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"It's a new year, it's a new day, I resolve to be better in every way, I'll try to work harder at lessons in school, I'll try to remember to keep every rule.

I'll try to be friendly with all whom I meet with a smile on my face for the people I greet. I'll try to be tactful in the things that I say so I'm kind and considerate with my friends when at play.

As this new year begins, I will play my part and try very hard to make a new start."
Jan Edmunds

Whole School Attendance
since 5th September
2016:
97.58%



Happy Monday, our first Monday of 2017. Have you got used to writing 2017 yet? I still have my moments but I am getting there. With the New Year well underway, we had our first assembly by Reverend Amanda this morning who talked about **making good choices and new years resolutions**. I was very impressed with how many children have committed to new years resolutions. Well done. I know that you will be able to keep them. Making the right choice makes all the difference but it is not always easy.

As you are aware, we are very, very, very keen on children coming to school every day because once that day is missed it can never be regained. We try really hard to make school engaging and exciting so that the children don't want to miss a single day. When I visited a school recently they had a lovely **incentive for attendance** for each class and I have 'maggied' it as I thought it was excellent. Each week, every class that reaches our school target of 97.65% (or above) will receive a Lanesend cheque for £1.00. The class with the best attendance of the week will receive a cheque for £5.00, as will the class with the most improved attendance on the week before. The class can cash their cheques in at any time for a particular event or buy a class resource, or donate it to charity – it will be up to the children how they want to spend their cheques. I hope this will inspire the children to come to school every day and make it count. We are currently below our whole school target, and I am hoping that over the next few weeks with improved attendance this will rise above 97.65%. We can do it!

Our **clubs** begin today and will run for the next five weeks, finishing the week ending 10th February, as we will be getting ready for Global Rock. Thank you to those people who returned the Survey Monkey regarding clubs sign-up. It worked well and we feel this might be a good way forward for trips and return forms too. There are still a few places left in a few of the clubs, so please do return your Survey Monkey. I do appreciate that it is very disappointing that some of our most popular clubs fill quickly. We do keep all the names on a waiting list and if people drop off we will contact you. I'm afraid there is not one way that will please everyone, and we are still adapting to find a better way (the office staff felt that the Survey Monkey has been the most successful. Thank you to Mrs Palfrey for sharing this with us).

SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group): unfortunately I was held up in a meeting on Friday so we have re-booked the SNAG meeting for 2pm on Monday 16th January. It would be great if we had a **parent representative**, so please let me know if you would like to join this group. We look at school meals, local produce, cooking and growing and healthy snacks. Today you will also receive another new menu that has two roast lunches on week one. I hope that the menu is now more appetising, but please do let me know if there is something that is not working. There will be a special lunch on Thursday 19th January, so please look out for the details later this week.

Our chickens: we hope to return our chickens this week once we have put a new tarpaulin on top of their coop, following guidance because of an outbreak of Bird Flu. We only have two of our original seven returning to school, as five of our chickens were cockerels and I am not sure our neighbours would be very pleased having five cockerels 'cock-a-doodle-doing' early in the morning! So, they have taken up a new residence at Claudia's farm and I am pleased to say they have settled in well. I will ask her for regular updates and let you know. We are looking to source two more laying hens to add to our two chickens.

This week in school we have **Global Rock rehearsals** Tuesday afternoon and after school, Wednesday all day in school and Friday after school. I have been very impressed with the positive attitude that is being shown by all our Global Rockers. Don't forget we could do with some **help** and support in costumes, prop and scenery making on Wednesday afternoons from 12pm, and after school on rehearsal nights. The last call for tickets went out on Friday. If you missed it, if you speak to Sue very, very quickly then you might be lucky... if not, you can get tickets when they go on general sale from Southampton Guildhall.

We have a **LEAF meeting at 1.30pm on Wednesday**. Please do come along to help plan for this term's events. I would also like Andrea to discuss what LEAF would like to spend the monies raised on. I have some ideas, including a new minibus, but I would like to hear what our members would like. Year 3 begin their swimming sessions on Friday – please return the form or reply to the email if you have not already done so. Year 2 have a Circus Skills workshop this week, also on Friday.

