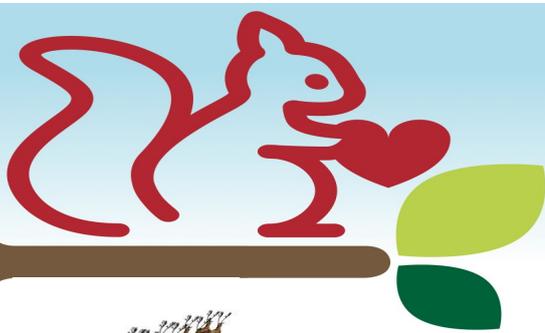


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THE SQUIRREL



27 SLEEPS...

"Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems." Gever Tulley

<p>Whole School</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>97.84%</p> <p>TARGET: 97.7%</p>
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Christmas

I did have a bit of a moment yesterday when 25th November came up on my calendar and I thought "oh my it is only one month until Christmas and so much to do!", so I thought I would begin with some **Christmas information**.

Christmas begins for us on Thursday 6th December when we will be making our Christmas decorations for our Christmas tree. We will be having our **Carol Service at St Mary's Church** again this year, however due to the church having building work we will not all fit in at once so we are going to split our Carol Service into two. **Key Stage 2 will be on Thursday 6th December at 1.30pm and Key Stage 1 on Friday 7th December at 1.30pm**. On both days the children will need to be **collected from the church** (we will give you enough time to then collect other children back at school if necessary). We will be sending out a Survey Monkey for you to complete regarding this. Christmas then continues from **Monday 10th December with the Christmas Fayre**. Don't forget we are requesting **hamper donations**, and also **non-perishables on Friday 7th December and perishables on Monday 10th**. We will be putting up **Santa's Grotto on Friday 7th December** and any **help** will be very much appreciated as we turn the library into a 'Winter Wonderland'.

The Christmas Fayre is from 5.00pm and we will draw the **raffle just after 7.00pm**. Don't forget to sell lots of **raffle tickets!** This year we are raising funds to develop a sensory garden in school as well as more sensory equipment for our children, including two trampolines for the children to bounce upon. We have the **Pre-School nativity here on Wednesday 12th December**. The children Years 5 & 6 will be full-on rehearsing for our Christmas performances of **The Wizard of Oz on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December in the evening**. Our **Year R nativity will be at 4.00pm on Thursday 20th December and Christmas Lunch Day ends our term on Friday 21st December**. There will be a Survey Monkey coming our this week to book Christmas Lunch. We have different menus regarding specific dietary requirements. Please fill out one Survey for each child as this makes it easier to collate the information. We will keep you updated via text and email with what is going on with Christmas arrangements as we get closer to the time.

Last week in school was quite a quiet week with just a couple of sports fixtures, the **sitting volleyball** on Thursday looked great fun and the girls **U11 football** team drew against the Bay on Friday evening We had two really interesting talks from Yvonne Newbold on Wednesday and Friday and the teachers from Years 5 & 6 had their Latin training on Friday afternoon, which the children will start to experience this week. **Latin** will really help with their understanding of language and grammar and when they learn a second language too. Reception had a super trip out to the **library** and were beautifully behaved, and complimented on whilst visiting.

This week in school Year 4 families are invited for lunch. We have another First Aid course for some of our staff. Our U9 football team have a match here against Cowes Primary. Good luck team! We have our second Open Day on Thursday for children starting school next September, Friday sees week 9 of swimming for Year 4, and there is a boys U11 football match here against Broadlea.

Just some quick reminders: clubs finish next week. After Christmas we reduce our clubs as we have report writing and Global Rock. We look to re-start our school clubs after the half term in February. We were talking about report writing at a meeting recently and trying to reduce teacher workload, as per the Government recommendations. We may look at changing the format of our **annual reports** so that they are more manageable for staff. I am not yet sure how this would take shape but we are looking into it and will let you know what the changes may or may not look like! I do love our annual reports and I love reading them and writing my comments on them, but I know the extra work that it takes is demanding and I want them to be right for families too, so **if you have any suggestions I would love to hear them**. I have noticed lots of children scootering and cycling to school—which is great—but I have also noticed many are not wearing **helmets**. In school we teach the children the importance of helmets, and it is really important that they continue to wear helmets on the way to and from school too. Every year I can guarantee there will be several children who have quite serious injuries to their face because they were not wearing a helmet. **Please remind your children to wear their helmets** both to and from school when cycling or scootering. Thank you. Please remember to use the **external classroom entrances** when dropping off and collecting your children, as this keeps the front entrance clear and calm so that we can monitor who is entering and exiting the school. One final reminder: **booking lunches** really, really **needs to be done online** please. We are going to be introducing a 'soup & a sandwich' option for the winter season. Please see the back of this newsletter for soup information. Again this will be available to book online as well.

I am currently look into organising a whole school trip to the **Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium** as part of our focus on Science. We will spend the day exploring all the fabulous activities and taking part in the workshops. Look out for the information to book your child up.

We are continuing with **building resilience** in school, especially as I hear more and more about the 'snowflake' generation and I definitely do not want our children to be snowflakes! We need to build them up and give them strength to do anything, be anything and not be flaky about anything at all.

