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THE SQUIRREL

"The English language is nobody's special property. It is the property of the imagination: it is the property of the language itself" *Derek Walcott*

What a treat we had with a long weekend! For the most part it was beautiful and a little warmer than it has been of late. The weather is forecast to get even better as the week goes on and with this in mind we have to think about sun safety. At school this means drinking lots of water, applying sun cream in the mornings, wearing a school hat and lighter clothes. We do have our STRIPED summer dresses available to order, but you can also purchase striped dresses from M&S and online (please remember that checked dresses are not our school uniform). The sun can be very deceiving and it can cause sunburn very quickly once it is out and the skies are blue; however we love it!

I have to say a huge thank you to the staff who organised and took Year 4 to Little Canada last week. The photographs have been a joy to see and I was really impressed by the spirit and teamwork that I saw when visiting one evening. I know that the staff were particularly impressed with all the children from start to end. I hope that it will have given the children lots of confidence, memories and moments to treasure. We have already provisionally booked Little Canada again for next year for our current Year 3 children and there will be a letter coming home shortly regarding this fabulous trip.

We ended last week with a super puzzle day for Years 2 to 6. It was great to see the children working together, solving problems, overcoming their frustrations and being successful in teamwork. It was nice to see families also buying some puzzles after school, and we have added to our puzzle collection quite a lot too.

This week in school is a four day week too, and leaves only three weeks left of this half term – it's getting scary! We are busily thinking about next year and you may soon see in the paper an advert for extra teachers. These are extra to our teachers now, as we are trying to help support the larger classes in school with an extra teacher in the morning and also to ensure that we have Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) cover. We are also advertising for an experienced and effective Learning Support Assistant to work with children with Additional Educational Needs, a supply Midday Supervisory Assistant and a governor. If you or if you know of anyone who may be interested in any of these posts please pop into the office from Friday to collect more information.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Gilbert are out on training tomorrow, I am at a Cluster meeting in the morning and at a Primary Heads meeting on Thursday, and Celebration Assembly this Friday is for Years 1, 3 and 5. On Saturday we have the Paul Westby Football Tournament at our school, which is an annual event that is really well supported and a super day for everyone. If you want to come along and watch please do.

As I am sure you are aware, our SATs assessments for Year 6 begin next week. There has been a lot of media coverage around SATs. I do have my personal views, however at this time we have to support our children the best we can and ensure that they realise the wonderful potential that they have. To make each day a little bit more relaxing we are going to have breakfast for all of our Year 6 children from 8.00am in the Den, with hot chocolate and toast and a 'chill and chat' before the day begins. We have then also planned a very special treat for the Year 6 children on Friday. We are aware that National Assessments also occur in Years 2, 1 and Reception and we approach these in such a way that the children are unaware that they are being assessed. Unfortunately in Year 6 we have strict procedures to follow, but at the same time please be assured that their emotional wellbeing is at the heart of all we do.

Next Tuesday we are having a visit from the Department for Education as they would like to come and see our school as being a successful coastal school, making a difference to our children - and we do! We want all of our children to be winners and to realise that through hard work, perseverance and practice they can achieve great success, and we do this in partnership with our families, not only from ensuring that children come to school every day to reading and learning tables at home, but also going outside, having moments of sheer delight, playing on the beach, going for a walk in the forest, laughing uncontrollably, collecting pebbles, the list is endless and it is a balance between all of this that allows our children to grow in to lovely adults.

We are continuing our work on Shakespeare and in assembly today we talked about Shakespeare forming the language we use today. I have given the children a little bit of a challenge! Our language is beautiful, however sometimes around school I hear wa'er instead of water, and bo''le instead of bottle, so I have challenged the children to put the 'T' back in our words. I was very impressed that when I asked about the language and what I might hear around the school the children were able to identify their own mispronunciations. We really do have a beautiful language and when spoken well it can be quite mesmerising.

Have a good week.

