



"A cold is a mild viral infection of the nose, throat, sinuses and upper airways. It's very common and usually clears up on its own within a week or two" NHS Advice

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<p>Whole School Attendance 98.38%</p> <p>TARGET: 97.65%</p>

I am going to begin this week's newsletter with a big **'Congratulations!' to Year 6** for the outstanding 'Hidden Heroes' performance they performed on Wednesday. The performance was watched by lots of families (thank you families for making time to come and support the children, that was wonderful too!) It was not only an informative representation of the events of the Blyskawica but also an emotional time of remembrance. There were tears all round! **My sincere thanks** to the Isle of Wight Literary Festival and to the Cat's Grin Theatre Company for organising and supporting this fabulous project for year 6.

We held an **Open Morning** last week for other schools to come and visit as a move forward to come and share good practice. We had some lovely feedback including the wonderful manners of the children, the enthusiasm in their learning and what a fabulously welcoming school we are. I could not agree more.

We are really embracing the etiquette and the development of language and confidence to engage in conversation. Last week we were ensuring that we **wash our hands properly** whilst singing 'Happy Birthday'. I have heard that it is recommended to sing it through twice (we did use a lot more soap in school last week!) This week we are looking at the etiquette of **coughs and colds**—surprise! The recommendation is to **always use a tissue** for all coughs and colds situations, and then throw it away. If a tissue is not available then it is not to cough or sneeze into our hands, but into the crook of our elbow. This will spread fewer germs as handwashing is not always immediate after a cough or a sneeze!

I would also like to send out a super 'Congratulations' to our **football teams**. The boys Under 9s won against St Blasius last Friday and the girls Under 11s won against Bembridge last Thursday. It is great that we are beginning to make an impact upon our sporting fixtures. We have invested a lot of time and money to raise the profile of sport in our school and we are on our way to achieving gold. We have just finalised our action plan to try and achieve this by September next year.

Whilst on congratulations, here is a lovely Facebook message I would like to share: *"Wow, just wow. Had myself and staff members in tears. What beautiful and talented pupils you have. You never cease to amaze me!"* This was a comment about our school choir. They are next appearing at Sainsbury's in Cowes this **Thursday, at 6pm**.

Talking about Christmas, I see that decorations are going up and the shops are getting busy but we try and keep Christmas to the last two weeks of term, and this includes **Christmas cards**. We will open the Christmas post box on Friday 8th December so please can cards be brought in from that date. Year 6 become our Christmas post staff and enjoy delivering the cards to all the classes. The **Christmas Fayre** preparations are underway and we are always looking for help. Help comes in many ways, including selling our raffle tickets—with a £100 first prize and plenty of other fantastic prizes too! This week Ministry of Magic class is in the lead but there is still plenty of time left to help your child's class win the competition!

This week in school Year 4 families are invited in for lunch. Today we have Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics at Cowes Enterprise College from 3pm. The Half Price Book Fair starts tomorrow and will be open from 2.30pm around the hall. **Global Rock** rehearsals are underway and we are **looking for help** to build the set, especially if you have carpentry skills. If you can help please let me know and we can arrange some workshops! Wednesday is our annual **Cardboard Challenge Day** and we are looking for donations of all types of cardboard to create our Harry Potter World. **Families are invited in** to help create with their children. It is a great Design Technology Day and the results are always amazing. Thursday is our second **Open Day** for Reception 2018. I love showing families around—there is always something exciting going on in school! Friday is our **Flu Vaccine Day**. I have heard that there are some concerns, however I have been reassured that it is appropriate to administer in school. If you do have any worries then I can put you in touch with the providers. Year 4 have their last swimming session on Friday and we have a workshop at Newchurch for some of our children who show an aptitude for performance and theatre studies. Celebration Assembly this week is for Years 1, 3 and 5.

We are seeing an increase in **monies owed for school lunches**. Lunches must be paid for either in advance or on the day. Our monthly invoice is around £10,000 and we cannot afford to run a large debt on school lunches so **please pay** any outstanding money owed. Thank you.

