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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## To Help you through the Last Two Weeks...

Dear Families,

### Visit from the Local Authority

We had an excellent day with our Local Leadership Partner and we saw some excellent learning going on across the school. Next week Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and I will be meeting with every teacher to talk about the progress of every child in the school.

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Please send in all tombola donations and put them in the training room at 8:40am on Monday morning. Please could Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 bring in a chocolate item for the chocolate tombola; this could be a chocolate bar, chocolate sweets, box of chocolates or hot chocolate. Please could Year 5 and Year 6 bring in other tombola items, for example, bottles, toys, toiletries or food.

The School Council will be having their final meeting of this term at 2:15pm on Monday.

Our assembly theme for the week will be - what can we give at Christmas that doesn't cost any money?

After school the PTFA will be selling Neon paint that can be used to decorate the children for the Neon disco on Wednesday evening.



### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

The Scholastic book fair will be open in the library after school. Please come along and look for cheap, but brilliant Christmas presents!

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4 will be going to Osborne House for Christmas crafts, Christmas tour of the house and Christmas singing. This will be for the morning.

Year 1 will be going to Osborne House in the afternoon to do the same.

The Scholastic Book Fair will continue after school in the dining room.

The PTFA will be holding a Neon disco. Here are the times and charges. Please pay on the day in cash.

The cost is £2 for Reception children and £2.50 for Years 1 – 6.

The timings of the discos are as follows:

**Reception** – 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

**Years 1, 2 and 3** – 4.00pm to 5:15pm.

**Years 4, 5 and 6** - 5:30pm to 6:45pm.



### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Some of Year 6 will be going to Medina College to watch the pantomime Peter Pan.

2:30 pm Year 4 are holding an Egyptian museum that you are all invited to. Please sign in at the front entrance and come on through to the dining room. The children will be your tour guides.

Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Focus Learner assemblies will be taking place on Thursday due to the Queensgate Christmas Fair being on the Friday. 1.00pm for Key Stage 1 and 2:30pm for Key Stage 2. These will be led by Mr Chubb.

This is the last day of the Scholastic Book Fair after school in the dining room.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Please bring in cakes and mince pies to the training room first thing in the morning at 8:40 am.

The Queensgate Christmas Fair starts at 2:30pm and finishes at 4:30pm. Please let the PTFA know if you can help by setting up the fair or serving on a stall or helping to tidy up afterwards. You are welcome to pick up your child at 2:30pm from the normal place. There will be a Santa's Grotto, café and stalls including Year group stalls selling the items that the children have made themselves. Please come along and help to make the Christmas Fair a success!

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Attendance Assembly – celebrating the children that have achieved 100% in their attendance this term. Mrs Cade and Tammy Vincent, from the Local Authority will be presenting the awards. We are aiming to have the whole school together for this event – a bit of a squash, but lovely!



There won't be any Focus Learners in the last week of term.

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Dress Rehearsal of The Big Big Story to Seashells and some of the school.

Carol service in the hall for RSD, 1SG, 2EC, 3AH, 4MC, 5RA and 6LR.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

9:30am Reception parents to join us for our Nativity Show – The Big Big Story. There is no charge for the show, but there will be an opportunity to give donations. The money given will be used for extra resources within the Reception classes.

Carol service in the hall for RAB, 1CE, 2KA, 3PT, 4BM, 5TS and 6TM.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

All children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school if they would like to.



Christmas Lunch will be served to the children.

Children will have the opportunity to watch an online pantomime called Jack and the Beanstalk.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Queensgate children will be off timetable on this day. The children are welcome to wear their own clothes and their class will be having a party at some point on this day. School finishes at 3.00pm as normal.

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

This will be an In-Service Training Day for the staff. The school will be closed to children



### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**



We look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8:40am.

