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THE SQUIRREL

"There may be aliens in our Milky Way galaxy, and there are billions of other galaxies. The probability is almost certain that there is life somewhere in space"

BUZZ ALDRIN



Whole School
Attendance
97.82%

TARGET: 97.65%

What a gorgeous and fabulous Bank Holiday weekend we had. The weather surely makes a difference and it really feels like we have had a little holiday. The children definitely have a sun-kissed look today. The weather is continuing to be sunny so please can I ask that **sun cream is applied before coming into school**. Each of the classrooms do have their own sun cream if you wish to apply it when you drop your child off in the morning. As it begins to get a little warmer, black shorts are school uniform as well as our striped summer dresses. If your child is not wearing their blue slip they must wear their white polo shirt with our logo. We encourage the children to tuck their shirts in and be as smart as possible and proud to be part of Team Lanesend. Don't forget, **lots of water and sun hats too**. Long may the lovely weather last.

Last week it was lovely to see a few of you at the Parent Forum, where the question of **term dates** was raised. This was discussed at Governors following on from the consultation that was completed regarding school dates. From the consultation, and Governors are in agreement with this, we will continue to implement the two week half term in May. We are also in agreement with falling in line with the Isle of Wight consultation and will be having two weeks in the October half term, **BUT this does not come in to effect until October 2019**. It is **NOT this year!** **We will return to school this year on Monday 3rd September 2018, and all children will be in school on this day.** Please note, this is different from the rest of the Isle of Wight. The staff return to school on Thursday 30th August so that we can accommodate the two week half term in May. I will send out a calendar for 2018-19 dates now that it has been finalised. Thank you so much for completing the consultation, your thoughts and ideas really helped us to consider all options.

Last week in school ended with two fabulous **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) days with the team from Rolls Royce. Thank you so much to Rob Doorly and his team. The days were just such good fun and the children were enthused and excited about the learning and the activities. We felt very privileged to have experienced these events. We also received a visit from the officers of the **Blyskawica Polish warship**, who came in to speak to the Year 6 children following on from last year's play. They were dressed extremely smartly and were very impressed by the questions and enthusiasm of our Year 6 children. Well done.

Summer Fayre: We held a LEAF (Lanesend Active Families) meeting and came up with some super ideas for our end of term summer celebration for our 'Be Free' topic and summer fayre. We have another LEAF meeting on **Thursday 24th May at 5.30pm**. It is very exciting!

This week in school is quite a quiet week for events, but never a quiet week in the diary! Year 1 families are invited in for lunch all week—please remember to book with the office. I am out at St Mary's stadium tomorrow seeing Professor Tony Attwood. Mr Cooper will be around if you need him. Phoebe Nash is taking her first assembly tomorrow morning in her role as our school Cultural Champion. We have lots of competitions coming up over the next few weeks. Pupil Council is on Thursday morning with Mr Cooper and Celebration Assembly is for Years R, 2, 4 and 6 on Friday. Year 2 have their fourth week of swimming on Friday afternoon and Year 6 are in their final preparations for their **National Assessments** next week. As I had a check-in with one child who said she is looking forward to her SATs, I know we have done something right!

Next week in school, as mentioned, it is the Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests for which they have been working really, really hard at; improving their skills and consolidating their knowledge. Whatever happens, we are extremely proud of their hard work, effort and resilience. We wish them the very best and hope the papers are kind. Don't forget, breakfast for Year 6 from Monday and early nights from Sunday. Year 2 have also been working really hard on completing their assessment papers and coping with the challenges they face. **Well done** Year 2, we will support you all the way.

Some staff changes: congratulations to Kerry Clarke who has secured a position at the Island Learning Centre and will be leaving us at half term. Kelly Wheeler is also leaving us as she would like to spend more time with her family. We wish both Kerry and Kelly good luck in their new adventures. We have also taken on two new full time teachers, Mrs Rebecca Brailsford and Miss Elisa Jones, for next year, and Mrs Sarah Fifield in a part time teaching role. We welcome them to the team and hope that they will enjoy working at our school. I am still on the search for two more teachers so another advert will be going out this week and I hope to interview before the end of this half term. The jigsaw is getting ever so much more complicated!

I would like to say a really big **thank you** to all the families who have cleared their debts or are making payments on a weekly basis. This is making a difference to our debt and will impact upon us being able to continue great provision and activities here in school.