I am not here on Friday but Mr Cooper is if you need him. Have a great week.

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU

THANK YOU

We raised a super
£145.17
For the Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal



Development Days 2018-19:
Monday 3rd June 2019
Tuesday 4th June 2019
Wednesday 5th June 2019
Thursday 6th June 2019
Friday 7th June 2019

CONGRATULATIONS

Bella Ruston—super swimming award Bella, well done!
Ella Driscoll—wonderful Maths Ella, we are proud of you!
Ethan Cole— Learn to Swim Achiever of the Year—fantastic!
Jay Eklund-Ironman— Golden Boot Award - what an amazing trophy!



Our Good to be Green children enjoyed a yummy breakfast with Mrs Sice on Friday morning.
Well done to all of you for staying **GREEN!**

Jacket Potatoes & Baguettes

Please remember that **parents have to sign the form** in order for their child to receive a jacket potato (or a baguette for years 3, 4, 5 & 6). Please complete the forms in class when dropping your child off. For older children who come to school unattended, please ask for forms so that you may complete them at home. We do ask that meals are ordered online in advance, and thank you to everyone who supports this, however if a jacket potato or baguette is chosen a paper form does still need to be filled out for the kitchen As always, if you have any questions please pop in or call us on 293233.

SPORTS CORNER

Last Thursday we held a Sitting Volleyball Festival involving teams from Lanesend, Cowes and Queensgate.

We played each team then mixed up to work in combined teams involving all 3 schools.

We managed to get some nail biting rallies going towards the end of the evening!



UNIFORM UPDATE

We have now had a delivery of long sleeved polo shirts, thank you for your patience. We hope the issue with the faulty stitching has been resolved.

Please remember that hoodies and zoodies are not allowed to be worn in school, they are for play & break times and walking to and from school. Thank you.

THE SQUIRREL'S DEN

Please remember to use new **Den doorbell** when collecting your children from the Den—the office is not always manned late in the day!



ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 16th November 2018

YR Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	98.2%
YR The Faraway Tree	96.4%
YR A Bear Called Paddington	94.3%
Y1 Peter Pan	97.1%
Y1 Swallows and Amazons	93.3%
Y1 The Gruffalo	92.4%
Y2 Charlotte's Web	98.7%
Y2 The Secret Garden	99.3%
Y3 Where the Wild Things Are	93.1%
Y3 Around the World in Eighty Days	96.9%
Y4 Wind in the Willows	99.1%
Y4 The Little Prince	97.5%
Y4 Stig of the Dump	98.3%
Y5 Mary Poppins	95.6%
Y5 Treasure Island	91.7%
Y6 The Railway Children	99.2%
Y6 The Wizard of Oz	93.3%
Y6 The Jungle Book	98.3%
Whole School	96.3%



Missed sessions due to family holidays since September 2018: **203**

Autumn 2 Term Topic “Exploring the Classics”

Mon 26th	Year 4 Families invited to lunch all week
Mon 26th	J Rock—HELP NEEDED PLEASE POP IN! 1.00pm
Tue 27th	Mums Coffee Morning with Rev Amanda 9.00am
Thu 29th	Open Day 2 9.30am-4.00pm
Thu 29th	Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm
Fri 30th	Year 4 Swimming Week 9
Fri 30th	J Rock—HELP NEEDED PLEASE POP IN! 1.00pm
December	
Mon 3rd	Year 5 Families invited to lunch all week
Mon 3rd	J Rock—HELP NEEDED PLEASE POP IN! 1.00pm
Tue 4th	Mums Coffee Morning with Rev Amanda 9.00am
Wed 5th	Cardboard Challenge Day
Thu 6th	Christmas Tree/Decoration Day
Thu 6th	RE Day—Christmas
Thu 6th	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 6th	Carol Service for Y3, 4, 5 & 6 @ St Mary’s 1.30pm
Fri 7th	Non-perishables for the Christmas Fayre please
Fri 7th	Carol Service for YR, 1 & 2 @ St Mary’s 1.30pm
Fri 7th	Humanities workshop for Mr Read’s class @ Medina
Fri 7th	J Rock—HELP NEEDED PLEASE POP IN! 1.00pm
Fri 7th	Year 4 Swimming Week 10—LAST ONE
Christmas Week 1	
Mon 10th	Year 6 Families invited to lunch all week
Mon 10th	Please bring in your perishable items for the Fayre
Mon 10th	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 5.00pm
Christmas Week 2	
Mon 17th	Christmas Performances dress rehearsal—school only
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Tue 18th	Performance Years 5 & 6—EVENING
Wed 19th	Performance Years 5 & 6—EVENING
Thu 20th	Year R Nativity @ 4.00pm
Fri 21st	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 21st	Christmas Lunch whole school
Fri 21st	DEN WILL CLOSE AT 5.00PM
Fri 21st	BREAK UP 2.45pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Raffle tickets have been sent home - 50p per ticket or £2.50 per book. Each child has been allocated 2 books to sell
 If you do not want your tickets, please return them to the office so we can reallocate them to other families.
 If you have sold your tickets please bring back the stub with the money enclosed.



