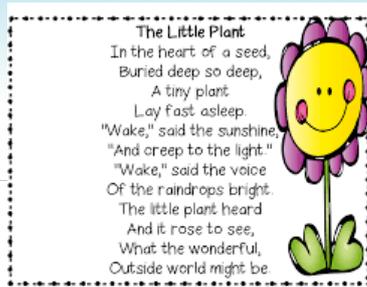
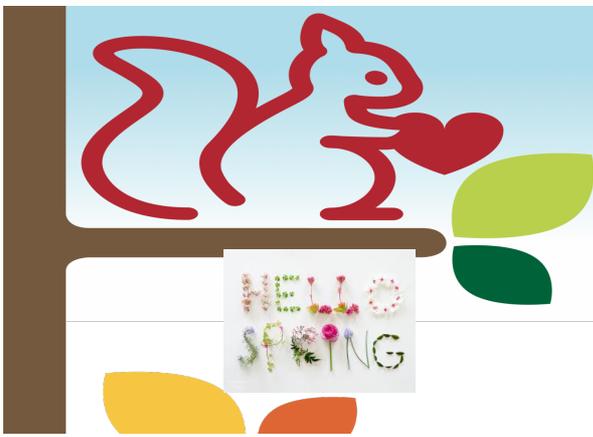


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Whole School Attendance

since 5th
September
97.22%



We had such a lovely day on Friday, although very busy, with our Mother's Day celebrations and our Red Nose Day events. I do hope you all had a super Mothers Day yesterday and that the children's gifts from school brought a smile to you. It was lovely seeing so many Mums, Grannies and special ladies join their children in their classes to collect portraits, poems and flowers. It was very touching seeing so many children and Mums sharing a forever moment. It was also lovely to see so many of our children's portraits in the County Press for their special Mother's Day celebrations, It was a lovely idea and a real joy looking at all the portraits of Mums. They were just so cute and lovely!



The girls in Year 6 along with support from the Family and AEN teams did a wonderful job with our Red Nose celebrations and raised a magnificent £543. The day was lovely with so many children wearing red. The assembly with Mr Cooper having his head shaved and Mr Evans having his legs waxed proved to be good entertainment. My thanks to Mr Cooper and Mr Evans for being such good sports and supporting the children. If you haven't seen the photographs online please do take a look. This was followed by a range of activities, from the Red Nose Photo Booth to games and a sell-out cake sale in the afternoon. Thank you for your support in supporting our Red Nose Day and the children who organised it. Well done Year 6 girls, you did a super job and really learnt just what goes in to organising a charity event.

Year 6 are having a trial assessment week this week so that when it comes to the National Assessments in May there will be no worries or concerns. However, having just completed a reading assessment this morning it was noticeable that the children were really tired and they struggled with the vocabulary of the text. Understanding and improving reading comes from reading every day, and not just at school or just their reading books but a range of reading material and for a sustained period of thirty minutes or more. The value of reading not only supports vocabulary development but helps with writing, punctuation, imagination, the list is endless and this vital skill needs dedication and hard work. It is the best way to support your child's learning and their future successes. Simply read and read lots.



This week on Wednesday we have our Whole School Celebration Day for our topic, Made on the Isle of Wight. Families are invited in to work alongside their children to create landmarks of the Isle of Wight that we hope to put on a big Isle of Wight out on the playground if the weather is fine in the afternoon. Teachers have been asked to contact you through Class Dojo for timings, but we hope to gather at about 1.50pm on the main playground. We are coming to the end of our Isle of Wight topic and it has been great to see how the children's knowledge of the Isle of Wight has grown. Years 4 and 5 are on a round the island tour today. Year 5 are going to visit a local artist tomorrow and we still have the author David Williams, who wrote 'Made on the Isle of Wight', coming in for a talk. We have visitors from BAE Systems in on Friday to talk about what is made just round the corner. Year 6 are going off for a local environmental visit next Monday and Year 2 are on their final visit to Carisbrooke Castle, which leads us nicely in to Easter Week.



Easter Week: during this week the children will be learning about the Easter story and also about Spring and the symbolism that connects the two together of a reawakening. We are then going to hold our final assembly on Friday 7th April at 8.45am to celebrate Spring and end of



term achievements before the Spring Treasure Hunt in the afternoon. We have had some donations of chocolate crème eggs but we do need many more, so if you could donate please do. We also have some knitted Easter gifts that one of our lovely Grandparents made for the school, and they are on sale in the office for £1.00 to help raise funds towards the minibus. Don't forget we are running a 'Springwatch' photograph competition and our theme for your decorated eggs is of course 'Made on the Isle of Wight'.