The Survey Monkeys went out last week for Little Canada, Food Gifts in School and Swimming for all. We will close these surveys at the end of this week.

Have a good week.

Professor Celestina Sprout 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

Congratulations

Maeve Hall

Amazing sailing skills Maeve, well done. What a wonderful opportunity!

Lammert Zwaagstra

Lammert took inspiration from the Rolls Royce STEM sessions and has made a boat that can turn into anything!

Ella Driscoll

Super home learning Ella, you have worked very hard and should be proud.

Kian Symmans

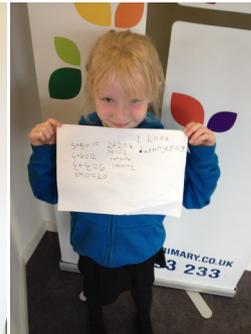
Kian played TEN games in his football tournament—wow!

Pick Up and Drop Off—Important!

Please remember that unless you need to speak to the office, there is no need to use the front entrance. Children should be taken to their classrooms by the OUTSIDE route and also collected in the same way. This protects our children as when the front desk is very busy it is hard to keep track of who is entering and exiting the building.

We will soon have a buzzer on the internal doors, as well as the main external doors, to ensure we can keep our children safe at busy times of the day.

Thank you for your continued support.



Chewing Gum :(

Please refrain from using gum when on the school premises, we have found a lot on the ground recently!

Please remember that we ask for donations of fruit for Key Stage 2 classes so that the children can all have a healthy mid-morning snack.

Thank you :)



If you are coming in for lunch with your child please remember to BOOK with the office! Jacket potatoes/baguettes need to be pre-ordered, thank you.

IMPORTANT—THE SQUIRRELS DEN BOOKING SYSTEM IS CHANGING!

After the half term break, bookings for the Squirrels Den after school provision and Breakfast Club must be booked and paid for **in advance online**. The system will be set up to use from the end of next week (Friday 18th May). Full details of how to book and pay online will be sent out via email and also detailed on the newsletter on Monday 21st May. The office team will also be on hand to talk you through the new booking process. This new system will be more efficient and hopefully families will find it quick and easy to use. Thank you as always for your support of our continuing development of the school.

BE AWARE OF NEW ONLINE GAME

We have received information from the National Online Safety team about a new game called **Fortnite: Battle Royale**. They have produced a guide for parents about the dangers associated with the viral game and how they can reduce the associated risks.

To download the guide, click on the link <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/986255143489425409>.

SPORTS CORNER!

NETBALL—1st May

Having made it through to the island finals we faced some super tough competition to finish 6th in our group.

Well done team!



ATTENDANCE
Week Ending 4th May 2018

Privet Drive	99%
Gambol & Japes	100%
Spinner's End	99%
Durmstrang	96.9%
Hogwarts	96.2%
Ministry of Magic	95.4%
Honeydukes	91.3%
Flourish and Blotts	97.7%
The Burrow	99.0%
Hogsmeade	97.3%
Gringotts	96.6%
Godric's Hollow	94.1%
Hagrid's Hut	97.3%
The Whomping Willow	93.3%
Beauxbatons	96.4%
Magical Menagerie	92.6%
Diagon Alley	96.3%
Whole School	96.3%



Missed sessions since September 2017 due to family holidays: 288

Summer Term Topic: 'Be Free—Nelson Mandela'



Mon 7th School closed (bank holiday)
Tue 8th Year 1 families invited to lunch all week
Thu 10th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Fri 11th Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 11th Year 2 swimming week 4
Fri 11th Pre-school library 2.00pm

Mon 14th SATs week
Mon 14th Year 2 families invited to lunch all week
Mon 14th Reverend Amanda Assembly
Fri 18th Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am
Fri 18th Year 2 swimming week 5
Fri 18th Year 6 Isle Jump
Fri 18th Pre-school library 2.00pm

Mon 21st Commonwealth Games—Sports Week
Mon 21st Year 3 families invited to lunch all week
Mon 21st Class Photos—Atlas Images
Wed 23rd Leavers Photos—Atlas Images
Wed 23rd Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm
Wed 23rd Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 25th Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 25th Year 2 swimming week 6
Fri 25th Pre-school library 2.00pm
Fri 25th Break Up 2.45pm

Schools
Out!

