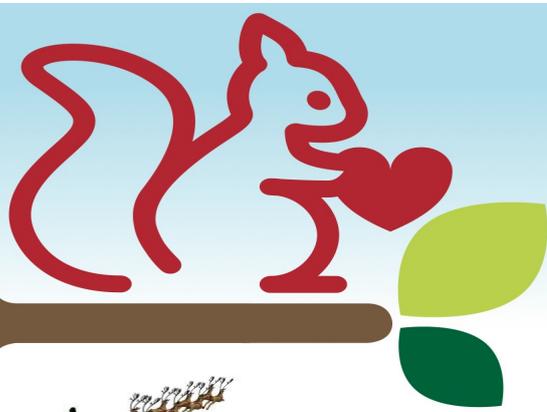


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## THE SQUIRREL



*8 SLEEPS...*

*Season's Greetings  
&  
Happy New Year*



<p><b>Whole School Attendance</b></p> <p><b>97.53%</b></p> <p>TARGET: 97.7%</p>
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Let's start off with some great news. We raised £3700 at last week's Christmas Fayre which is amazing. It was such a great atmosphere, it was buzzy and full of Christmas cheer. My thanks to all the help that made it a super evening and especially to Andrea and her team who led and organised all the arrangements. We do appreciate it and it is your support that makes our school great. The second bit of great news last week was the comparison tables that came out nationally, that showed our school to be top of the tables for the Isle of Wight and above national by quite a significant percentage for combined expectations in English and Maths. Well done to the children and Team Lanesend for working so hard and developing a love of learning to reach exceptional heights of success. Thank you.

It has been busy in school with lots of rehearsals for the Wizard of Oz, which takes place tomorrow and Wednesday evening at 6.00pm. Children are to be in school for 5.30pm and seating will be available from 5.50pm. The show is about an hour and a half, however it often goes quicker so I would say an hour and twenty. After the show the performers will return to their classrooms and families are asked to collect them from there. All children do need to be collected. It will be late, cold and dark. We also need all the children back for the performances. They have worked so hard, and it is always such a shame when some of the children don't come back to school, so please support the team and we will see your children on the stage for their first performance of the Wizard of Oz on Tuesday.

This is followed by the Nativity on Thursday afternoon at 4.00pm. Children are going to stay at school and the Reception team will look after them. The Nativity is going to take place in the car park at 4.00pm unless it rains... hot chocolate will be available! The children afterwards will return to their classes to get changed and we ask that families collect them from the classrooms—the performance looks to be taking around 40 minutes so by the time the children are changed we expect pick-up from the classrooms to be at about 5.00pm.

Other events during the week include our inter-house Times Table competition, the Christmas lunch, our Christmas song performances and of course our farewell assembly to Miss Barton and Mrs Crews, AKA Tracey, who has been with us for twenty-one years and has decided that it is time to retire as she is going to be a Grandma very soon and wants to take up Grandma duties too! We wish Tracey the very best and will miss her and Miss Barton very much, as they start their new adventures. We also say goodbye to Laura and Cheryl, our MSAs, who are going to work at the hospital after the New Year. We welcome Gemma Mackinnon, Lisa Parker, Sam Parris, Sam Ironman, Chelsea Hammond, Will Allsop and of course Matt Thorne, (who actually started a couple of weeks ago) to Team Lanesend.

We will also be celebrating our Bronze attendance certificates this week, however due to one hundred and seventy certificates we have decided to do it slightly differently. The certificates will be handed out in classes and celebrated in classrooms, and on Friday we will ask the children to stand up and give them a big round of applause and pull out the winning raffle ticket for this term's prize. We were in the top ten percent for attendance last year which I am extremely grateful for, as I truly believe coming to school every day is so important as every day really does count, and children miss out on the learning. Learning moves on so quickly that once that day is gone it is just not possible to get it back. There really is a connection between attendance and attainment so please keep our children loving learning and come to school every day. It is also so exciting in school that it is such a shame to miss it.

We are also sending home today the results from the Parent Survey. I hope you find it interesting. We do act upon your suggestions and try and let you know what we are doing to support improvements. One of the areas that was a concern and I am also hearing around school from our families is regarding behaviour. I hope that I have gone into detail in the response to the survey, but I just wanted to reassure you that any negative choice or behaviour is dealt with. We just don't shout about it, which then often leads to 'half stories' being repeated around the school, which then causes more concern as the full picture is not available to everyone. It is not perfect, but the whole team is behind trying to support the right behaviour at the right time.