Join Team Lanesend!

We are hiring!
 Midday Supervisory Assistants
 and a Cleaner
 Please call 293233
 or pop into the office if you
 are interested
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PLEASE NOTE!

The Squirrel’s Den will be closing at 5pm on the last day of term, Friday 21st December.



Are you a special guardian in need of support and information?

All special guardians supported by Isle of Wight can access information, support and guidance from the Family Action Special Guardianship Support Service.

The service grants you access to a dedicated website and trained professionals you can talk to via web chat or by freephone 0808 802 1111 (out of hours).

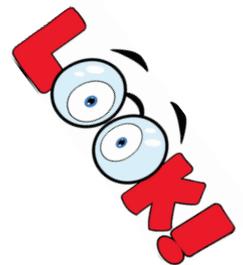
Get in contact to receive further information and to receive your login details to the Special Guardianship Support Website.



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE
 WE ARE NOW COLLECTING
 CLASS HAMPER DONATIONS:**

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| Year R classes | Sweets |
| Year 1 classes | Ladies toiletries |
| Year 2 classes | Christmas Food |
| Year 3 classes | Biscuits |
| Year 4 classes | Men’s toiletries |
| Year 5 classes | Tinned food |
| Year 6 classes | Chocolate |

THANK YOU!



Gingerbread House Evening

**Friday 30th November at Cowes Baptist Church—7.00pm
 Tickets £7.50**

Your ticket includes everything you need to create a beautifully wrapped Gingerbread House plus mulled wine, Christmas nibbles, and a short Christmas thought!

Contact Elaine on 07443 6527156



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SPORTS CORNER PART 2

We played The Bay in the U11 girls football league and finished with a 0-0 draw. Excellent play, determination and grit by our ladies who were unlucky not to score!



LANE ZONE

Tune into the quiet and calm, turn down the busy and give this week's activity a go...
Mind Full, or Mindful?

With the murmurings of the festive season beginning earlier and earlier, feelings of **Calm**, **Peace** and **gratitude** can sometimes fade a little and it becomes harder to remember that...

"It's not happy people who are thankful. It's thankful people who are happy."

Two ways to feel connected and grateful:

Gratitude Diary - Try to collect 5 things you were grateful for each day. (*Adults find 10*). Feel the connection to your senses with each one.



Thankful ABCs - Sit in a circle and work your way through the alphabet thinking of everything you are grateful for.

If it gets hard to think of things you know you're doing this exercise right - think of the **tiny** things that will help you remember a **positive emotion**.

COMING SOON...

Soup & Sandwich:

- Monday: Tomato
- Tuesday: Vegetable
- Wednesday: Butternut Quash & Sweet Potato
- Thursday: Leek & Potato
- Friday: Roasted Vegetable

This will be available from Monday 3rd December.

A bowl of freshly homemade soup will be served with half a sandwich (either cheese or ham)

A slip will need to be completed in the same way that jacket potatoes and baguettes are ordered

The 'soup of the day' will always be as above



THANK YOU

To the following for kindly donating raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre:

- Beresfords
- Shorelines of Cowes
- Pocket Full of Pebbles
- Tapnell Farm
- JR Zone
- Blackgang Chine
- Dinosaur Isle
- Red Funnel
- LA Bowl
- 1leisure
- Waitrose
- Tesco
- Cody's beauty retreat
- IOW Pearl
- Cotton Ear Company
- Faye Courage
- Hartridge family
- Ebony Hair

The Wight Brainsy Bunch Christmas Market at Ryde Fire Station
Saturday 1st December 10am - 4pm

Magical Grotto • Kids Craft Corner
Inflatable Snow Globe

Turning on of Ryde Fire's Christmas Lights at 4pm

Live Entertainment
Seasonal Stalls
Festive Refreshments

Garage Door Specialists Ltd
The Wight Brainsy Bunch
CARE AT HOME
WESSEX CANCER TRUST
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Drive-in Films for Christmas
at Robin Hill

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
Elf
Gates: 11am - Film: 12pm
Home Alone
Gates: 3pm - Film: 4pm
Love Actually
Gates: 7pm - Film: 8pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
The Polar Express
Gates: 11am - Film: 12pm
Santa Claus The Movie
Gates: 3pm - Film: 4pm
The Holiday
Gates: 7pm - Film: 8pm

Tickets available from
www.wessexcancer.org.uk/Event/christmas-cinema
ADULTS: £10
CHILD: £5
*Screenings subject to film licenses

West Wight Sports & Community Centre
ANNUAL **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Thursday 13th December 2018
7pm in Community Centre

£10 per team - Maximum 6 people per team
Bring your own party food, licenced bar available on the night
Prize for best dressed table!

Please book and pay in advance at Reception, sorry no entries can be accepted on the night. Have your fun team name ready at time of booking!

Our Christmas raffle will be drawn on the night. Tickets can be purchased in advance for £1. Prizes include Co-Op Xmas Hamper, 22" Smart TV Sainsbury's, Bridesford Farm, Love Running, Tennyson Garage vouchers and much much more!

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