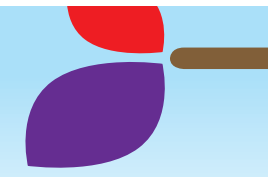




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## THE SQUIRREL



**HALF PRICE BOOKS**

Our Scholastic Half-Price Book Fair starts tomorrow at 2.30pm, then from Wednesday 25th to Monday 30th November from 8.15am to 9.00am and 2.30pm to 3.15pm daily

It was an exciting week in school last week, especially on Tuesday when not only did the children complete the dinosaur Cardboard Challenge day with some superb creations, but it was also the day when a dinosaur came to school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and I set them a challenge to write a story about it. I would be thrilled if any of the children brought in their stories to show me. Thank you to Blackgang Chine who agreed to the visit as they had never been to as school before! It went extremely well. We also had some fabulous days out to writing workshops, storytelling workshops, Dinosaur Isle and a dinosaur fossil hunt on the beach, visits from Cats Protection and the Friendship Group who came in and cooked with our Year 4 children on Wednesday. I hear the food was delicious! Thank you so much to the Friendship Group who gave up their day. Unfortunately the two football matches were postponed last week and as yet I have not been informed when they are being rearranged but as soon as they are, I will let you know.

I completed my three-day First aid course. There are a couple of changes, one being that when a child has a splinter we may remove it with tweezers or a blunt edge. I am also going to send out a letter just to confirm that you are happy that the school gives first aid to your child when necessary.

This week in school Year 3 parents are invited in for lunch all week and we have the half-price Scholastic book fair arriving in school tomorrow and will be open from 2.30pm. There are always some really good deals to be had at our half-price book fair, especially gifts for Christmas and stocking fillers. Tomorrow is also an Open Day for any new families whose child is due to start school next September. Please let friends and family know that we are open tomorrow, however we are open every day for visits to school if tomorrow is not convenient. We also have safeguarding training for staff on Wednesday and Thursday, and a dodge ball competition for ten Key Stage 2 children on Friday.

Next week is our last week on 'Jurassic Island', and don't forget our whole-school celebration day on Wednesday 2nd December for families to share their child's dinosaur writing with their class. We end the week next week with our Christmas Mufti Day on Friday 4th December in return for non-perishable donations for the Christmas Fayre, which takes place on Monday 7th December from 5pm to 8pm. The letter for the Christmas performances will be with you also today. Please remember to make sure we have your current up-to-date email so that you don't miss out on these important letters.

There has been an education announcement regarding concerns on Facebook where children are being contacted by extremists with unusual names or characters, and children are accepting them as 'friends'. This includes children in primary schools. In school, if we hear of any of our children having a Facebook account then we have to report it to Facebook as you have to be thirteen and above to have a Facebook page. I do know that social media is brilliant in so many ways. To keep in contact with friends and family around the world is exciting, however there is a dark side to Facebook and it is about educating our children to ensure that they are safe and that what they are posting is appropriate. Nowadays employers Google their employees, check their Facebook pages and if there is inappropriate behaviour or messages they are dismissing their staff - or not employing them in the first place - so it really does matter what people do and write on Facebook and other sites. There is a FREE e-safety workshop tonight for families and the details are on the reverse of this newsletter.

Since the Head Girls and Head Boy elections I have been meeting with the children to talk about what they would like to see happening in school. This has included more scooter and bike racks, which we have ordered, spinner passes for Year 6 which start today, office jobs at lunchtime which also begin today, and the children have also talked about a tuck trolley, buddies in reception and more playtime equipment. It is great that the children are taking on their responsibilities so professionally. I am very impressed and I will keep you updated with the meetings and suggestions from the children.

Global Rock this week will be 'wild things' on Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm and 'toys' on Thursday, after school until 4pm. A text will be sent to you if your child is required. Up until Christmas we will try and keep rehearsals to a couple of days but after Christmas there will be more, and therefore other clubs around the school will be limited so that we can concentrate on Global Rock.

Thank you for the donations for the couple on Love Lane affected by a house fire. We will take the children to deliver the hamper later this week.

Thank you for a brilliant week of attendance- our best ever at 98.9%. The challenge is now on to better it this week! 99% would be really, really super...

Have a good week.

### DATES

#### AUTUMN TERM 2015

#### Term Topic: 'Jurassic Island'

23rd Nov	Year 3 parents invited to lunch all week £2.85 – <b>please book!</b>
24th Nov	OPEN DAY
24th Nov	Scholastic half-price book fair being delivered
24th Nov	Mums' coffee morning 9am – all Mums welcome
25th Nov	Year 1 phonic parent meeting 2.30pm
27th Nov	Celebration assembly 8.45am Yrs 2, 4 & 6
27th Nov	Year 4 swimming wk 8
30th Nov	Year 4 parents invited to lunch all week £2.85 – <b>please book!</b>
1st Dec	Mums' coffee morning 9am – all Mums welcome
1st Dec	Pupil Council 9.30am
1st Dec	School nurse in all day
1st Dec	Afternoon Tea event for over 50s community 1pm
2nd Dec	Whole School Celebration Day – 'Jurassic Island'
2nd Dec	School nurse in all day
2nd Dec	Governors finance meeting
4th Dec	MUFTI DAY in return for non-perishables please
4th Dec	Celebration assembly 8.45am Yrs 1, 3 & 5
4th Dec	School nurse in all day
4th Dec	Year 4 swimming wk 9
7th Dec	Christmas week 1
7th Dec	Year 5 & 6 parents invited to lunch all week £2.85 – <b>please book!</b>
7th Dec	Donations please – perishable goods
7th Dec	<b>Christmas Fayre 5pm-8pm</b>
9th Dec	Little Love Lane pre-school nativity 1.30pm
10th Dec	Choir to Park Court
11th Dec	Year 4 swimming wk 10