The second survey that we sent out regarding mixing up the classes came back with quite a large majority not wanting to mix up the classes. Thank you for sharing your opinion with me. I look at individual classes every year and if there is a real need then of course we may make the decision to mix up the year groups, or if we are extending a year group to three classes. We will always inform our families and ask for friendship groups so that we can keep at least one friend together. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, it really does help us to shape the future of the school.

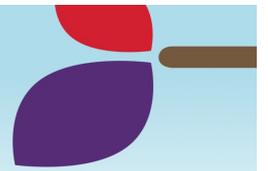
We have had nearly 340 children sign up for the science trip which is excellent. We are looking forward to it already, as we are to the great learning that will happen after Christmas.

I just have one more thing to say, and that is to wish you all a fabulous and restful Christmas. The children are very tired, and are ready for a break, as are the staff too. We will return in the New Year for another exciting term of learning. Have a wonderful time. It really does feel a lot like Christmas...

*Caroline Sice, Headteacher*



# FOR YOU



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

## 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!



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

The school Christmas postbox is now **OPEN!**  
 Please remember to write the **name of the class as well as the name of the child** on the envelope so we know who to deliver to!

## MENU CHANGES!

Wednesday 19th December:  
 Fish fingers & chips not roast dinner

Thursday 20th December:  
 Chicken curry not lasagne

Friday 21st December:  
 Roast turkey (Christmas lunch) not fish fingers  
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## Monies

Please pay any monies owed by Friday 21st December.

As always, if you need to discuss anything to do with monies owed to the school, please pop in and speak to Mrs Sice. Thankyou.

## Congratulations:

**Cloe McDonough**  
 Cloe swam an amazing **50 metres**

Well done Cloe!

Keep on swimming!



## Food-Free Gifts

Please remember that we are a 'food-free' gift school. Please may we ask that you don't bring in chocolates/cakes/sweets for birthdays and Christmas gifts for the children. Thank you for your continued support.



## PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Please park sensibly if you need to drive to school. Please avoid driving up to the school gates, there is very little room and we have had several dangerous situations recently. We have also unfortunately had complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking. The park and ride car park is just a short walk away! Please remember the safety of our children is paramount at all times. Thank you.

## PLEASE NOTE!

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



**8 SLEEPS..**

## LANE ZONE



Tune into the quiet and calm, turn down the busy and give this week's activity a go...

Mind Full, or Mindful?

Take the time to bring all of your senses to the table.

These days how fully aware are we of what we eat? How often are we doing something else at the same time?



## Mindful Eating:

- Come with an appetite – but not when ravenously hungry
- Appreciate your food – pause for a moment or two as you eat
- Bring all your senses to the meal – colour, aroma, texture, sound
- Take small bites and chew thoroughly – really taste the flavours
- Eat slowly – savour every bite



## PLEASE remember that registration is 8.40am

Children need to be in school between 8.25am and at the very latest 8.40am.



## ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 14th December 2018

YR Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	97.4%
YR The Faraway Tree	96.3%
YR A Bear Called Paddington	96.1%
Y1 Peter Pan	98.1%
Y1 Swallows and Amazons	97.0%
Y1 The Gruffalo	96.4%
Y2 Charlotte's Web	97.5%
Y2 The Secret Garden	97.7%
Y3 Where the Wild Things Are	96.8%
Y3 Around the World in Eighty Days	98.0%
Y4 Wind in the Willows	98.8%
Y4 The Little Prince	97.8%
Y4 Stig of the Dump	98.6%
Y5 Mary Poppins	98.7%
Y5 Treasure Island	96.9%
Y6 The Railway Children	96.1%
Y6 The Wizard of Oz	97.4%
Y6 The Jungle Book	97.8%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97.4%</b>



Missed sessions due to family holidays since September 2018: **237**

**Autumn 2 Term Topic "Exploring the Classics"**

Mon 17th Christmas Week 2  
 Mon 17th Cowes RNLI in for Christmas story sack in library  
 Tue 18th Christmas Performances dress rehearsal—school only  
 Tue 18th Wizard of Oz Performance Years 5 & 6—EVENING  
 Wed 19th Wizard of Oz Performance Years 5 & 6—EVENING  
 Thu 20th Times Table Bee 9.30am  
 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**



