



"A rebirth out of spiritual adversity causes us to become new creatures"
James E Faust

ad sciurus THE SQUIRREL



Whole School Attendance

since 5th
September
97.19%

Easter holidays will soon be upon us (I believe we are one of the last counties to go on holiday as many of my friends on the mainland have already broken up, which means the second week of our Easter break may be a little cheaper for families). Just talking about holidays, we are doing our very best to try and help families with cheaper holidays so it is very frustrating when holiday requests come in which could be taken during our extra week off or during school holidays. **Please avoid school days away.** We do so much in school that once it is missed it is gone forever. I also believe that the High Court decision is due this week, which we will all look forward to for clarity. We were doing so well with our holiday requests and attendance until the court case. It will be good to know where we all stand. I can only reiterate that low attendance really does impact on learning.

Reverend Amanda began our Easter week this morning with a fantastic easy synopsis of the Easter story (I will be 'maggie-ing' it for future use) The children will be exploring the different themes of Easter as we go through the week, heading towards our **Spring Celebration on Friday**. Families are most welcome to join us from **8.45am** as each year group will perform either a poem or a song about Easter or Spring. We will also be celebrating attendance as well as announcing the winners of our 'Springwatch' photograph and decorated egg competitions. Don't forget you can bring these in all this week, drop them in to the office but please make sure they are NAMED and have your child's year group on. This will be followed by our Spring treasure hunt. Thank you so much to all the families who have donated chocolate eggs. If the weather is like today it will be super! We do ask for donations to help support the school and I am always bowled over by our families generosity and support, and I never want to ask for too much. However, some of our Year 6 girls would like to hold an **Easter Cake Sale on Thursday at 2.45pm** selling Easter cakes, which they are going to make on the day themselves. As I am also very aware of how many cakes we need for a cake sale I am going to ask for cake **donations or donations of ingredients** to make Rice Crispy cakes using dark, milk and white chocolate. Mini eggs would also come in handy too! I am so looking forward to Easter Sunday when Lent ends and chocolate eating begins (however, I have found Caramac which is not chocolate! Yum Yum!)

In school this week we have lots of **trips out today** with Year 2 going to Carisbrooke Castle, Year 6 going on an environmental walk down the old railway track and Mr Andre's class visiting the beach. We have Vestas coming in to talk to the children on Thursday which we are all looking forward to. **Clubs** continue this week, however there have been some changes to clubs today as we have writing moderation at Cowes Primary School. Clubs will resume as soon as we return after the Easter break, for a further five weeks. You will also receive updated Pupil Progress Reports this week.

Last week in school we had a super end of term celebration with our Fifteen Wonders of the Isle of Wight. Thank you to all the families who came in and worked alongside the children. The display looked amazing and I hope you have seen the pictures

available through Class Dojo, Facebook and our website. We had super talks from David Williams author of 'Made on the Isle of Wight'. What a fabulous place we live and what an amazing history of invention we have too. BAE Systems came in and inspired the children with many of them saying they wanted to be rocket designers and radar experts. It was lovely hearing the children talk about echolocation and radar. We also hosted an Age UK Day where some veterans from World War Two came in and worked with some of our children, and it was just lovely to see inter-generational learning taking place. Just more of this would be great.

Year 4 children are off to **Little Canada** the first day back after the Easter break. We had a great talk in school from Little Canada and some of our children who were a little worried went for a pre-visit. Don't forget this trip has to be paid for, payments can be made on School Money. Let's hope for lovely sunshine all the way.

My thanks to Year 6 who completed a **mock SATs** week. It has highlighted where we need to support over the next few weeks and also allowed the children to realise how easy and un-scary they are. A letter will be coming to Year 6 parents about home learning. There was also a consultation launched last week by the government to re-examine how the children are assessed with proposals that there would be a baseline for Reception children and Year 6 SATs, with Year 2 SATs being dropped. I am in favour of summative assessments (tests) as they are part of life. What I feel uncomfortable with is what happens to the results, so maybe in the future we can find a better way to celebrate the school's successes through children coming to school, enjoying school, loving learning and just being excited to question, reason and evaluate (I always fancied being Secretary of State for Education, so that education could be changed for the children and staff!)

School Nutritional Action Group – thank you to Laura Kay and all the families who came in to help with planting our seeds. Years 1 and 6 are going to take on watering and looking after them. Look out for more **Dig Days** next half term and don't forget you can always come to our SNAG meetings (next date TBC).

Thank you for all those who took part in **The Big Pedal**. Please do continue pedalling, scooting or walking to school. Fingers crossed that we did enough to win the competition!