## Out & About

The **2KA** Out and About team visited Bembridge Airport on Tuesday morning. The children learnt how the air traffic control office is run and how the team communicate with pilots before they land at the airport. They found out about different types of aircraft that land there, most commonly small monoplanes and biplanes, with up to 6 seats. The children went into one of the hangars to see some real planes and learnt about the parts of an aeroplane and compared different features. They took it in turns to sit in one of the planes and explored how you would yaw, roll or pitch the plane using the flight stick. Year 2 have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit the airport this term and we are very grateful to Neil, Paul and Andy who have given up their free time to show us around.



On Tuesday afternoon the **3AH** Out and About group walked from Culver Down to Whitecliff Bay and back. The children have been learning about rocks, soils and fossils this half term in Science. They studied the cliffs and could see the variety of sedimentary rocks (clays and sands) that make up the vertical stratas within the cliff. The children enjoyed finding bits of chalk on the beach and compared different rocks. They were shocked to see the erosion of the cliffs and recent landslips. They could see first-hand how permeable sedimentary rock is. The children were all fantastic walkers and brilliantly behaved, well done!



The **4MC** Out and About children went to Appley Beach on Wednesday morning. The children in Year 4 have been learning about Ancient Egypt. They were challenged to make a small stick person, mummify them using wool then make and decorate a small sarcophagus for it. The children built pyramids and tombs in the sand to bury their sarcophagi in. It was great to hear them confidently speaking about their learning and talking about their recent history work. It was very chilly on the beach but the children were all very positive and demonstrated amazing resilience in order to complete their tasks.



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The Out and About team from **1SG** had a very important job to do on Wednesday afternoon. The children were tasked with going to help chose the school Christmas Tree! They took the job very seriously, inspecting lots of trees and procrastinating over which one to choose. After they narrowed it down to two, they each voted and the most popular one was purchased. The children enjoyed making Christmas decorations to take home at the old station at Merstone too.



The Out and About after school club had a lovely walk in Firestone Copse on Wednesday. The children were treated to a hot chocolate in the forest!



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child is wearing warm, old play clothes (nothing new or special), waterproof coat (pack waterproof trousers too if they have some) and wellies/walking boots/old trainers in a named bag. As the temperature is dropping, please send your child with a hat, scarf and gloves.

Tuesday 6th December am - 2EC

IOW Pearl Christmas Tree Festival

Ellie, Ethan, Daisy, Lilly, Miller, Oliver C, Max, Daniel, Samuel, Juniper, Corey, Eve and Chloe.

Tuesday 6th December pm - 3PT

Brook Beach

Ashton, Maddie, Jacob, Annabella, Benjamin, Mia-Rose, Toby, Oscar G, Harry, Tommy, Destiny-Grace, Cooper, Ruben and Hannah.

Wednesday 7th December am - All Year 4

Osborne House Christmas workshop

Wednesday 7th December pm - All Year 1

Osborne House Christmas workshop



# What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pesto Pasta Bake Served with Two Vegetables	Chinese Chicken Noodles Served with Two Vegetables	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Golden Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetable Korma Served with Wholemeal Rice	Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Veggie Burger Served with Chips
Tomato Pasta / Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta / Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta / Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta / Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta / Jacket Potato
Fruity Flapjack Bar	Strawberry Ice Cream	Jelly with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Slice	Crispy Crackle Bar

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

Please note that lunches now costs £2.37 each.

## French at Queensgate

### Coco La pomme



Bonjour!

Je m'appelle Coco et je suis une pomme.

Each week I will share with you a French word

## Bonjour! Joyeux avènement !



### Le sapin de Noël

(Luh sah-pan deh no-well)

*Mon beau sapin,  
Roi des forêts,  
Que j'aime ta verdure.*

My beautiful tree,  
King of the forests,  
How I love your greenness.

(sung to the tune "oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree!")

## Attendance

It is hugely important that the children come to school everyday as the lessons build on from each other. If your child is not well, please remember to call the school when your child is absent (if we haven't heard from you by 9.15am we will contact you). It is important that you follow up this phone call with a written reason for the absence when your child returns to school to

[office@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@queensgateprimary.co.uk)



If you would like leave of absence for an alternative reason to illness you must complete a leave of absence form (at least 14 days in advance of absence), these can be found in the school foyer.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.