**Spring Term**  
**'Let There Be Light'**  
**January**



**Mon 7th SCHOOL OPEN**  
 Mon 7th Year R families invited to lunch all week  
 Thu 10th Celebration Assembly Y1, 3, 5  
 Thu 10th U9 boys football v Carisbrooke  
 Mon 14th Year 1 families invited to lunch all week  
 Wed 16th Mike Fleetham in  
 Thu 17th Celebration Assembly Y2, 4, 6  
 Fri 18th Year 3 swimming week 1  
 Mon 21st Year 2 families invited to lunch all week  
 Tue 22nd Fire Drill 2.00pm  
 Thu 24th Celebration Assembly Y1, 3, 5  
 Fri 25th Yar 3 swimming week 2  
 Mon 28th Year 3 families invited to lunch all week  
 Thu 31st Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am  
 Thu 31st Maths Challenge—Years 4 & 5—Ryde  
 Thu 31st Celebration Assembly Y2, 4, 6  
 February:  
 Fri 1st RE Day—'Let There Be Light'  
 Fri 1st Year 3 swimming week 3  
 Mon 4th HERO Week (Here, Every day, Ready, On time)  
 Mon 4th Year 4 families invited to lunch all week

**Mon 4th Pupil Progress Meetings all week:**  
**Mon 4th Miss Hopkinson, Mrs Price, Mr Andre, Mr Thorne**  
**Tue 5th Ms Coppen, Miss Westbrook, Mrs Dyer**  
**Wed 6th Mrs Hinkley, Miss Poulton/Mrs Fifield, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Jones**  
**Thu 7th Miss McQueen, Mrs Wyld, Mrs Brailsford**  
**Fri 8th Miss Wren, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Gangonells, Mr Read/ Miss Troy**

Thu 7th Celebration Assembly Y1, 3, 5  
 Fri 8th Year 3 swimming week 4  
 Sat 9th Lanesend bag packing @ Asda for J-Rock 10.00am-1.00pm  
 Fri 15th Year 3 swimming week 5  
 Fri 15th KS2 cross country championships  
**Fri 15th BREAK UP 2.45pm**



**Mon 25th SCHOOL OPEN**  
 Mon 25th Year 5 families invited to lunch all week  
 Thu 28th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am  
 Thu 28th Celebration Assembly Y2, 4, 6  
 March:  
 Fri 1st AEN coffee morning 9.30am  
 Fri 1st Year 3 swimming week 6  
 Mon 4th Year 6 families invited to lunch all week  
 Mon 4th Clubs start  
 Mon 4th Spelling Bee @ Carisbrooke C of E  
 Thu 7th J Rock Challenge—today's the day!  
 Thu 7th Celebration Assembly—TBC  
 Fri 8th Year 3 swimming week 7

Mon 11th Year R families invited to lunch all week  
 Thu 14th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am  
 Thu 14th Celebration Assembly—TBC  
 Fri 15th Comic Relief—Red Nose Day  
 Mon 18th Year 1 families invited to lunch all week  
 Thu 21st Celebration Assembly—TBC  
 Fri 22nd Year 3 swimming week 9

Mon 25th Year 2 families invited to lunch all week  
 Tue 26th Winchester Science Centre trip  
 Thu 28th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am  
 Thu 28th Fire Drill 10.30am  
 Thu 28th Celebration Assembly—TBC  
 Fri 29th Year 3 swimming week 10 (last one)

April:  
 Mon 1st Year 4 to Little Canada  
 Mon 1st Year 3 families invited to lunch all week  
 Tue 2nd Antibullying meeting



Medina, Isle of Wight  
 junior parkrun

**What is Junior parkrun?**  
 Junior parkrun is a free, friendly and fun 2k run for people over four years and up to 14 years.  
**When?**  
 9am, every Sunday morning.  
**Where?**  
 Seaclose Park Newport  
**Do I need to be fast?**  
 No, Junior parkrun is for all abilities.  
**Do I need anything else?**  
 You need to register on the parkrun website ([www.parkrun.co.uk](http://www.parkrun.co.uk)), print out your barcode, and bring it with you - easy!



**NOW AVAILABLE**  
**Soup & Sandwich:**

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



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

## **MENU CHANGES!**

**Wednesday 19th December:**  
Fish fingers & chips / Quorn burger (v)  
Served with baked beans & peas

Followed by:  
Chocolate sponge

**Thursday 20th December:**  
Chicken curry & rice / Vegetable curry (v)  
Served with sweetcorn and green beans  
Followed by:  
Cheese & crackers

**Friday 21st December:**  
**Roast Turkey Christmas lunch** (must have been pre-ordered)

*If you did not order the Christmas lunch please provide a packed lunch  
Baguettes and jacket potatoes are not available on this day*

**Merry Christmas!**



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