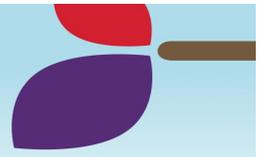
It is going to be a chilly week—but no talk of **snow** yet! How many days until Christmas? (Not enough!)

Have a good week.

Professor Celestina Sprout



FOR YOU



Development Days 2017-18:
 Monday 4th June 2018
 Tuesday 5th June 2018
 Wednesday 6th June 2018
 Thursday 7th June 2018
 Friday 8th June 2018



28 sleeps...



CONGRATULATIONS!

CLOE MCDONOUGH
 AMAZING Hagrid's Hut

LOLA MERRITT
 SUPER Harry Potter home learning!

JACK KNIGHT
 BRILLIANT swimming award



RAFFLE TICKETS!

Please return any unwanted raffle tickets so that they can be sold by other families. Remember there is an inter-class competition, the class that sells the most will receive £30 to spend! Sell, sell, sell!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated a bottle. Class hamper donations can be brought in any time from now too, along with any unwanted teddies/soft toys you may no longer need for our 'Teddy Tombola'. We are also asking for sweets for our "Honeydukes Sweet Shop".

Here is a reminder of the class hampers:

- Year R Sweets
- Year 1 Ladies toiletries
- Year 2 Christmas food
- Year 3 Biscuits
- Year 4 Mens toiletries
- Year 5 Tinned food
- Year 6 Chocolate



YEAR 4 SWIMMING Reminder

Please remember the £15 contribution towards swimming is due to be paid by 30th November. Thank you.

UNIFORM

Lots of NAMED uniform has been going missing recently. If named items are found in school they are always returned. Please can you check that your child is wearing their own uniform!



Cardboard Challenge Day Wednesday 29th November

We are collecting cardboard for our upcoming Cardboard Challenge Day—Harry Potter themed this year of course! Please bring in any cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, egg boxes etc in to school any time from now. Thank you. We can't wait to show you our Cardboard Harry Potter World!



REMINDER!

Please be reminded that dogs are NOT allowed on to the school site without prior agreement. Thank you for your continued support.



No dogs

SPORTS CORNER!

Girls Under 11s Knockout Cup
Lanesend 2 Bembridge 0

Well done girls, a comprehensive win over Bembridge that has put us through to the next round!



OPEN DAY

Thursday 30th November 9.30am—4pm

For children due to start school in September 2018

Tell your friends and family! We love showing families around our fabulous school!



ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 24th November 2017

Privet Drive	97.0%
Gambol & Japes	96.0%
Spinner's End	96.0%
Durmstrang	91.5%
Hogwarts	99.3%
Ministry of Magic	98.3%
Honeydukes	99.1%
Flourish and Blotts	99.0%
The Burrow	98.0%
Hogsmeade	98.5%
Gringotts	97.8%
Godric's Hollow	94.6%
Hagrid's Hut	95.7%
The Whomping Willow	93.3%
Beauxbatons	98.5%
Magical Menagerie	95.3%
Diagon Alley	94.7%
Whole School	96.6%



November

- Mon 27th Year 4 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Mon 27th Year 5-6 indoor athletics @ CEC 3pm
- Tue 28th Half Price Book Fair! 2.30pm
- Wed 29th Cardboard Challenge Day – Harry Potter places!
- Thu 30th Open Day 2 9.30am
- Thu 30th School choir to Sainsbury's Cowes 6pm