**Whole School Attendance this week is 94.33%**

**KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 98.3%**

**KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 4MC with 94.44%**

## **Dentist**

As you may be aware from news reports, there is a severe lack of NHS Dentists up and down the country no where more so than here on the Island.

At Damira East Cowes we are seeing a rise in child emergency patients, and because of this we have decided to do something about it.

All children should have access to better oral health and the knowledge to go forward knowing they are doing their best for their own oral health.

We will be opening our NHS books to all children on the Island, this is anyone under the age of 18 or 18 years of age and in full time education

To book an appointment with us please go to <https://damiradental.co.uk/practice/east-cowes-isle-of-wight> and click on the 'book an appointment' tab.

We look forward to seeing you in practice soon.

**Many thanks**

**Riea Leybourne**

Practice Manager

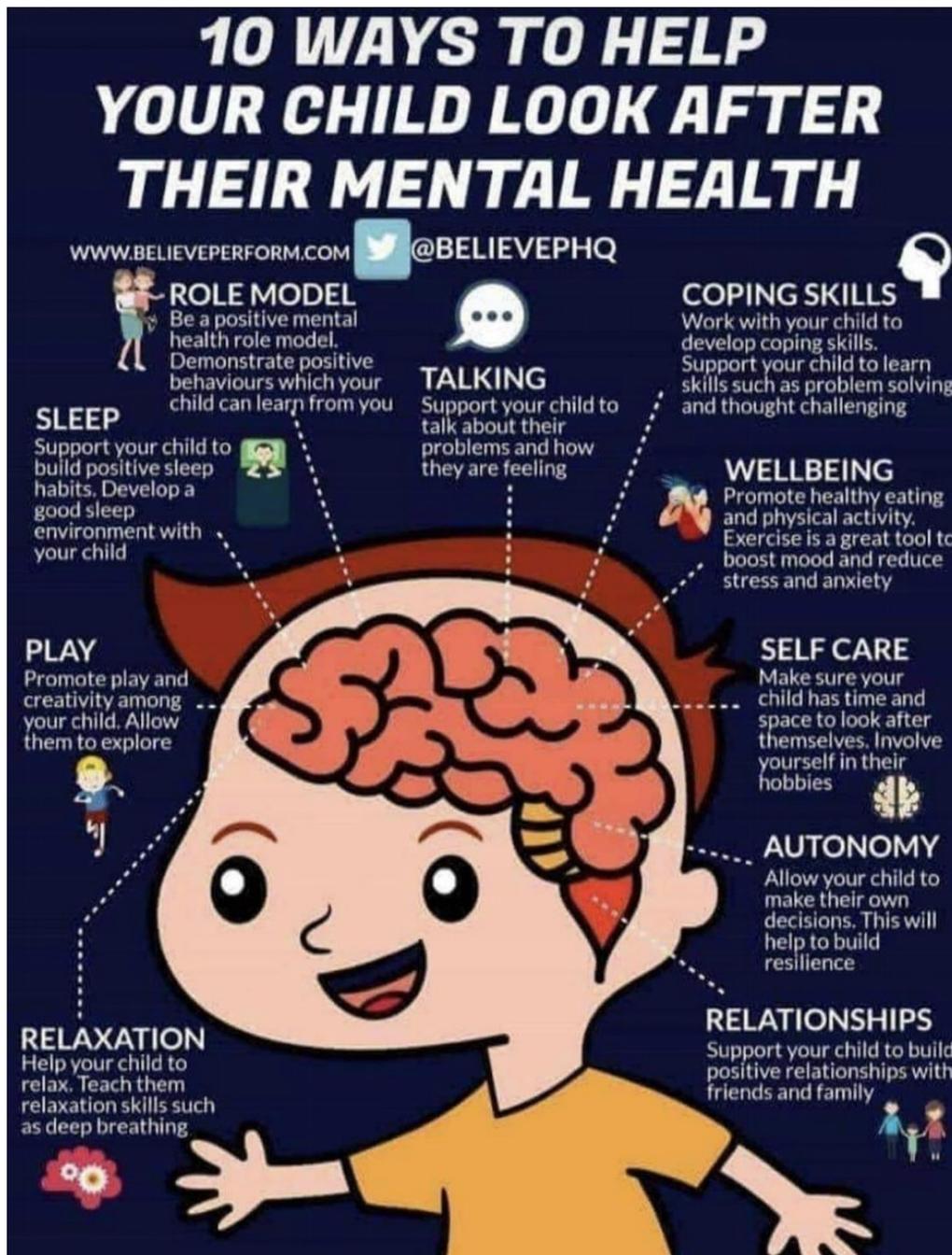
**Tel:** 01983 296837

**Email:** [eastcowes@damiradental.co.uk](mailto:eastcowes@damiradental.co.uk)

**Damira Dental Studios**

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Please find below some links to some very useful sites around supporting children with their mental health and well-being:

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/) <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

[Parents and Careers | Advice and Guidance | Anna Freud Centre](https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/) <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

[Advice for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/) <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/>

[Advice for parents and guardians - Mental Health UK \(mentalhealth-uk.org\)](https://mentalhealth-uk.org/help-and-information/advice-for-parents-and-guardians/) <https://mentalhealth-uk.org/help-and-information/advice-for-parents-and-guardians/>

[BBC Headroom - Parents' tips for mental health - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zy44bqt) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zy44bqt>

## Reception Trip to East Cowes Library

This week Mrs Dye's class has visited East Cowes Library. They were asked the question, "Why do we need to read every day?"

George replied, "So we get better and better at it, so we know what the words are."

Penny said, "Because if we don't know how to do it we just try and try again."

They had a great time at the library and enjoyed the visit very much. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for accommodating the class.



