask for help before will need support. All Islanders can get help with the cost of living.

- Isle of Wight Council Website: <https://beta.iow.gov.uk/keep-the-island-safe/cost-of-living/>
- Call the Citizens Advice line for free: 0800 144 88 48 or go to [citizensadviceiw.org.uk](https://citizensadviceiw.org.uk)
- The Footprint Trust can help with energy saving. Contact them on 01983 822282 or [footprint-trust.co.uk](https://footprint-trust.co.uk)
- General Island support, advice, events: [www.islefindit.org.uk](https://www.islefindit.org.uk)
- Information about cost of living support on the UK government website: [helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk](https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk)
- Mental health support: [iwmentalhealth.co.uk](https://iwmentalhealth.co.uk)
- Medical help and mental health support: call 111 or [NHS 111](#) [Find out about help and support available for Islanders on our website](#)



# Golden Book

<b>Bumble Bee</b>	<b>Max</b> - for joining in with RWI nicely this week. <b>Holly</b> - for always showing a conscientious attitude in all lessons and for rising to a challenge in Maths.
<b>Honey Bee</b>	<b>Henry</b> - for careful consideration in Art and a beautiful charcoal drawing of a robin. <b>Oskar</b> - for a significant improvement in his handwriting. <b>Poppy L</b> - for being so dedicated with her times tables.
<b>Ivy Bee</b>	<b>Max C</b> - for excellent work on measurement problem solving. <b>Devon</b> - for perceptive reflections about the unforgotten coat demon.
<b>Sports Bee</b>	<b>Alfie L</b> - for always demonstrating the school games values.
<b>Bee-Haviour</b>	<b>Poppy L</b> - for taking on a challenge and making herself proud!

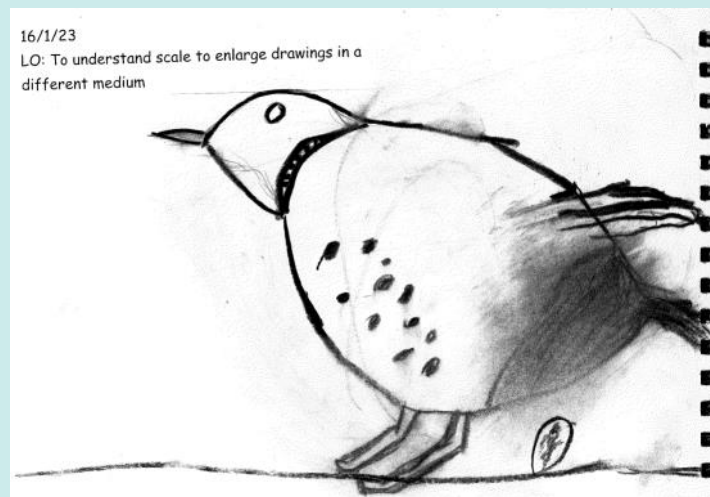




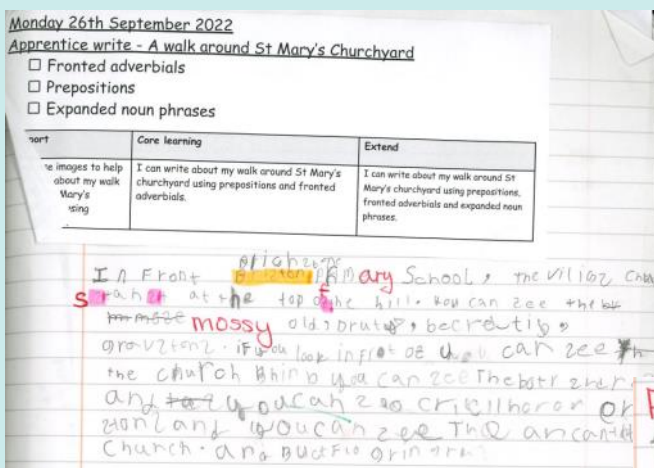
# News from the Classrooms

## Honey Bee Class

In Art, we have been learning how to sketch through different mediums. Henry took a sketch that he had done last week, with pencil, and improved it using charcoal. He made it larger, and really concentrated throughout the whole lesson, making sure that he added texture where he needed to.



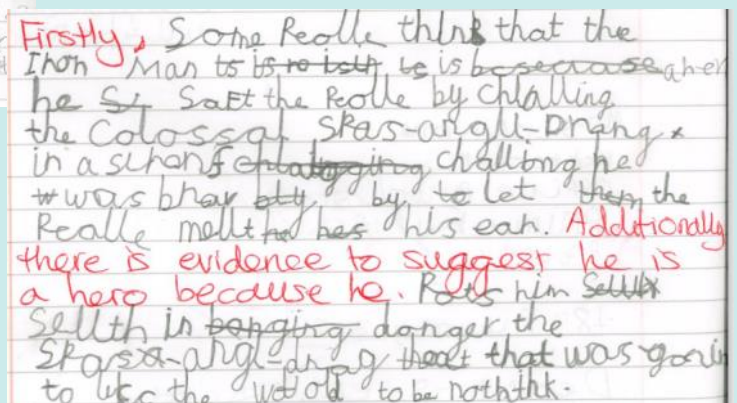
Oskar has been working really hard on his handwriting since he joined us in September. He can now form his letters correctly using joined up writing, and has recently been working on ensuring that the letter 's' is the right way round!



Well done to you both!