DATES

'To Be Or Not To Be, That Is The Question'

2nd May	**School Closed - Bank Holiday**
Chicken run being built this week!	
3rd May	Home visits for new September intake all week
3rd May	Mums coffee morning 9am – all Mums welcome!
3rd May	Scooter training for staff!
6th May	Celebration assembly 8.45am Yrs 1, 3 & 5
6th May	AEN Coffee Morning 9.30
6th May	Year 2 swimming wk 2
7th May	Paul Westby Memorial Football Tournament
9th May	SATs Week
9th May	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
10th May	Mums coffee morning 9am – all Mums welcome!
12th May	Golf after school club starts
13th May	Celebration assembly 8.45am Yrs 2, 4 & 6
13th May	Isle Jump treat for Year 6
13th May	Year 2 swimming wk 3
16th May	Lesson Observations all week
20th May	Celebration assembly 8.45am Yrs 1, 3 & 5
20th May	Year 2 swimming wk 4
23rd May	Last week of this half term!
25th May	Money Group governors meeting
26th May	Maths curriculum evening
27th May	Celebration assembly 8.45am Yrs 2, 4 & 6
27th May	Year 2 swimming week 5

6th June	SCHOOL OPEN

Whole School Attendance

From 1st Sept 2015

97.92%

Caroline Sice

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FOR YOU

Remember!

SEPTEMBER 2016
ALL CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016.
This is NOT a Development Day.

Story Walks

Treasure Story Trail Sunday 8th May 2pm

Sue-the-Storyteller's teddy bear has been taken by her wicked sister! Help her find her bear by solving some riddles and spotting some clues in the stories she tells as we walk through the grounds of Northwood House. Meet by the statue of Flora by Northwood House.

Seaside Story Walk Saturday 14th May 2pm

This seaside story walk takes you along the 'secret' beach at Gurnard. There will be plenty of stops for stories to discover things like why the crab has no head, or why the sea is salty, and we will look hard to find beach treasure. Don't forget to wear suitable beach shoes.

Meet by the Watersedge Cafe, Shore Rd, Gurnard PO31 8LD

Both story walks will last about an hour and cost £3.

To reserve your place, please contact Sue Bailey on 07837 601 315

http://www.thatsanotherstory.co.uk

www.lanesendprimary.co.uk

Little Canada 2015 – check out our website for lots more photos from this amazing experience!

Isle Jump!
Year 6

PLEASE remember to complete the online waiver for Isle Jump
https://www.islejump.co.uk/user/index.php

islejump TRAMPOLINE PARK

IMPORTANT

FRANCE TRIP
Year 6

All children require a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

To apply for a FREE EHIC please visit:
www.ehic.org.uk

If you do not have access to the internet please let us know immediately.

Please note: school cannot apply for an EHIC on your behalf, you MUST apply yourself!

Statement

Chartwells have listened to the schools feedback regarding the new menu. Everyone knows that sugar reduction is one of the main Governments aims to bring down childhood obesity and we as the educational contract catering company, have to follow certain guidelines. This in place, and with listening to you, the following changes will be happening:

Week 1
Monday's dessert will be Apple Crumble and Custard – fruit based pudding
Friday's dessert will be replaced with a new improved fruity bar.
Week 2 - no Pizza served
Monday's menu will now be Pasta Pack's Cheesy Bake or Mediterranean Tart
Week 3
Veg Power pizza will replaced with Mozarella pepper and pineapple pizza
Tuesday's dessert will now be Fruity Delight – fruit based pudding

More vegetables will be introduced across the 3 week cycle.

This will commence as with immediate effect.

LOOK!

This is an official statement from Chartwells regarding changes to the summer menu.

It is unlikely that a new menu will be printed so please make a note of these changes so that you are aware of what is on the menu in the coming weeks.

The current week is Week 1.

Congratulations

Riley Cass, Jacob Blow, Joshua Blow & Finlay Munt

Gurnard Football Club Under 7s
2nd place
Well done boys!

Money!

Please remember that school lunches, trips, uniform etc can be paid online at:
www.schoolmoney.co.uk
You may also pay at the office using cash, cheque or credit/debit card.

Congratulations

Thomas Flynn

Cross Country
Isle of Wight Community Centre
1st place
Well done Tom!

Attendance week ending 29th April 2016

Measure for Measure	98.9%
Macbeth	96.7%
Antony & Cleopatra	97.8%
A Midsummer Night's Dream	97.7%
Much Ado About Nothing	99.4%
As You Like It	100%
Hamlet	97.0%
The Tempest	96.8%
Winter's Tale	100%
Cymbeline	100%
Twelfth Night	93.5%
Romeo & Juliet	96.2%
Julius Caesar	93.4%
Othello	100%
Whole school	**97.5%**

Well done to:

As You Like It
Winter's Tale
Cymbeline
100%