We have had some not very nice encounters because of the frustrations caused by **trying to park outside the school**. Just don't! Life is so much easier when we don't put ourselves in positions that can cause stress and frustration and in this beautiful weather, walking and pedalling is just wonderful.

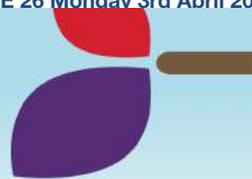
Have a super Easter break and we will see you on **Monday 24th April** bright and early.



Caroline Sice



FOR YOU



DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2017:

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

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.

Soup and a sandwich will also finish until the Autumn term.

Thank You
Mr Harding
 For donating lots of craft magazines

LEAF
Next Meeting
 Wednesday 5th April @ 9.30am

Well Done
Freya Smith
 Super home learning!



Well Done
Alisha Khassal
 Freestyle Dance



Well Done
Ashleigh Cox
 This is a time line of Ashleigh's day



Well Done
Oriol Gangonells
 Oriol visited the hovercraft museum



MENU CHANGE
Special Easter Menu
Friday 7th April

Roast Gammon and Chips
 Or
 Stuffed Sweet Potato (v)
 Served with
 Corn on the Cob/Beans/Coleslaw

To follow:
 Chocolate Easter Nest
 Or
 Frosted Carrot Cake

Wellbeing Shed – Winners

NAME: Shanice Harrison
 "The Lanesend Squirrel Hide Out"

DESIGN: Jack Welsman

Well done to Shanice and Jack and thank you to everyone who entered.

Little Canada

Please return the forms tomorrow if you have not already done so. These are really important! Also, please don't forget that payment is now overdue for this exciting residential. Please pay online using School Money. Thank you.

POLICE

POLICE VISITS
 (Beat Surgeries)

The Police are going to be coming into school to offer surgeries for children and families to access advice and support in an informal environment. The first surgery will be at school on Friday 5th May 17 at 2.15pm for parents (the police will be in school talking to children from 1.30pm). Leaflets for families with more details will be available soon.

Well Done
Wednesday Killingback
 Super home learning!



Well Done
Annabelle and Isla
 Super home learning!



Attendance – Incentive Scheme Results

Highest Attendance:
 The BFG (£5)
 Most Improved:
 The Magic Finger (£5)
 Above school target of 97.65%:
 Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, Matilda, Danny, Champion of the World, Boy, Tales of Childhood (£1 each)



Well Done
Ewan Archer
 Cubs top award!



Well Done
Kenidee Gladdis
Fletcher Gladdis
 Super swimming!



Attendance week ending 27th March 2017

Esio Trot	93.5%
The Giraffe, the Pelly & Me	95.2%
The Magic Finger	98.3%
The Twits	92.7%
James & the Giant Peach	97.0%
George's Marvellous Medicine	88.0%
The Enormous Crocodile	97.0%
Charlie Chocolate	96.5%
Charlie Glass Elevator	98.3%
The BFG	99.7%
Matilda	98.0%
The Witches	97.0%
Danny, Champion of the World	99.4%
Going Solo	94.6%
Boy: Tales of Childhood	98.6%
Whole school	96.3%





DATES

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



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

Wed 5th LEAF meeting 9.30am

Thu 6th CAKE SALE after school

Fri 7th Menu Change

Fri 7th Spring Assembly 8.45am

Fri 7th Spring treasure hunt in the afternoon

Fri 7th

END OF TERM

Mon 24th

SCHOOL OPEN

Summer Term Topic - 'India'



Mon 24th Little Canada residential Year 4

Mon 24th Clubs resume

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

May continued...

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**

3 day camp £99

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RYDE MEAD TENNIS CLUB EASTER HOLIDAY

Course 1 Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th Thursday 13th April
Course 2 Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th April

9.30am - 10.30am Players aged 6yrs - 8yrs
Cost: £12.00 per person (members) £15.00 per person non member

10.45am - 12.15pm Players aged 9yrs - 16 yrs
Cost: £15.00 per person (members) £18.00 per person (non member)

Telephone: Nick Searles 07780932704
Contact the club Facebook Page
Email: rydemeadtennis@outlook.com

Easter crafts for children at Cowes Library Saturday 8th April
10am - 1pm.

On Friday 21st April from 10.30 - 11.30am children can listen to some Easter stories with a craft activity.

Cowes Library will be celebrating World Book Night on Saturday 22nd April with a donated book sale including a book swap table during normal opening hours 10am - 4.30pm. There will be lots of children's books for sale and a book related LEGO Club from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

All children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the activities.