

Development Days 2019-20:
 Monday 1st June 2020
 Tuesday 2nd June 2020
 Wednesday 3rd June 2020
 Thursday 4th June 2020
 Friday 5th June 2020



9 SLEEPS...



<p>Whole School Attendance 97.57% TARGET: 97.7%</p>

The **Christmas Fayre** was such a marvellous success. The team worked extremely hard to get it organised and ready, which proved well worthwhile as **we raised over £3,800!** This will finish paying for the sensory garden and begin our fundraising to improve the library. My thanks to Team Lanesend for giving up their time to support and help. Our next event is not until **14th February**, which is our **Valentine's Disco**. The choir have one last performance at Sainsbury's this week, and don't forget you can **download their single**, 'Back on the Island at Christmas' from Amazon and Spotify. The choir have had a superb season and have been very impressive in their performances. I think Mr Cooper is considering a **staff choir**, and also another try at organising a **community choir** as singing is good for the heart and soul. This was also evident at our **'Sing Up'** on Wednesday afternoon where the children performed their song that they had been learning for this half term. This is something that we do every half term as it is proven that it helps with memory and attainment. The children's confidence in performing their songs is improving all the time and it was just lovely. Unfortunately this is not something we can open up to lots of families as we just haven't got the room in the hall, but I will ask the team to **video it and YouTube it** next time.

Our **Christmas Crafternoon** for our new Reception 2020 intake was just lovely and it allowed us all to take a moment and enjoy some crafting with the children. I am very proud of my snowman, and the children who attended left with armfuls of Christmas crafts. It was a great success and I am sure we will plan for another Crafternoon in the New Year. Don't forget that **you need to apply for your child's place at our lovely school by 14th January.**

Sporting events last week were very successful with lots of firsts and seconds at the Cowes Enterprise College athletics event, and the boys football teams winning both matches. We do have a couple more events this week to fit in before the end of term—the rain has definitely impacted upon our sporting fixtures this year! Let's just hope we get a rain-free spell soon.

This week in school we have all our wonderful Christmas performances. It is not too late to book a seat or two. **Year 1 have 'The Greatest Christmas Show' today at 1.45pm and tomorrow at 9.30am.** **Year 5** have just completed their dress rehearsal as we speak and **will be performing tomorrow and Wednesday afternoons, both at 1.45pm.** Finally, the **Reception Nativity takes place on Thursday from 3.30pm.** We then end our week on **Friday** with our **Christmas Lunch** and wearing of many **festive jumpers**. The children in school will have seen the Year 5 show today but will be joining the Year 1 performance. Years R, 2 and 3 this afternoon and Years 4, 5 and 6 tomorrow morning, so this will allow siblings to watch the shows.

We finish at 2.45pm on Friday (please remember the **Den closes at 5.00pm**) ready for the Christmas holidays, and the end of a decade

here at Lanesend. It has been a decade that I have been here for and the school has changed so much. It has been quite an incredible journey, and as we look back we say thank you to all the children and families, staff past and present, for believing in us and letting us grow and develop into our fabulous school. However, the journey is not over, and **as we look forward to 2020** (space age in my head!) we have many great things planned. Our vision for all the children is as always to love learning and to grow into successful adults. In the New Year I am hoping to show a series of videos of ex-pupils who have achieved a love of learning and become successful adults in the hope that they will inspire the next generation.

We return on Monday 6th January and will be celebrating the New Year—**Japanese style!** We thought that beginning the New Year with our **Health & Wellbeing week** means we begin the new decade with a positive mindset and looking after ourselves so that we can always make the best of every day.

Talking about making the most of every day, I have noticed that our **attendance** has dropped below our target of 97.7%. I am devastated, as our attendance is something that is always excellent and in the top ten percent of the country - but all is not lost! If we make sure that the New Year brings better attendance, including **being here on time**, we can return to our outstanding percentage of 97.7%. Together, we can do this!

Each day I send the staff 'words of the day' to help develop a range of vocabulary. We have two national events coming up; on Thursday 9th January it is 'Word Nerd Day' and on Monday 13th January it is 'National Word Day', so to celebrate the important days we are going to have our second **Vocabulary Dress-Up Day on Monday 13th January.** Last year was such a great success and I just loved seeing the range of imaginative and exciting words coming into school that we are going to make it an annual event, and we thought the National Word Day would be a good day to do it! So, over the festive period on a rainy day it would be a good opportunity to design and make costumes. I am already thinking of my costume, as last year I was not here and I am very excited to be here for this year's day.

We have lots of events planned in the New Year, but one of our main focuses will be on **Dance Live.** We will be running extra after school sessions as well as in school rehearsals to get ready for the event on **11th February.** We will also be needing lots of help with costumes, props and scenery. We will be in touch in the New Year with times and days to come in and help.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very lovely Christmas and a superb New Year. Have fun, enjoy this time together. It really is a special time of year. **Caroline Sice, Headteacher**

FOR YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that free NHS childhood flu vaccinations are still available in selected Boots Pharmacies.

If a child in school years Reception through to Year 6 has not yet been vaccinated to protect them against flu and you would like them to be vaccinated, you can bring them into any of the stores below (subject to availability), or book an appointment in store for them to be vaccinated. (Eligibility criteria apply).

- Ryde 562280 Newport 522595 Sandown 403897 Cowes 294467
- Freshwater 752724

Coming soon: **WATCH THIS SPACE**
Plastic-free Fridays!

Here is the link for Amazon https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=back+on+the+island+for+christmas&ref=nb_sb_noss it is also available to download on Spotify and iTunes and you can buy it on Amazon for 99p!

Search for 'Back on the Island For Christmas'

A gentle reminder that the children's toilets are for children! **We respectfully request that adults only use the ADULT toilets.** Thank you.



