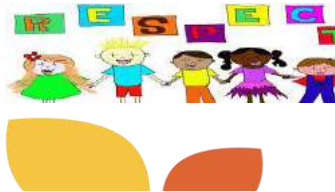




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Whole School Attendance 98.6% TARGET: 97.65%
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Respect: due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others.
A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

Before I forget, I wanted to share that **Sue Williams**, our School Administrator, decided to retire early and not return to school at the beginning of the new school year. We are arranging a gift for Sue, and **if any families would also like to donate** or send a card and wishes then just pop in to the office and we will help you. We wish Sue a super retirement and thank her for all her hard work through the journey from what Love Lane was to what Lanesend is.

Harvest: our Harvest Celebration takes place on **Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm**. This year we are celebrating with a traditional harvest as a Christian festival. The children will be learning about the history of harvest and then each year group will perform a poem or a narrative on harvest past and present. This year we are collecting fruit and vegetables and we are asking families to donate to their child's class harvest hamper. If you could bring in your donations on Wednesday we can then make sure all the hampers are ready for our celebration on Thursday. Families are invited to attend for our first community event of this academic year. How exciting! Being the third week of term, it is getting a little busy. Today we have a **theatre group** in to work with Year 6 on a performance as part of the Isle of Wight Literary Festival called 'Hidden Heroes' and based on the Polish warship, Blyskawica, that is a big part of our local history. The theatre group will be working with the children over the next few weeks and will put on the finished production on 22nd November. More details will follow. **The Literary Festival**, which takes place on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th October, have very kindly offered to support literary activities in school and our children in Year 5 and 6 are taking part in 'The Great Telling Off'. Do look out for the information as there are tickets available for lots of the children's workshops.

Tomorrow in school we have a company called '**Positively Mad**' coming in for the day. We first encountered this educational group when we attended some workshops at Newchurch and the feedback from the children was very positive. We have booked them for the day and they will be working with children from Years 1 to 6 on developing resilience, and then delivering a staff twilight training session too. I hope the children have lots of fun!

On Wednesday I am on an 'Outstanding Teaching & Learning' course, and we will be having a **fire drill** whilst I am away. On Thursday Dumbledore's Army (a.k.a. the **Pupil Council**) will be having their first meeting to discuss improvements for the school for the coming year. Congratulations to all the school Pupil Council members who have been voted in by their class for the new council this academic year. Well done, Mr Cooper is very excited to be working with you all.

On **Friday Year 4 begin their swimming** sessions for the term, but that's not the last exciting thing happening this week. On Saturday Mr Cooper is taking some of our children to **Bournemouth to audition** for a solo with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra! We wish them all the best of luck and hope they are successful. I can't wait to hear how they do! Don't forget that Year 1 families are invited to lunch all this week. Please book at the office, adult meals are now £2.50 and you may pay online. Don't forget there are some **menu changes** this week which we emailed out to families last Friday.

It was a very positive week last week with the children approaching the Sex, Relationships and Emotions learning in a very grown up but very fun way. I know the teachers have been very impressed with the thoughtful questions and the children's approach to this curriculum. The school nurse popped in this morning for Year 6 to answer any questions that they had from last week's learning. The Full Governing Body meeting last Wednesday voted in a **new Chair of Governors. Karen Herbert-Duff** was nominated and unanimously voted in as our new Chair, and she will be supported by Jo Hunter as our Vice Chair. I am sure they will make a fabulous team and continue to move our school forward towards 'outstanding' – not just in our eyes but in Ofsted's eyes too. I would like to thank Kate Palfrey who has been a superb Chair of Governors and supported the school through its trials and tribulations as well as the many successes that make our school stand out. Kate is going to remain as a Member but she is looking forward to more time to pursue her hobbies. We wish her the best of luck. I have had one lovely **parent interested in becoming a school governor**, which is excellent, but if you or any one of your family are interested please do get in touch with me.

I hope that you were able to attend the parent welcome meetings and have all the information you need to make this the best year yet. We have now also decided the dates for **Pupil Progress Meetings in October and February**. They are detailed on the reverse of this letter. Sign-up sheets will be going up in the classrooms towards the end of this week.

The **clubs sign-up** survey was emailed out on Friday and the **music survey** was also emailed last week. Please complete these as soon as possible as the club survey will close tonight and the music one tomorrow. We will let you know via text the club(s) that your child will be attending.