**Whole School Attendance**  
From 1st Sept 2015

**98.4%**

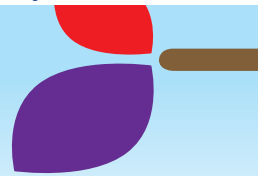
**This is super!**  
**Well done everyone**



*Caroline Sice*



# FOR YOU



**Development Days 2015-16:**  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Remember!**

Last week we had a visit from the Friendship Group, who spent the day cooking lots of different 'flavours of the world' with our Year 4 children.

Thank you ladies, the food was delicious!



**FREE CAP Money Course**  
 for parents  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**11th, 18th and 25th November**  
**at 7.00pm**

**Cowes Baptist Church**  
 Simple budgeting skills  
 to help families to get more in control so that you can save, give and prevent debt!  
[www.capmoney.org](http://www.capmoney.org)

## Parenting Drop-In

If you require information to support positive parenting or have a specific parenting issue you would like to discuss please drop in on Wednesday mornings 9am-10am

Cowes Early Help Centre  
 Love Lane  
 Cowes

No appointment necessary

For more information please call  
 291719 or 537390  
[www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk)

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**Christmas Fayre**  
**Monday 7th December 5pm-8pm**  
**Hamper Donations still needed please:**

**Reception**  
**Year 1**  
**Year 2**  
**Year 3**  
**Year 4**  
**Year 5**  
**Year 6**

**Sweets**  
**Ladies toiletries**  
**Mens toiletries**  
**Biscuits**  
**Christmas food**  
**Tinned food**  
**Chocolate**



Keep selling those raffle tickets! Remember there is a £30 prize for the class that sells the most!

Mufti Day on Friday 4th December - in return for non-perishable items please.6

**WE NEED HELP!** On Friday 4th & Monday 7th December to set up the fayre - please let us know if you can spare some time. Thank you!

## Phone Options

In order to direct your call more efficiently when you telephone school we now have more options to choose from, as follows:

- 1 for the office
- 2 for Carrie Almond, School Development Manager
- 3 for Vicki Thomas & Chloe Johnson, Additional Educational Needs
- 4 for Nicky Domoney & Andrea Flux, Family Support
- 5 to leave a message

## Attendance week ending 20th November 2015

Measure for Measure	98.0%
Macbeth	99.0%
Antony & Cleopatra	100%
A Midsummer Night's Dream	98.5%
Much Ado About Nothing	100%
As You Like It	98.3%
Hamlet	98.3%
The Tempest	98.5%
Winter's Tale	97.6%
Cymbeline	100%
Twelfth Night	97.5%
Romeo & Juliet	99.6%
Julius Caesar	99.5%
Othello	100%
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>98.9%</b>

Well done to:  
 Antony & Cleopatra  
 Much Ado About Nothing  
 Cymbeline  
 Othello

**All 100%**



## Christmas Lunch

**Friday 18th December**  
 The Christmas Lunch letter was emailed to all families last week, please reply by Wednesday 3rd December. We need ALL families to reply, even if your child is not having the Christmas lunch and/or is in receipt of Free School Meals.

## School Lunch

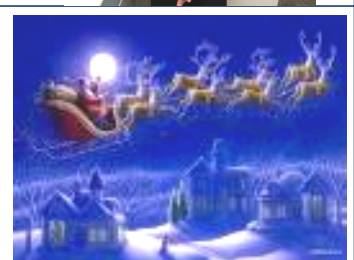
**Please may we remind our families that school lunches must be paid for either on the day or in advance.**

You may pay online using [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) or at the office. Please place any cash or cheques in a named envelope clearly stating what the money is for. Thank you.

## Congratulations to

**Megan Blow**  
**1st Prize**

in the Shorelines of Cowes Christmas Art Competition and won a £25 voucher  
 Well done Megan!



**32 sleeps...**



## Cowes Foodbank, Love Lane

**Monthly Clothing Sale**  
**5th December 10am - 1pm**



Men's, women's and children's clothing  
 Top brands, school uniform, sportswear & evening wear  
 Home textiles



Tea, cake & tombola  
[www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk)



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**5th December 2015**

**Royal Pier Hotel**



**Sandown Presents**

**Christmas Fayre Charity Event**  
**in Aid of:**

**The Earl Mountbatten Hospice** (1039086)

Children's Christmas Fayre from 4pm-6pm

**Free Entry**

Santa's Grotto, Face & Nail Painting, Games,  
 Lucky Dip & Entertainment.  
 Refreshments Available

**Evening Entrance £5.00**  
**Includes Light Buffet**

From 6.30pm Onwards:  
 Craft Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, Irish Bingo &  
 Evening Entertainment from 8pm

**Acts Include:**  
 Something About Mondays,  
 Phil Newton & Rhia

**Tickets Available From**  
**The Hotel Reception / Bars**



## Music Lessons

Please remember that music lessons must be paid for on the day. If payment is not received, unfortunately your child will not have their lesson. Thank you.

## Lunch Money

Please remember that lunches must be paid for either in advance or on the day. We will now give you a call if your child has been put down for a lunch but no payment has been received.