Mon 11th June School Open

Mon 11th Year 4 families invited to lunch all week
Mon 11th Reverend Amanda assembly 8.45am
Tue 12th Ben Hewlett visit —Black History Month
Wed 13th RE Day
Thu 14th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 14th Governors Money Group Meeting 5.45pm
Fri 15th Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am
Fri 16th Year 2 swimming week 7
Fri 16th Year 5 Watersports week 1

Mon 18th Year 5 families invited to lunch all week
Tue 19th Amnesty International visit—TBC
Wed 20th Caterlink in school—knife & fork training
Thu 21st Amnesty International visit—TBC
Fri 22nd Celebration Assembly Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 22nd AEN Coffee Morning 9.30am
Fri 22nd Year 2 swimming week 8
Fri 22nd Year 5 Watersports week 2

Mon 25th Year 6 families invited to lunch all week
Tue 26th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 10.00am
Wed 27th Parent Forum meeting no.6 @ 9.00am
Wed 27th Transition Day 1
Thu 28th Transition Day 2
Fri 29th Celebration Assembly Yrs 1,3,5 @ 8.45am
Fri 29th Year 2 swimming week 9
Fri 29th Year 5 Watersports week 3

July

Mon 2nd Year R families invited to lunch all week
Wed 4th Race for Life Day
Thu 5th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 5th Fire Drill 10.30am
Fri 6th Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
Fri 6th Year 2 swimming week 10
Fri 6th Year 5 Watersports week 4

Mon 9th

Tue 10th
Wed 11th
Thu 12th
Fri 13th BE FREE—Nelson Mandela—'Summer Fayre' 5pm

IMPORTANT—Year 6 France

Don't forget to apply for your child's European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) online.

Every child needs an EHIC card—it is FREE to apply.

Please speak to the office if you would like any further assistance.



**National
Oceanography Centre**

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

National Oceanography Centre Open Day 2018

Saturday 9 June 2017 10.30 am - 4pm

(last entry at 3.30pm)

For one day every year the centre opens its doors to the public to come and view the ground-breaking science and engineering undertaken on this unique site.

The aim of the day is to showcase the amazing work undertaken by the National Oceanography Centre, giving visitors an insight to the world of Science from all aspects.

Our themes for this year's event are:-

- Big science for big challenges
- Ocean robots
- Extreme engineering
- Life on a research ship
- Discoveries from the deep
- Big ocean, big data

Thank you! 

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Thank you to all the families who have paid their outstanding lunch monies, and to those who are in the process of clearing their lunch monies thank you for providing a packed lunch for your child. Please remember that lunches should always be paid for in advance. Thank you also to the families who have now cleared their outstanding Squirrel's Den debt.



REMINDER!

Walk the Wight is this weekend!

Sunday 13th May

Details can be found by following the link below and additional information (regarding times and transport etc) is in your walkers packs.

The schools walk starts at Freshwater Bay at 10.00am.

<https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/page/schools-walk-the-wight.html>

SANDOWN BAY FREE EVENTS

FREE!

Saturday 12th &
Sunday 13th May

Sandown spectacular **Hullabaloo** with Shademakers UK and the Discovery Bay team's extraordinary line-up of wildlife, nature and science exploration coming in to supersize focus on Sandown Bay!

Keep an eye out on

<https://www.facebook.com/hullabalooiw/>
for news from the Hullabaloo team as it happens.



The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds

The award-winning Channel 4 series is returning to follow 4 and 5 year olds, as they play, learn and interact with other children in a nursery. They will be observed throughout by leading scientists and psychologists, who will give insights into child development.

We are currently looking for 4 and 5 year old children and their parents to take part. Your child would be needed for a week or two of filming during the summer holidays.

If you are interested please go to the below link to fill out our online application form

<https://www.shortaudition.com/The-Secret-Life-2018>

We are committed to promoting inclusion and welcome applications from parents of children living with a disability. All communications with us will be treated in confidence.

Any information you give us will be kept securely and confidentially and in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 (and your right of access to the information is as provided under that Act).

GRAFFITI WORKSHOP
EARTH SHATTERING MIND BLOWING STREET ART



Design a personal tag and learn stencilling, wild style lettering and much more at this introductory workshop
Saturday 9 June
10am—12pm or 2pm—4pm
For young people aged 10—18
Newport Library

with local artist Tony Trowbridge

www.wight.com/thelibrary

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Your library informs, inspires, entertains

Tickets are free but book in advance to avoid disappointment
Please wear older clothing as paints will be used