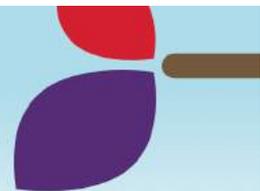
Before Christmas, I was contacted by **BBC2** to ask if we would be interested in working with some Swedish teachers to develop a '**Gender-Neutral**' environment, as they do in schools in Sweden. Mr Andre was very keen to take part and the BBC are in on Thursday to meet Mr Andre and Year 3, and talk to some **Year 3 parents** about the project at **2.15pm**. They are looking for two schools to take part and have been to visit about ten schools. We should know after this visit if they would like us to be involved in this fascinating approach and research.

Next week in school we have visits from Fire & Rescue, the Isle of Wight Squirrel Society, David Randini and his Road Safety Magic Show, and I have been really pleased that we have had offers of visits from Red Funnel, Spinlock and Vestas which I am so grateful for. Class newsletters and curriculum overviews will be with you by the end of this week, and again if you have something of real interest about the Isle of Wight please do share. My Mum gave me a copy of an 1870 Isle of Wight poem that was very difficult to read. It is amazing that our language has evolved so much in such a short time. It is going to get cold again towards the end of this week so hats, gloves and scarves – and coats! – please. Have a good week.

Caroline Sice



FOR YOU



NEW MENU!
The new menu is being emailed home TODAY

Holidays!
I'm sure you would have seen lots of lovely sunny holiday adverts now appearing on the television. May I remind you that our five development days are Monday 5th –Friday 9th June (immediately after the May half-term break), giving you a week outside of the school holidays in which to take a family holiday!
It is also worth noting that our February half-term break and Easter holidays differ to many other counties on the mainland, and therefore holidays may well be less costly during these times.



Mrs Sice challenged the school this morning to work out the following: If 75% of the school are sitting beautifully, how many children is that?
I am pleased to say that by 11 o'clock **The Witches class** have brought me their workings by multiplying 350 by 75 then dividing by 100, giving the answer of **262**.
Well done – a Dojo for each and every one of you!



Star Awards Year 1 Mrs Price

Star Work
Maths
Build-ability

Matthew Boulter
Ashleigh Cox
Ella Holden



Star Awards Year 1 Mrs Gilbert

Star Work
Consistent Presentation
Citizenship

Chloe Phillips
Lily Baughan
River Steers



Star Awards Year 3 Mr Andre

Star Work
Consistent Presentation
Improved Maths

Gabriela Melninkaite
Finlay Munt
Bradley Arnold



Star Awards Year 3 Miss Westbrook

Yes I Can
Maths
Team-ability

Jaime Whittall
Albie Rowling
Alisha Khassal



Star Awards Year 5 Mrs Gangonells

Maths
Team-ability
Citizenship

Damian Turner
Alfie Davis-Luter
Hailie Parkman



Star Awards Year 5 Mrs Dyer

Star Work
Maths
Improved Presentation
Teach-ability

Alfie Weeks
Jimmy Archer
Chloe Williams
Emma Rice



CLUBS

Clubs start today – please ensure you have paid for any chargeable clubs in advance. This includes music lessons! Thank you.

Reminder!

We do not have change at the office. Please pay online where possible using School Money. We DO take card payments at the office if this is more convenient for you. ☺

Congratulations **Grace Beasley**
Super work Grace!

Thank you for sharing it with us!



Congratulations **Faith Rimmer & Shannon Kaya**
Super swimming achievements!



Congratulations **Millie-Anne Collett**
Wow what an amazing dance trophy!



