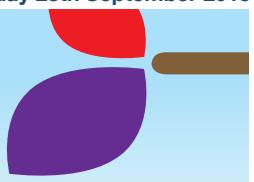


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THE SQUIRREL



A British Value:
3. Our history and culture.

A lack of understanding of the past is instrumental in a failure to comprehend the present.



The outdoor gym has been installed and the children will be coached on using it sensibly ready for use by the end of the week. It is a super active addition to our school. However, it is only for children between the ages of 4 and 11, and is not to be used at the beginning or the end of the day on the way to or home from school. I need families to fully respect this request so that the children learn the expectations of the equipment. There are twenty-five 'stations' which will allow it to be used during PE curriculum lessons and our play times. We are very lucky. We will be adding to the outside environment over the next few years, so that it fully complements the learning in school.

Today our candidates for the Year 6 Head Girl and Head Boy presented in assembly and will be campaigning throughout this week ready for voting on Thursday morning. We will announce our new Head Girl and Head Boy for 2015-16 as soon as the counts have been verified. Good luck to everyone. I look forward to working with the successful winners.

We have our LEAF meeting on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm to organise the year's events. Do come along and share your fundraising ideas – help doesn't have to be for the whole year or for every event, we just need more hands on deck. The more the merrier!

On Wednesday in school we have a super visitor, a paleontologist, coming to talk to all the children about fossils and his job. I am sure we have at least half a dozen future paleontologists in the making! I have been so amazed by some of the children's knowledge on dinosaurs. Talking about dinosaurs, Mr Cooper entered a competition to win a big day out on the Isle of Wight. He had to write a poem about his day out and he has won! So, we have a special day out on Monday 12th October for thirty children to be our first 'dinosaur hunters'. The children awarded a place on the dinosaur hunt will be the winners of a competition Mr Cooper has launched today for them to write a poem on dinosaurs. How exciting! I am also trying to arrange a whole school day out for Wednesday 21st October where all the year groups will visit a different part of the island to learn about dinosaurs, rock formation, history, and maybe a visit to the aquarium in Southsea to see living dinosaurs. We are just finding out about availability of coaches to see if this is possible.

On Thursday at 6.30pm we have an E-safety parent meeting. I would strongly recommend you coming along as simple changes can make all the difference to ensure your child is safe in our 21st century world. Each week on the newsletter we will put on a link to share E-safety websites for your information. We may occasionally send you a text with a link on current safeguarding issues. I hear Celebration assembly was lovely on Friday. We have new certificates to cover a range of skills and attitudes to learning. This week it is Years 2, 4 and 6 who will be celebrating their successes. If your child is in Year 3 you may have received your celebration assembly invitation through our Dojo rewards system. The company has launched a parent emailing service where staff can take pictures of your children in class and share their learning with you instantly. I hope this is something that will filter through the school as it is lovely to be able to have a moment shared of your child's learning. Reception have been using Tapestry as their assessment and sharing tool, and I hope all our new families have also been able to see and share moments of awe and wonder. This really does mean that we need all your email addresses, because we are 'going electronic' by half-term. We spend a small fortune on photocopying the newsletter and letters, so we are investing another aspect of our Teachers 2 Parents texting service to then use this to email you newsletters and letters. They will also be available on the school website and a few paper copies in the main office. ALL letters will cease at half-term so please can you make a real effort to ensure the office has your current email address.

On Friday I have a Parent Forum meeting at 2pm. Do come along, it would be great to get some feedback and some ideas of how to support the school in its forever strive for outstanding. We never stand still. We are always seeking better ways to do a better job.

This week our Parent Day sign up sheets will be going up outside your child's classroom. The day we have booked for this to take place is Thursday 22nd October. This is our staff development day which we have given over to parent meetings. You can make appointments to see all your children's class teachers on one day, and bring your children with you. It is really important that you sign up so that we can share how your child is settling in and how we can support them in their learning. We will also have the ICT suite open for you to complete the Parent View questionnaire online.

Thank you to the parents who took an interest in the position of parent governor. I am sure we will be able to announce a new addition to the team shortly. I am on lesson observations all week, looking at our great teaching and learning, which is something I love doing. Enjoy the sunshine. I feel very lucky that the sun has shone so beautifully all weekend. Have a good week.

DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2015

Term Topic: 'Jurassic Island'

28th Sep	Year 3 & Year R parents invited to lunch all week £2.85 – please book!
29th Sep	Coffee Morning with Reverend Amanda 9am
29th Sep	LEAF meeting 6.30pm
30th Sep	AEN shop open 3pm
30th Sep	Full Governing Body meeting 6.30pm
1st Oct	Parent Meeting re. E-safety 6.30pm
2nd Oct	Celebration Assembly 8.45am Yrs 2, 4 & 6
2nd Oct	Year 4 swimming wk 2
2nd Oct	Parent Forum meeting 2pm – all welcome
5th Oct	Year 4 parents invited to lunch all week £2.85 – please book!
5th Oct	Scoot to School winners smoothie breakfast ☺
5th Oct	Julius Caesar class to UKSA – keelboating 1pm-4pm
5th Oct	Football Under 11s home to Barton Primary
6th Oct	Coffee Morning with Reverend Amanda 9am
6th Oct	Othello class to UKSA – keelboating 1pm-4pm
7th Oct	AEN shop open 3pm
8th Oct	Year 4 triathlon @ Hunnyhill
9th Oct	Celebration Assembly 8.45am – Yrs 1, 3 & 5
9th Oct	Year 4 swimming wk 3
9th Oct	Headteacher's afternoon tea 2pm – all welcome
12th Oct	Year 5 parents invited to lunch all week £2.85 – please book!
12th Oct	Rev Amanda assembly
13th Oct	Rev Amanda coffee morning 9am

Whole School Attendance

From 1st Sept 2015

98.7%

Excellent!

Well done everyone



Caroline Sice

**Development Days 2015-16:**

Thursday 22nd October 2015
 Friday 23rd October 2015
 Friday 12th February 2016
 Thursday 24th March 2016
 Friday 29th April 2016

Congratulations to:**Brogan & Ronnie Spiers**

On your dancing achievements – super trophies!

Riley Cass

'Man of the Match' at football this weekend!

WELL DONE ☺**Andrew Turner MP Christmas Card Competition**

This year's theme: 'Victorian Christmas'
 The winner will receive a book token and
 50 cards of their own design.

Open to children up to the age of 11.
 Entries must not be folded, no cotton wool or glitter please and no larger than A4.

Name, age and school must be clear!

Entries must be received either in school by Monday 2nd November, or at the office of Andrew Turner, MP, Riverside Centre, Newport by Thursday 5th November.

Good luck!

Money!

Please remember we have very little change available in the school office. Please pay with the correct money where possible, or alternatively you may use our online system, www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Menu Change This Week:**Thursday 1st October:**

Battered Fish n' Chips
 Or Mediterranean Tart (vegetarian)
 On the side:
 Baked beans, peas, salad

 Dessert:
 Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce
 Angel Delight

Meals are priced at £2.05 - But remember! :
ALL children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
 are entitled to a free school meal

Wednesdays menu will now be sausage plait
 (vegetarian: bean hotpot)
 Friday will be roast dinner
 (vegetarian: Quorn roast)

Island Free School OPEN DAY

Saturday 17th October
 11am – 3pm
 Headteacher talks at
 12pm, 1pm and 2pm

**Medina College OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 13th October
 6.00pm

**Sandown Bay Academy OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 15th October
 6.00pm – 8.00pm ★★
OPEN MORNING
 Weds 21st October
 9.00am – 11.00am

**Messy Church**

Cowes Baptist Church
 Tuesday 29th September
 3.30pm-5.30pm

Craft, activities & celebration
 FREE but please call Judith on 07717 307445
 to book your places
 All ages welcome!

**Carisbrooke College OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 8th October
 5pm – 8pm

Alternatively:
 Open Morning:
 Wednesday 21st Oct
 9.30am

Cowes Enterprise College OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October
 5.30pm-8.30pm

**Mr Cooper's Maths Challenge**

Last week's answer:
 6 spiders and 16 flies

**This week's challenge:**

Mr Attrill worked out that it takes 4 painters 23 days to paint the school. After 7 days Mrs Sice brought in 4 more painters to speed the job up. How long will the job take now?

Attendance week ending 25th September 2015

Measure for Measure	100%
Macbeth	98.5%
Antony & Cleopatra	100%
A Midsummer Night's Dream	99.3%
Much Ado About Nothing	97.9%
As You Like It	98.9%
Hamlet	98.7%
The Tempest	99.2%
Winter's Tale	100%
Cymbeline	100%
Twelfth Night	98.3%
Romeo & Juliet	96.2%
Julius Caesar	100%
Othello	89.4%
Whole school	98.4%

Well done to
Measure for Measure,
Antony & Cleopatra,
Winter's Tale and Cymbeline ☺
100%

**LEAF Meeting**

Tues 29th Sept
 6.30pm



E-safety Parent Meeting
 Thurs 1st October
 6.30pm



87 sleeps...