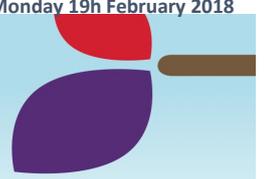




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## THE SQUIRREL



*"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted"*

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Whole School  
Attendance  
97.96%  
TARGET: 97.94%



I have to begin with a 'congratulations' to our Cross County teams that took part in the championships at the County Showground. The children did remarkably well, with our Year 3 and 4 boys coming in first, second, third and fourth place. A first for Lanesend and a first for the island! The girls came in seventh which placed our Year 3 and 4 team in first place overall. Our Year 5 and 6 teams came in fifth and seventh, with an overall placement of fourth. I am extremely proud of the team and this shows a clear benefit of 'the Golden Mile'. I was thinking back to when I first began at the school, and how in our first athletics event of the six hundred metres many of our children gave up and walked. Now, our children show greater fitness, energy, determination and focus. I really loved the comment from one of our grandparents when one of the children asked how would they know which way to go. The reply came "there will be an adult leading the way" which then led to the response "what happens when we overtake the adult?" Wow! This is self-belief at its best. It was a wonderful sports headline in the County Press: The Fantastic Four, which was a very lovely headline compared to the previous week. We have also been awarded 'Highly Commended' from the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation in recognition of our sporting developments.

The front page headline in the County Press was a shock to us all and I now believe that we are yesterday's news. However, we do have a meeting here tomorrow night at 6.00pm for any families who would like to ask me any questions. Paul Barnard from the Local Authority will also be here if you have any questions for him. I would like to thank all our families who showed such loyalty and support to the school - this was the silver lining of a dark moment. Thank you so much. Your comments, cards and messages have been overwhelming and we are so grateful to you all.



We have our Global Rock performance this Thursday in Southampton. The excitement is building. The stage is ready. The costumes are sewn and a full dress rehearsal is happening tomorrow. On Wednesday we will have some last minute polishing and we hope to give a performance worthy of a BAFTA! Just before half term we sent out the final information letter, but I will send it again just so that everybody has the information available. The Global Rock team and the family support has surpassed expectations this year and we do hope that the children go out on stage, do their very best and just enjoy the whole experience because it is just wonderful. We often talk about how great it is to see the children's confidence grow year on year. I feel it is such a valuable and superb experience for all.

Today, Reverend Amanda started off the second half of the Spring Term with an assembly about Lent. She has not asked the children to give up luxuries or nice things but to do more Acts of Random

Kindness, or ARKs as we like to refer to them here. She has set a bit of a challenge to see which class can achieve the most ARKs by the end of the term—which is only five and a half weeks away! So, get ARK-ing!

We welcome in school today and tomorrow Martin Harvey who is working with our children and staff on developing our handwriting. This comes from a visit to a school where I was very impressed with the standard of their presentation and handwriting, so much so that I wanted to know how they had achieved it so Martin is going to be developing handwriting practice so that the children are the boss of their penship. We will be celebrating handwriting in assemblies on Fridays too.



Year 5 families are invited in for lunch this week, Mrs Gilbert's class are on chicken duty, Global Rock rehearsal is tomorrow afternoon until 4.15pm and then all day Wednesday. We will be giving out the T-shirts on Wednesday to be worn on Thursday with black bottoms. Thursday is of course Global Rock day and on Friday we have Paul Armfield from the Quay Arts Centre to judge our 'Cultural Champion' entries. It is not too late to get an entry in by 11am tomorrow which is the deadline. This is a very exciting role for one of our children who have helped to develop our artistic and creative activities on school. Year 3 have their sixth week of swimming on Friday. Next Monday we are holding the Island Spelling Bee Championship here. We currently hold the title and we are hoping to retain it this year. Because of the Spelling Bee we will be having a boxed lunch in the classrooms as the hall will be needed until 1.00pm.



Year 4 families: please look out for a meeting for Little Canada. We will let you know as soon as we have arranged for them to come in to tell you more about the experience. Don't forget the children go to Little Canada on Monday 23rd April until Wednesday 25th. They will absolutely love it!

The Squirrel's Den: we are now full on most days for breakfast and after school club, so it is really important that you try and book in advance. If you are not going to need the booking please let us know so that we can let children on our waiting list know. The Den team have had a good tidy and it looks lovely. I am going to supply a couple of play rugs for them too.

Have a super week. The days are getting longer, although they are not getting warmer as we enter another cold spell towards the end of the week.

*Caroline Sice*



# 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

**Etiquette Champions:**  
 Connor Mulleman  
 Matthew Boulter



**Parents to Lunch**

Please remember to book in advance!  
  
 Thank you!

**FRANCE—YEAR 6**



PLEASE remember to return the passport form if you have not done so already. If you need any help please just

**Star Awards Year 1**

Pride-ability Annabelle Taylor  
 Stick-ability Lola Reynolds

**Star Awards Year 3**

Team-ability Rueben Beard  
 Change-ability Christina Parkman  
 'More Hermione' Holly Rice  
 'More dolphin' Sophie Buggs  
 Explore-ability Ellis Hanks-Marinelli

**Star Awards Year 5**

Stick-ability Molly Morey  
 Build-ability Ronnie Doyle  
 'More Hermione' Summer Higgins  
 Maths Josh & Chloe  
 Bounce-ability Marcia Holmes

**Lunchtime Awards**

Rhys, Kenidee, Lyle, Adam, Faith, Angelina, Olivia, Aaron



**Congratulations!**

*Elodie Ironman—what a super visit to Wales. You have learnt a lot!*  
*Isla Strickland—wonderful home learning!*  
*Amelia Verstraeten—beautiful unicorn!*



**Baby Dolls! Can you help?**

We would like donations of baby dolls for the Squirrel's Den—if you have any that your child no longer plays with please bring them in to office.