Congratulations

To our super swimmers: *Molly Thomas, Aurora Taylor, Paige Attrill, Clara Bennett And Henley Weeks*

Lillie Newson performed in 'Aladdin' at Shanklin Theatre— well done Lille!

Charlotte & Adam Kirby have shared their wonderful story writing with us—thank you!

Layla Cook tremendous trampolining Layla! Well done.



Sports Corner

Monday 9th – y5/6 - Indoor Athletics @CEC
4th overall. Coming first and second in all running heats. With great improvement in our field events this year.

Tuesday 10th – u11 boys v Summerfields @ LE
Horrendous weather – official score 9-0 to Lanesend (this is where the score has to stop – but we got a few more in!)

Friday 13th – u11 boys v Barton @LE
4-1 to Lanesend. 0-0 at half time. A great surge in the second half from our team!



ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 13th December 2019

YR Stonehenge	94.7%
YR Pitstone Windmill	99.0%
YR Emmetts Garden	89.0%
Y1 Clouds Hill	96.4%
Y1 Glastonbury Tor	99.0%
Y1 Lindisfarne Castle	98.0%
Y2 Clumber Park	93.0%
Y2 Hill Top House	91.7%
Y2 Wray Castle	100%
Y3 Lake District	95.8%
Y3 Kinder Scout	97.3%
Y4 Compton Castle	99.0%
Y4 Cheddar Gorge	91.6%
Y4 Snowdonia	97.6%
Y5 Morwenstow	96.5%
Y5 Giant's Causeway	95.8%
Y5 Baggy Point	98.3%
Y6 Brownsea Island	94.4%
Y6 Nuffield Place	98.9%
Y6 Chartwell	98.8%
Whole School	96.0%



Missed sessions (family holidays) 2019/20

201!

Every day **COUNTS!**
School success starts with attendance



Autumn Term Topic "The Greatest Showman"

December

- Mon 16th Christmas week 2
- Mon 16th Chickens & compost Year R
- Mon 16th Year 1 performance 1.45pm
- Mon 16th RNLI in for Christmas stories (Year R)
- Tue 17th Year 1 performance 9.30am
- Tue 17th Year 5 Christmas performance 1.45pm
- Wed 18th Year 5 Christmas performance 1.45pm
- Thu 19th Spelling Bee 8.45am
- Thu 19th Choir singing at Sainsbury's 1.30pm
- Thu 19th Nativity 4.00pm
- Fri 20th Christmas lunch
- Fri 20th BREAK UP 2.45PM**

Mon 6th January SCHOOL OPEN

Japanese New Year

- Mon 6th Health & wellbeing week
- Mon 6th Chickens & compost Year 5
- Wed 8th Church assembly 8.45am
- Thu 9th Word Nerd Day
- Thu 9th Anti-bullying meeting 2.00pm
- Fri 10th Good to be Green starts
- Fri 10th Year 6 literacy workshop @ Medina

- Mon 13th Clubs start
- Mon 13th Year 4 families in for lunch all week
- Mon 13th Chickens & compost Year 6
- Mon 13th Vocabulary Dress-Up Day
- Mon 13th Lunar Loan Scheme NASA
- Mon 13th Year 3 swimming week 1
- Tue 14th NSPCC assembly
- Tue 14th Deadline for applications for September school place
- Wed 15th Fire Drill 10.00am
- Wed 15th Amey recycling workshops KS2
- Thu 16th Amey recycling workshops KS2

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS STUDIO

FREE at **IPC**
52 Union Street, Ryde

Thursday 12th December - 3.30-5pm
Saturday 14th December - 11-3pm
Sunday 15th December 11-3.30pm
Thursday 19th December - 3.30-5pm

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The Island's favourite family festival is back! August 6-10, 2020!

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Live Music & DJs - Big Family Entertainment & TV Stars
Outdoor Adventure Activities – Dance, Theatre & Arts
Wellbeing - Glamping – Local food market & Cocktail Bars
and so much more ...

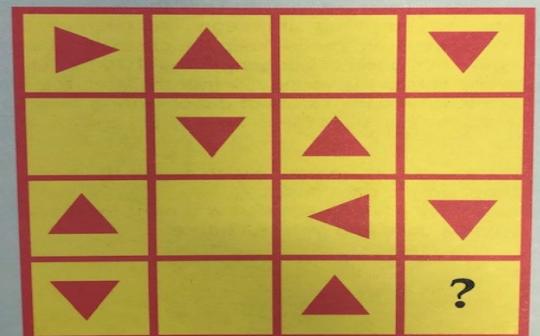
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Can you work out the reasoning behind this diagram and fill in the last square?



Last puzzle's answer:

Rossini, Puccini, Debussy, Berlioz, Corelli.

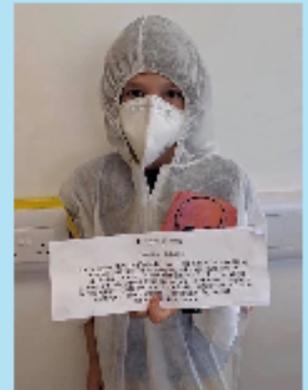
The extra one is Cezanne.



Our Second Lanesend

Vocabulary Day is coming....

13th January 2020



SAVE THE DATE!

Our second annual Vocabulary Day is taking place on 13th January 2020

We were absolutely amazed by the incredible costumes that everyone came up with last year; with children dressing up as words such as contagious, profligate, deceiving and discombobulate. It was a chance for children to share their creativity and expand their vocabulary and was so successful, we are going to do it again. Children can come dressed as any word they like, but the more obscure the better. Please also add a definition as part of your costume, so we can all extend our knowledge.

It's going to be an empyreal day.