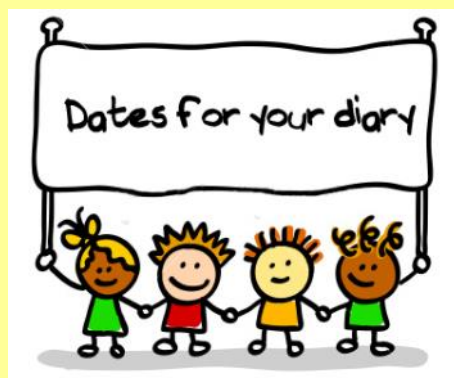
September

January



## Key dates this term

- Friday 10th February: Last day of term
- Monday 13th—Friday 17th February: Half term
- Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 8th May – Extra Bank Holiday (due to the King’s Coronation)
- Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June: Half term
- Thursday 20th July: School closed for staff development day
- Friday 21st July: School closed for staff development day





Brighstone School Association

# Preloved Uniform Sale

Every 3rd Monday of  
each Term  
Next Sale

**23rd January 2023**

Sale rail will be up by the school  
office for one week, with a  
donation box



Unwanted uniform donations welcome.  
Please place in box in office foyer the  
week before each sale.







**16-18 FEB 2023**  
 iwstoryfestival.com  
 @ Quay Arts Newport




**Horrible Histories' and Ghosts' Simon Farnaby**



**TICKETS**  
 quayarts.org

**THURSDAY**  
 12 years or over? THIS IS FOR YOU  
 THURSDAY 16 FEB from 1pm

Coaff and Guy Banks  
 Peter Siddons  
 Chris Newsham

PM  
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 RED FUNNEL  
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Registered charity number: 1188024

**DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

**I.W. STORY FESTIVAL**  
 DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL  
 DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!  
 Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February  
 Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s



Have you got your tickets yet?

Tickets are now on sale for the I.W. Story Festival at Quay Arts in Newport during February half term from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.



Former CBeebies star, **Cerrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wider than Midnight**.

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Anderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Pator, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

**FAQs**

**Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**  
 A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

**Q: How much are tickets?**  
 A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

**Q: Is it just for people who like reading?**  
 NO! The I.W. Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with – from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

**More information from: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com)**

Registered charity number: 1188024

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Please note that the online form will be live until on or around 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Family life can be a challenge. Home-Start runs Family Group sessions for parents and their young children. Could you volunteer in a group and help make their time together special?

**How much time do I need to give?** Group sessions are 2 hours each week during term time.

**Where would it be?** Groups take place in Newport, Ryde, East Cowes & Shanklin

**What does it involve?** A Home-Start Family Group volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Working alongside the Family Group staff you will:

- Provide a warm welcome to parents & children
- Support children to enjoy the fun activities on offer
- Help with setting up and packing away
- Offer a listening ear to parents who need time to talk
- Give practical help to parents with more than one child to give them the opportunity to spend 1:1 time with each of their children

**Do I need any special skills or experience?** Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, practical, enthusiastic, creative, an understanding of child development would be an advantage and most importantly a willingness to join in with the singing! Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided.

All Family Group volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

For more information or an application form please email [admin@homestartniow.org](mailto:admin@homestartniow.org) call 01983 533357, or visit our website [www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk](http://www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you

## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Becoming a new parent can be a challenge and at Home-Start we know the value of supporting parents as early as possible. We are looking for, Bumps & Babies home visiting volunteers in your area?

**How much time do I need to give?** Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week.

**Where would it be?** At the family home

**What does it involve?** The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- Helping parents feel more prepared for parenthood
- Practical help & emotional support before baby comes along
- Supporting parents to feel more confident
- Practical help & emotional support after baby is born
- Supporting parents to get out and about
- Cuddling a baby!

**Do I need any special skills or experience?** Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, great organisational skills, practical, enthusiastic. Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided. Training is a combination of online and face to face sessions. All volunteers receive regular support from a named co-ordinator.

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- Supporting families to get out and about
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# Day of Prayer **NHS** for our NHS

Meet at St Peter and St Paul's  
Church in Shorwell  
11am Saturday 28th January



Our NHS is in crisis. Let's get  
together to pray for all those who  
work in the NHS seeking o give life  
giving care to our communities.

## Interested in cricket? In School Years 2, 3 or 4?

**FREE** Junior Coaching Every Friday (term time only)  
at Ryde Private School Sports Hall  
Booking is **ESSENTIAL** as places are limited.

**WHEN:** First session Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**TIME:** 5.30pm-6.30pm

**COST:** FREE



To book and more information please contact Andrew Jasper at [admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk)

The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of Wight County coaches who are qualified, and DBS checked



**CHANCE TO SHINE**  
Spreading the power of cricket



**All Islanders**  
CAN GET SUPPORT WITH THE  
**COST OF LIVING**

[iow.gov.uk/costofliving](http://iow.gov.uk/costofliving)

**NHS**

It's not easy being wheezy  
Join our winter **wheeze**  
webinar

- Does your child suffer with wheeze when they have coughs and colds?
- Have they been given an inhaler?
- Are you unsure what any of this means?

The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team from Frimley Health are running an online education session where you can learn more about your child's symptoms

**Healthier Together**  
Improving the health of babies, children and young people throughout Frimley

Friday 27th January 2023  
1pm - 2pm via Teams  
Sign up today - [bit.ly/JanWheeze](https://bit.ly/JanWheeze)

**HM Government**

**NHS**

**UNBOOSTED**  
COVID-19 and flu can cause serious illness.

**BOOSTED**  
Vaccines are your best protection.