December

- Fri 1st Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 and 5 – 8.45am, all welcome
- Fri 1st Years R – 4 flu vaccine
- Fri 1st Year 4 swimming week 10 (last one)
- Mon 4th Year 5 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Mon 4th Book Fair ends
- Mon 4th Methodist Church set up Christmas Tree
- Mon 4th Year 2 visit to Northwood Cemetery
- Wed 6th Parent Forum meeting 2 @ 9.00am
- Thu 7th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 9.30am
- Thu 7th Y5 x 12 children cookery @ IW College
- Fri 8th Special assembly – Christmas tree 'Harry Potter'
- Fri 8th AEN coffee afternoon @ 2.00pm
- Mon 11th Christmas Week 1
- Mon 11th Year 6 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Mon 11th Reverend Amanda Assembly 8.45am
- Mon 11th Christmas Fayre 5.00pm—Harry Potter themed!
- Wed 13th Little Love Lane Nativity 11.15am
- Wed 13th Full Governing Body meeting 6.30pm
- Fri 15th Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 15th Dress rehearsals
- Mon 18th Christmas Week 2
- Mon 18th Police beat surgery 1.30pm
- Mon 18th Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance
- Tue 19th Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance
- Wed 20th Reception Nativity
- Thu 21st Christmas lunch—whole school
- Thu 21st Break Up 2.45pm

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Reminder:

NUT products (including Nutella spread) are not allowed in packed lunches. Please also remind your children not to share their food with others. We have children in school with severe allergies. Fizzy drinks are also not permitted. We encourage healthy eating at all times. Thank you for your continued support.

Reminder:

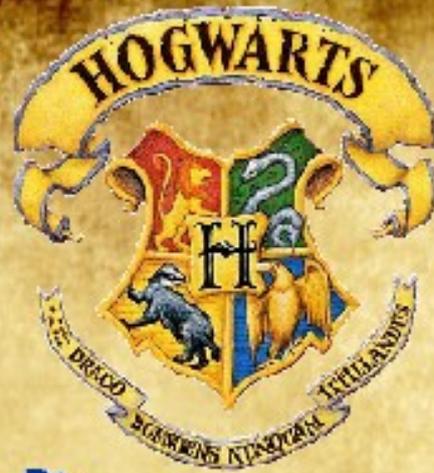
Data Collection Forms, Permission to Collect and EV3 forms (for local trips) were sent home with each child several weeks ago and we are still waiting for many to be returned. It is really important that these forms are updated at the start of every school year. Please return your forms as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Thank you.

January

Whole School Topic: 'Happy Birthday England'

Mon 8th School Open

- Mon 8th Year Reception families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Mon 8th Reverend Amanda Assembly 8.45am
- Fri 12th Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am
- Fri 12th Year 3 swimming week 1
- Mon 15th Year 1 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Mon 15th CLUBS START
- Thu 18th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
- Fri 19th Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4, 6 @ 8.45am
- Fri 19th Year 3 swimming week 2
- Mon 22nd Year 2 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Tue 23rd Fire Drill 2pm
- Fri 26th Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am
- Fri 26th Year 3 swimming week 3
- Mon 29th Year 3 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Wed 31st Reception lifeboat visit
- February
- Thu 1st Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
- Fri 2nd Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4, 6 @ 8.45am
- Fri 2nd Year 3 swimming week 4
- Mon 5th Year 4 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Mon 5th Pupil Progress Meetings all week:
- Mon 5th Miss Hopkinson, Mrs Price, Miss Garry
- Tue 6th Miss McQueen, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Westbrook, Mr Andre, Mrs Gargonells
- Wed 7th Miss Wren, Ms Coppen, Mrs Dyer
- Wed 7th Full Governing Body meeting 6.30pm
- Thu 8th Mrs Wyld, Mrs Lewis, Mr Read
- Fri 9th Miss Poulton, Miss Barton, Mrs Mayes
- Fri 9th Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am
- Fri 9th Year 3 swimming week 5
- Fri 9th BREAK UP 2.45pm
- Mon 19th School Open
- Mon 19th Year 5 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
- Thu 22nd Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
- Thu 22nd GLOBAL ROCK!
- Fri 23rd Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4, 6 @ 8.45am
- Mon 26th CLUBS START
- Mon 26th Year 6 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office



Harry Potter Christmas Fayre

Monday 11th December
5pm - 8pm

Raffle to be drawn at 7pm

Mulled Wine Games Mince Pies
Tombola Hamper Raffle Raffle
Teddy Tombola Santa's Grotto Food
Secret Present Room Outside Stalls Cakes
Face Painting Glitter Tattoos Craft Stalls
Reindeer Food

All proceeds towards our new Minibus