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### EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are now open in the East Side Curve. This new community hub is beside the Town Hall in York Avenue. Do pop in to view our new building and meet the staff and volunteers.

**Opening Times**  
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm  
Saturday 9am to 1pm

We look forward to offering our community

- adult and children's books to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading group and creative writing group
- weekly Rhyme Time and Story Time
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi and laptop computer access
- help with enquiries, information and onward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a winter 'Warm Space' with free coffee, tea or soup

Email: [library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk)  
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU  
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

### EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## STORYTIME

East Side Curve  
Tuesday afternoons 4pm  
Starting Tuesday 25/10/22



Come and join us to enjoy an informal story session from 4pm to 4.30pm every Tuesday afternoon.

Stories aimed at 7 and unders.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Why not change your library books before or after the stories?

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Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU  
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

### EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## RHYME TIME

East Side Curve  
Wednesday mornings 10.15am  
Starting Wednesday 21/9/22



Fun, informal and noisy session for babies and toddlers (0 to 5 years).

Support your child's learning development through songs, rhymes and rhythm activities.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Email: [library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk)  
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU  
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)



# WIN

## A SIGNED BUNDLE OF BOOKS!

AND BESPOKE ISLE OF WIGHT DRAWING

courtesy of Gruffalo illustrator, Axel Scheffler



Includes Zog, the Tales of Acorn Wood book and puzzle set, The Room on the Broom Cookbook, The Gruffalo Sound Book, plus a hand-drawn A4 picture of Pip and Posy.

Raffle tickets  
£1 each.



Tickets can be purchased until December 4th from Farnsworths Newsagents, Town Choice Cafe, Harwoods Garage or at the Beacon Magazine office, 8-10 Dodnor Park, Newport.

Raffle will be held on December 5th, at midday.

All funds raised from the raffle will be used to purchase toys for the Toy Appeal. The Isle of Wight Radio Christmas Toy Appeal aims to spread festive cheer to thousands of less-fortunate children across the Island every Christmas.