Schools Nutritional Action Group: you would have received the SNAG newsletter last week mentioning that this week we are looking for helpers to come in and help us to plant seeds or plants in our recently prepared beds. We have the compost, but we do still need some plants so if you do have any spare plants or seeds at home we would be very grateful for them. We are running these planting sessions every afternoon this week except Wednesday as part of the Grandparent Gardening Week. We have our next SNAG meeting on Friday at 9.30am.



Don't forget The Big Pedal continues this week. It was great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school and I know there was great excitement if they found a Big Pedal tag on their bike. We had lots of bikes in for Dr Bike and we are hoping to run a Bikeability course in the summer term.



Year 4 Little Canada for Year 4 is happening straight after the Easter holiday and you will have letters and information coming home this week. We also have a Little Canada meeting on Thursday at 2pm for parents and children to meet someone from Little Canada who will tell you lots of exciting things! With this in mind it is really important that the trip is paid for before we break up. It is payable on School Money for your convenience.

Attendance last week was so much better and it was good to see it had reached 97.6% and that our overall attendance is now 97.22%. However, today we have seventeen children off! Some of these children have minor ailments and may, if they came to school, feel better as the day goes on. Some children can just feel a little bit wobbly and this can manifest as a poorly tummy or just not feeling too great. However once we get going and with a beautiful day we can often feel better. We do say that if children 'perk up' at home then please bring them in to school. We have seen a rise in requests for holidays. Families are strongly requested not to book holidays during term-time as the impact this can have is huge. The Governors and I looked at the relationship between a child's attendance and their attainment data and there was clearly an impact. We have so little time in school, and every day really does count. We all do want the same thing – our children to learn and to be successful in life.

It was a beautiful weekend and with the clocks going forward it made the evenings delightful. Spring is here and summer is just around the corner... *Caroline Sice*



FOR YOU



DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2017:

- Monday 5th June
- Tuesday 6th June
- Wednesday 7th June
- Thursday 8th June
- Friday 9th June

WE NEED YOU!

Can you help with any of the following:

- Helpers to help plant from 1.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday THIS WEEK
- Wheelbarrows to borrow to move the compost about
- Potato tubs/bags
- Netting
- Polythene/cloches
- Fruit and vegetable seeds or plug plants



Keziah Memorial Garden

Raffle tickets are being sold in Costa Coffee, Cowes next Wednesday 29th March 10am-1pm
The raffle tickets are £1 a strip and the draw will be on Saturday 8th April

Well Done

Lillie Newson

Lillie has walked just under seven miles for Epilepsy Action. She has so far raised £350 with more sponsors still to come! If you would like to add to these please see the office. Thank you ☺

Key Stage 1 Baguettes

After the Easter break, baguettes will no longer be available to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. In order for these children to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal the government stipulate that we should provide a HOT meal.



SEND LIVE 2017

Thursday 6th April 2017 9am-6pm
Thompson House, Newport

The SEND Service are holding a SEND Open Day that will include many support services available for children and young people with additional needs and their families who live on the Isle of Wight.

Well Done

Jack & Dillon Welsman

Look at this fantastic home learning! Well done boys!



Cowes Carnival

are looking for girls to enter for Cowes Carnival Queens and Princesses 2017.

Girls must be aged between 9-17. A FREE disco will be held on Saturday 6th May at Cowes Combined Services & Social Club For further info please call 282308
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Including.... A key note speaker from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Education Psychology Team on 'Transition Partnership Agreements' (Presented twice, at 11am and 3.30pm)

All SEN Support Services attending plus Island Equus, Challenge and Adventure, Medina House Outreach, Short Breaks, Isle of Wight College, People Matter and many more...

Refreshment available throughout the day and why not visit our 'pop up eco shop'

BREAKING NEWS

Now featuring.... Autism Reality Tour and Bucket Group Demonstrations

No need to book, it's a drop in open day

Well Done

Millie Collett

2nd out of 30 in her Solo Dance Competition!