Harry Potter: please return the green EV3 form if you are attending the trip on 31st October. I know that the attack on the tube train in London may be worrying some of our families, however the Harry Potter Studio is not in London it is north of Watford and we will not be going anywhere near the centre of London as the coaches pick us up from Southampton and take us to the door of the studios. If you want to come in and chat I am always here for you.

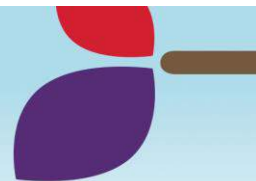
I just wanted to also take a moment just to send our thoughts and love to our families who are experiencing challenging and emotional events, and to let you know that we are all thinking of you and will support you in any way that we can. We have, as a school and as a community, been impacted by tragic events and words are always difficult to express how we feel but I just wanted to say that **we care**. This week I have challenged the children to write our own **definition of respect**, that I would like to get made in to a sign and put up on our wall. I can't wait to see what they come up with!

Have a good week.

Professor Celestina Sprout



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

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS 2017-18

Monday 16/10 & 05/02	YR Miss Hopkinson, Y1 Mrs Price, Y5 Miss Garry
Tuesday 17/10 & 06/02	YR Miss McQueen, Y2 Mrs Gilbert, Y3 Miss Westbrook, Y4 Mr Andre, Y5 Mrs Gangonells
Wednesday 18/10 & 07/02	YR Miss Wren, Y1 Ms Coppen, Y5 Mrs Dyer
Thursday 19/10 & 08/02	Y3 Mrs Wyld, Y4 Mrs Lewis, Y6 Mr Read
Friday 20/10 & 09/02	Y2 Mrs Poulton, Y3 Miss Barton, Y6 Mrs Mayes

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS / DAYS

Cowes Enterprise College	Thursday 28th September 6pm-8.30pm
Medina College	Thursday 11th October 6pm-8.30pm
Carisbrooke College	Thursday 5th October 5pm-8pm
Ryde Academy	Thursday 5th October 4.30pm-7pm
IOW Free School	Saturday 14th October 11am-3pm

2 km Run for ages 4-13

Sunday 24th September
 10.00am then every 15 minutes after
 Fairway Athletic Centre, Sandown
 Fee £3 (please arrive 30 minutes before)
 To enter email iowac.athletics@gmail.com

YEAR 4 REMINDER SWIMMING

Starts on Friday 22nd Sept!
 Children will need their swimwear, a towel, and goggles are recommended.



At Osborne House during the summer holidays, Lilly-Lou Hetherington was very lucky that Sheila (the lady who deals with the education room) took her all the way up to see the time capsule. Sheila said that what was made was brilliant and spoke to Lilly-Lou all about it. Super!



ATTENDANCE Week Ending 15th September 2017

Privet Drive	100%
Gambol & Japes	99.0%
Spinner's End	100%
Durmstrang	99.2%
Hogwarts	100%
Ministry of Magic	100%
Honeydukes	99.0%
Flourish and Blotts	99.5%
The Burrow	95.5%
Hogsmeade	100%
Gringotts	100%
Godric's Hollow	98.5%
Hagrid's Hut	100%
The Whomping Willow	100%
Beauxbatons	94.5%
Magical Menagerie	100%
Diagon Alley	100%
Whole School	97.1%



Congratulations to:

Agnieszka Rybczynska - swimming award stage 1 - well done!
 Claudia & Cody Summers – Summer Reading challenge – great!
 Riley Cass – Summer Reading Challenge – fab!
 Dylan & Elliott Kay – BLUE PETER BADGES! Fantastic!
 Dylan Kay – swimming award stage 5 – superb!
 Alex McMahon, Rebekah King & Caleb King – Summer Reading Challenge - marvellous!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please remember you MUST BOOK for the Breakfast Club (7.30am) We need to make sure we have the appropriate ratio of staff to children for safeguarding and legal reasons. You may drop off at the 8 o'clock club (50p per day) without booking.
 Thank you for your support ☺

Junior Indoor Tennis Course - £35

Seven week course starting Friday 3rd November
 West Wight Sports & Community Centre
 4-6 years 4pm-4.45pm
 7-9 years 4.45pm – 5.30pm
 01983 752168 / www.westwight.org.uk

Isle of Wight Literary Festival YOUTH ZONE

14th-15th October
 Northwood House, Cowes
 Author reading, workshops, performances, debates, pop-up book shop, storytelling
 Suitable for ages 4 up (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)
www.isleofwightliteraryfestival.com