The Isle of Wight Toy Appeal:

The Isle of Wight Toy Appeal is back!

If you would like your child to receive a toy from the toy appeal please contact the school office or Mrs Jeffers.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate to the toy appeal, local drop off point can be found at the Red Funnel terminal.

## Sports Reports

### Year 5 Boys football

On Wednesday, the Year 5 boys hosted Ryde in their second league game of the season. The game began and the boys were quick to put Ryde under pressure. With Jacob C and Theo A-N playing on the wings, the boys could play the ball wide and progress up the pitch well. Through great play making from Max E, who had an amazing first half, the boys managed to score four goals to be leading at half time. After a quick water break and a short team talk, the boys got stuck in for the second half. The team conceded a goal just minutes into the second half, but kept battling on to win the game 8-1! This was a fantastic performance from the boys, producing great football to score some amazing goals. Well done boys!

Goals came from: Max E (3), Toby H (2), Theo A-N (1), Jacob C (1) and an own goal.



## Chartwells Workshop

On Wednesday, both reception classes had a visit from Chartwells. They came into both of our reception classes and delivered a healthy eating workshop. We spoke about the different food groups and how we should aim to eat five different portions of fruit and vegetables a day to keep healthy and our brain active. We looked at the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children were then given bowls of different fruits and made their very own caterpillars or butterflies – they were very excited to do this! When they finished the children were able to eat the caterpillars and butterflies they had made from their fruit!



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## PTFA Christmas Fair



Queensgate Foundation Primary

9th December 2:30 - 4:30

# Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto

With Elf Workshop

Grotto now FULLY BOOKED

Classlist  
Happier parents, stronger schools

MINCE PIES & TREATS  
CLASS STALLS  
MULLED WINE (ALCOHOL FREE)  
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GAMES  
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HOT AND COLD DRINKS

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We are looking for volunteers to help behind stalls and to join the fun by helping in the Elf Workshop

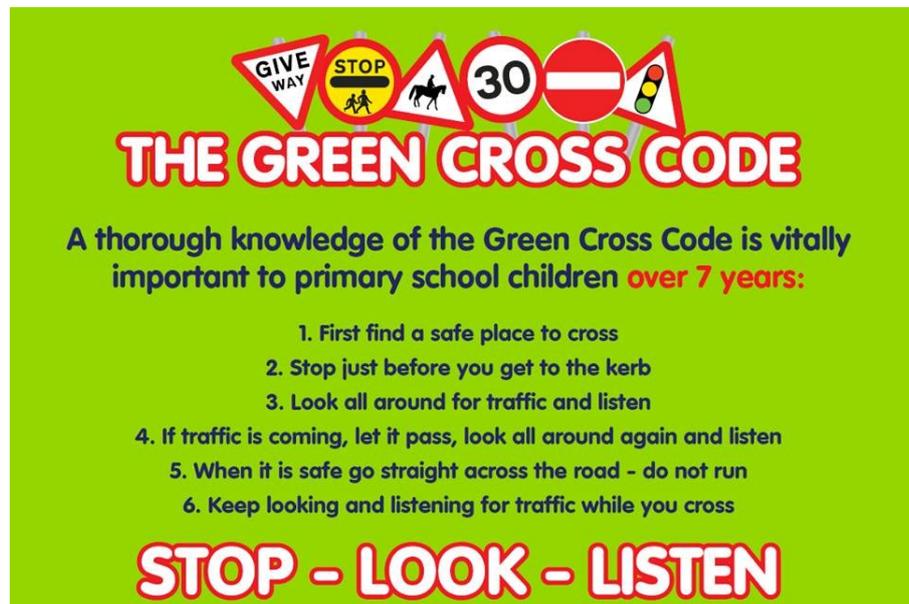


Let's Make this Fair a success, by working Together!

Fair open 2:30 -4:30  
Helpers needed between 1pm and 5pm - for any duration! Even 30 minutes is a huge help!