LEAF MEETING
Wednesday 11th
January @ 1.30pm

All welcome



Attendance week ending 6th January 2017

Esio Trot	97.5%
The Giraffe, the Pelly & Me	98.0%
The Magic Finger	79.7%
The Twits	98.9%
James & the Giant Peach	96.3%
George's Marvellous Medicine	99.4%
The Enormous Crocodile	98.8%
Charlie Chocolate	98.8%
Charlie Glass Elevator	98.8%
The BFG	99.2%
Matilda	98.8%
The Witches	99.4%
Danny, Champion of the World	97.1%
Going Solo	98.5%
Boy: Tales of Childhood	97.2%
Whole school	97.0%



Reminder:
DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2016-17:
Monday 5th June
Tuesday 6th June
Wednesday 7th June
Thursday 8th June
Friday 9th June

Reminder:
The deadline for applications for children to start school in September 2017 is:
Midnight on 15th January 2017.



DATES

Spring Term 2017: 'Made on the Isle of Wight'

January 2017:

**Whole School Spring Term Topic:
'Made On The Isle of Wight'**

Mon 9th	Rev Amanda assembly 8.45am
Mon 9th	Year 1 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book
Wed 11th	LEAF meeting 1.30pm
Thu 12th	Pupil Council Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 12th	Illustration Workshop
Thu 12th	AEN coffee afternoon 2.00pm
Fri 13th	Year 3 swimming week 1
Fri 13th	Year 2 circus skills workshop
Fri 13th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Mon 16th	Year 2 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 16th	Years 2 and 5 Fire Service visit
Mon 16th	Hampshire Police visiting Year R
Mon 16th	SNAG meeting 2pm – please come along if you can
Tue 17th	Fire Drill 2.00pm
Tue 17th	IOW Red Squirrel Trust – class talks
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Wed 18th	Year 6 students to IW College for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
Thu 19th	Full Governing Body meeting
Fri 20th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 20th	Year 3 swimming week 2
Mon 23rd	Year 3 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Wed 25th	Year 6 to IW College (STEM)
Wed 25th	Money Group Governors 6.15pm
Thu 26th	Pupil Council Mr Cooper 8.40am
Fri 27th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 27th	Year 3 swimming week 3
Mon 30th	Year 4 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
February	
Wed 1st	Authors Abroad Cowes Primary Years 5 & 6
Wed 1st	Parent Forum Meeting 2.00pm
Fri 3rd	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 3rd	Year 3 swimming week 4
Fri 3rd	Life in the Estuary workshop @ Medina Valley Centre
Mon 6th	Year 5 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 6th	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Mon 6th	Year 5-6 basketball @ CEC
Tue 7th	Footprint Trust assembly 8.45am
Tue 7th	Mike Fleetham in school
Wed 8th	Footprint Trust assembly 8.45am
Thu 9th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper

February cont...

Fri 10th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 10th	Year 3 swimming week 5
Fri 10th	Clubs finish
Mon 13th	Year 6 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 13th	Trustees Meeting
Thu 16th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 17th	Year 3 swimming week 6
Fri 17th	GLOBAL ROCK CHALLENGE!
Fri 17th	End of Term
Mon 27th	School Open
Mon 27th	Year R parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
March	
Wed 1st	Money Group Meeting
Thu 2nd	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Fri 3rd	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 3rd	Year 3 swimming week 7
Fri 3rd	School Disco!
	KS1 4.30pm-5.45pm
	KS2 6.00pm-7.15pm
Mon 6th	Year 1 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 6th	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Tue 7th	BAR visit Portsmouth – Year 6
Fri 10th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 10th	Year 3 swimming week 8
Mon 13th	Year 2 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 13th	NSPCC assemblies (KS1 & KS2 separate)
Mon 13th	NSPCC workshop Years 5&6
Tue 14th	Mike Fleetham in all day
Thu 16th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Thu 16th	Fire Drill 10.30am
Thu 16th	AEN Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 17th	Year 3 swimming week 9
Mon 20th	Year 3 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Wed 22nd	Parent Forum meeting 9.00am
Thu 23rd	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.15pm
Fri 24th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
Fri 24th	Year 3 swimming week 10
Mon 27th	Year 4 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Wed 29th	Whole School Celebration Day
Thu 30th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Fri 31st	Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Mon 3rd	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Mon 3rd	Year 5 parents invited to lunch all week