**SPORTS CORNER!**

**CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS!**



We had a fantastic day at the Cross Country Championships on Friday 9th February with our Year 3 and 4 boys coming in first, second, third and fourth place. A first for Lanesend and a first for the island!

The girls came in seventh which placed our Year 3 and 4 team in first place overall.

Our Year 5 and 6 teams came in fifth and seventh, with an overall placement of fourth.

Well done to all our Cross Country Champions!

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**SCHOOL CALPOL**

We do have Calpol in school in case of emergencies, i.e. if your child becomes unwell during the school day. If your child is a little under the weather but fine to come to school and you wish them to have Calpol during the day, please provide your own where possible.  
 Thank you for your continued support.

**Walk the Wight**

Don't forget to complete the Survey Monkey, we need to know if your child is taking part in this year's Walk the Wight. Closes Friday!  
 Thank you.

**ATTENDANCE**  
 Week Ending 9th February 2018

Privet Drive	97.0%
Gambol & Japes	98.0%
Spinner's End	99.0%
Durmstrang	95.9%
Hogwarts	99.6%
Ministry of Magic	98.0%
Honeydukes	94.6%
Flourish and Blotts	99.0%
The Burrow	100%
Hogsmeade	100%
Gringotts	97.9%
Godric's Hollow	98.1%
Hagrid's Hut	97.0%
The Whomping Willow	93.3%
Beauxbatons	96.8%
Magical Menagerie	96.3%
Diagon Alley	97.9%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97.5%</b>



**Missed sessions since September 2017 due to family holidays: 192**

**Whole School Topic: 'Happy Birthday England'**

<b>Mon 19th</b> Mon 19th	<b>School Open</b> Year 5 families invited to lunch all week – please book with the office
Mon 19th Thu 22nd Thu 22nd Fri 23rd Fri 23rd	'Families Connect' 3pm-5pm wk 5 Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am GLOBAL ROCK! Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4, 6 @ 8.45am Year 3 swimming week 6
Mon 26th Mon 26th Mon 26th Mon 26th Mon 19th Wed 28th	CLUBS START Year 6 families invited to lunch all week Spelling Bee Boxed lunch 'Families Connect' 3pm-5pm wk 6 Sitting volleyball Y3-Y6 3.45pm for all cluster schools
Thu 1st Fri 2nd Fri 2nd Fri 2nd	Year 1 Phonics parent meeting—with PIZZA! Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am Year 3 swimming week 7 Pre-school library 2pm
Mon 5th Mon 5th Tue 6th Thu 8th Fri 9th Fri 9th Fri 9th Fri 9th	Reception families invited to lunch all week 'Families Connect' 3pm-5pm wk 7 Year 6 passport photos with Atlas Images 9.30am Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4, 6 @ 8.45am Year 3 swimming week 8 Pre-school library 2pm Archery @ Queensgate 3.30pm
Mon 12th Mon 12th Fri 16th Fri 16th Fri 16th	Year 1 families invited to lunch all week 'Families Connect' 3pm-5pm wk 8 Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am Year 3 swimming week 9 Pre-school library 2pm
Mon 19th Mon 19th Tue 20th Wed 21st Wed 21st Thu 22nd Thu 22nd Fri 23rd Fri 23rd Fri 23rd	Year 2 families invited to lunch all week Caterlink: knife & fork skills Caterlink: knife & fork skills Caterlink: knife & fork skills Full Governing Body meeting Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am Fire Drill 10.30am Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4, 6 @ 8.45am Year 3 swimming week 10 Pre-school library 2pm

March continued...

Mon 26th	Easter Week
Mon 26th	CLUBS START
Mon 26th	Year 3 families invited to lunch all week
Mon 26th	Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Wed 28th	Parent Forum meeting 4 @ 9.00am
Wed 28th	AEN coffee afternoon 2pm
<b>Thu 29th</b>	<b>Beak Up 2.45pm</b>

April  
**Mon 16th**      **School Open**

**Summer Term Topic: 'Be Free—Nelson Mandela'**

Mon 16th	Reverend Amanda Assembly 8.45am
Mon 16th	Year 4 families invited to lunch all week
Wed 18th	Dave Ballard—local author
Thu 19th	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Fri 20th	Year 2 swimming week 1
Fri 20th	Pre-school library 2.00pm
Mon 23rd	Years 5&6 families invited to lunch all week
Mon 23rd	Year 4 Little Canada residential
Wed 25th	Full Governing Body meeting 6.30pm
Wed 25th	Little Canada return
Wed 25th	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm
Thu 26th	Chris Lubbe—Nelson Mandela's former bodyguard
Fri 27th	Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 27th	Year 2 swimming week 2
Fri 27th	Pre-school library 2.00pm
Mon 30th	Reception families invited to lunch all week
May	
Wed 2nd	Parent Forum meeting 2pm
Fri 4th	Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am
Fri 4th	Year 2 swimming week 3
Fri 4th	Pre-school library 2.00pm
Mon 7th	School closed (bank holiday)

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*Aesop*