## Travel Ambassadors

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors carried out their road safety assemblies this week, and have asked everyone to remember the messages that they shared. So here is an easy to learn version of the Green Cross Code.



**GIVE WAY STOP 30**

# THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children over 7 years:

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

## STOP - LOOK - LISTEN

## And finally...

Have a great weekend! Remember to Chat, Read & Play!

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



# C.A.M.E.O



## COME AND MEET EACH OTHER A COMMUNITY CAFÉ LED BY YOU

We are hosting a 'C.A.M.E.O' at:  
Queensgate Foundation Primary School  
Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6PA  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
10:00am – 12:00 noon

A friendly space for you to try new things;  
Activities, Coffee, Cakes and a Chat  
Bring a friend and/or make some new ones  
Everyone is welcome, we look forward to meeting you



**Meet New People  
and make a  
Connection**

**Do Something  
New, Interesting  
& Exciting**

**Get information  
about services to  
support you**

**Share your  
skills, passions  
and interests  
with others**



**reception@lweh.org.uk 01983 240732**



**elf**

# PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

Performance, Dance, Crafts and games

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Monday December 19th to Thursday December 22nd  
Oakfield Primary School, Ryde 10.00 - 3.00pm

**FREE PLACES FOR CHILDREN ON  
FREE SCHOOL MEALS**



£15.00 per day if not on free school meals

Lunch provided each  
day

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For more info email: [Study@theatreeducational.co.uk](mailto:Study@theatreeducational.co.uk) or book at  
<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/theatre-educational/register>



# EAST COWES CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 3rd December

11am - 4pm

RED FUNNEL CAR PARK, Well Road

Free Entertainment & Festive Stalls

### Get Into Golf

With the recent success of us coming into the school and teaching a small percentage of the year groups. We would like to extend the opportunity to every pupil in the school, by inviting them along to get involved with our 4 week introduction to golf course of lessons at Westridge Golf Centre.

This opportunity gives your child an insight into golf and gives them the chance to sample a new sport. These courses start on the first Saturday of each month at 9am, with the 4 week course only costing £20 normally. However, you will find a special school offer below where you will have the opportunity to receive even better value! All the golf clubs and golf balls are provided for you and each session lasts 45 minutes.

**£5 OFF**

**Per Person  
on our  
Introduction  
to Golf 4  
Week Course**

\* single use only

To redeem this voucher, please print off or show us the voucher on your mobile device at point of payment.

### Christmas Junior Festival Fun day

The junior academy coaches at Westridge Golf Centre will be hosting a Christmas Junior Festival Fun Day on Wednesday 21st December 10am - 2pm. We only have 20 spaces available, so act fast if you would like your child to get involved.

The festival will be held by two of our junior academy coaches, which will involve lots of fun skills games, coaching, prizes to be won, lunch and refreshments.

The cost for the day is £25 per child, which includes all the above, plus the club hire and all the golf balls needed for the day!

We only have 20 spaces available, so act fast if you would like your child to get involved. If you would like to book your child onto our Christmas Fun Day, then please contact the golf centre on 01983 613131.



## Jingle all the Way with **Mountbatten**

A registered charity



Sunday 18 December  
Ventnor Botanic Garden  
From 3pm  
[mountbatten.org.uk/jingle](http://mountbatten.org.uk/jingle)



# SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

**For children aged 5-11**

**20th - 22nd December**  
3 days of football fun!

**Mini-Soccer**  
camp for children. Aiming to  
provide a **fun and enjoyable**  
environment whilst **developing**  
and **improving** players  
footballing ability!

**10AM - 3PM £12 a day**

- ★ Fully FA Qualified coaches -  
With First Aid, Safeguarding children  
and DBS checked.
- ★ Skill development and games!
- ★ Win medals and trophies throughout the week with our  
Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar and Speed Champion  
competitions as well as Most Improved, Best Attitude and  
Future Star awards!
- ★ Finish the week with a Sandown Soccer World Cup  
where one team will become World Champions!

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