Volunteer for NYAS

Do you want to make a difference to a young person's life?
Do you have 1- 4 hours per month to spare?
If you would like to apply, please visit our website www.nyas.net

Enquiries can be made via:
Rebecca Ludlow
07768 790037

Attendance – Incentive Scheme Results

100%:

The Giraffe, the Pelly & Me, The Enormous Crocodile, Charlie & the Great Glass Elevator (£5)

Most Improved:

Matilda (£5)

Above school target of 97.65%:

Esio Trot, The Giraffe, the Pelly & Me, The Enormous Crocodile, Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, The BFG, Matilda, The Witches (£1 each)



Attendance week ending 17th March 2017

Esio Trot	99.2%
The Giraffe, the Pelly & Me	100%
The Magic Finger	93.8%
The Twits	93.6%
James & the Giant Peach	96.0%
George's Marvellous Medicine	93.0%
The Enormous Crocodile	100%
Charlie Chocolate	95.7%
Charlie Glass Elevator	100%
The BFG	99.7%
Matilda	99.7%
The Witches	99.0%
Danny, Champion of the World	97.5%
Going Solo	95.4%
Boy: Tales of Childhood	98.9%
Whole school	97.6%



Well Done

Kira Early

On your investiture into



Well Done

Joshua Herbert-Duff

Look at this enormous Isle of Wight! Great home learning Joshua!





DATES

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



March 2017:

Mon 27th	Mock SATs week for Year 6
Mon 27th	Year 4 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 27th	Years 4 and 5 trip around the island
Mon 27th	Grandparent Gardening afternoons all week from 1pm (except Weds)
Tue 28th	Year 5 visit to local author
Wed 29th	Whole School Celebration Day 'Fifteen Wonders of the IoW'
Thu 30th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Thu 30th	David Williams local author in Little Canada in to speak to Year 4
Thu 30th	parents 2pm
Fri 31st	Celebration Assembly @ 8.45am
Fri 31st	Veterans project with Age UK
Fri 31st	SNAG meeting 9.30am
Fri 31st	Year 3 swimming week 10 (last one)

April

Mon 3rd	Bring in your Spring photographs and decorated eggs from today
Mon 3rd	Year 5 & 6 families invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book at the office
Mon 3rd	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Mon 3rd	Year 2 Carisbrooke Castle visit
Mon 3rd	Year 6 environmental walk
Mon 3rd	Monday clubs will run TOMORROW
Mon 3rd	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Mon 3rd	Year 5+6 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book with the office
Mon 3rd	Year 2 trip to Carisbrooke Castle
Mon 3rd	LEAF meeting 5.00pm
Wed 5th	Spring Assembly 8.45am
Fri 7th	Spring treasure hunt in the afternoon
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END OF TERM

Mon 24th

SCHOOL OPEN Summer Term Topic - 'India'



April cont...

Mon 24th	Little Canada residential Year 4
Wed 26th	Year 4 return from Little Canada
Thu 27th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Thu 27th	Year 6 students to IW College STEM
Thu 27th	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.15pm
Fri 28th	Celebration Assembly @ 8.45am

May

Mon 1st	School closed (Bank Holiday)
Tue 2nd	Mike Fleetham in
Tue 2nd	AEN Coffee Afternoon 2pm
Thu 4th	Year 6 students to IW College STEM
Fri 5th	Celebration Assembly @ 8.45am
Sat 6th	Paul Westby Memorial Cup
Mon 8th	Year R parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book with the office
Mon 8th	Reverend Amanda assembly
Wed 10th	Parent Forum 2pm
Wed 10th	Money Group 6.15pm
Thu 11th	Pupil Council 8.40am Mr Cooper
Fri 12th	Celebration Assembly @ 8.45am
Mon 15th	Year 1 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book with the office
Tue 16th	Fire Drill 2.00pm
Wed 17th	Progression Team meeting 4pm
Thu 18th	Empty Classroom Day
Fri 19th	Celebration Assembly @ 8.45am
Fri 19th	Quiz and Curry Night for parents and staff
Mon 22nd	LAST WEEK for clubs
Mon 22nd	Year 1 parents invited to lunch all week, £2.95, please book with the office
Thu 25th	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 25th	Maths Problem Solving workshop @ Newchurch
Thu 25th	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.15pm
Fri 26th	Reports home
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly @ 8.45am
Fri 26th	SPORTS DAY!
Fri 26th	End of Term

Board Games Needed!

Do you have any board games you no longer need? Scrabble, snakes & ladders, Dingbats – if you have any unwanted games or puzzles they would be gratefully received by the Squirrel's Den.

Monies

Where possible please pay online using School Money, or at the office using a debit or credit card. We can accept cash, however we are very limited for change so if you could ensure you have the correct money it would be appreciated. Many thanks for your support ☺

Lanesend Active Families (PTA)

Please come along to our next LEAF meeting on Wednesday 5th April at 5.00pm. We have lots of events planned for the children but we need help! The more the merrier!

Communication

Please remember that we send all of our letters, newsletters and class information via email. It is therefore vital that we have your up-to-date email address so that you don't miss out on important information regarding trips and events!