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# Lots to Prepare...

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Preparing for the Christmas Fair**

As we go into Advent next week I thought it would be a good idea to let you know how you can help us to prepare for the Christmas Fair. From **Monday 5th December**, please could you bring all tombola donations to the training room (mobile by Key Stage 1 playground) at 8.40am. Please could Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 bring in any chocolate items for the chocolate tombola? Please could Years 5 and 6 bring in any other tombola donations for example; food, toiletries, new games or toys. On **Friday 9th December**, please could you send in mince pies and cakes, again to the training room.



The Christmas Fair will be on Friday 9th December between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Children can be picked up from the usual places from 2.30pm on that day. There will be class stalls in the hall. A café with cakes and mince pies in the dining hall, and Santa's grotto will be in the training room with the music room being used as a waiting area. If you or your family are able to help with setting up the fair, running a stall, or tidying up after the fair please let a member of the PTFA or the school office know. A list of suggested jobs is on page 10 of this newsletter.

#### **Local Authority Inspectors in Queensgate**

On Thursday 1st December, we will be having our termly visit from the Local Authority Primary Phase Inspector. We will of course let you know how it goes.

#### Year 4 Egyptian Museum

On **Thursday 8th December**, Year 4 would like to invite you to their Egyptian Museum in the dining room from 2.30pm. Please enter through the main doors at the front of the building.



#### **World Pay Ending**

Scopay are changing their online payments provider. We will not be able to take any payments between **28**<sup>th</sup> **November and 1**<sup>st</sup> **December.** Although World Pay will be no longer used, we have not been informed which company is being used instead. We will give you further details once we have received them.

#### **Out & About**

On Tuesday morning the **2KA** Out and About team visited Bembridge Airport to support their topic on the history of flight. They learnt how the air traffic control office is run and were able to track different aircraft in the air. The children used radios to communicate between the groups across the airport. They enjoyed going in one of the hangars to see the monoplanes that are stored there. The children found out about the parts of the plane, how they fly and are steered. They were able to sit in the cockpit of a 1950s wooden plane and move the joystick, lifting the ailerons on the wings and elevator at the rear.







The **3AH** Out and About group went to Brook Bay on Tuesday afternoon to support their Science work on rocks, soils and fossils. The children learnt about the Geology of the Isle of Wight, built up of stratas of sedimentary rocks. They could see that sedimentary rock was permeable, looking at the erosion of the cliffs (made up of red clay and sandstone). The children hunted for Iguanodon foot casts along the beach towards Hanover Point. We discussed how the imprints left on the ground by Iguanodons (over 125 million years ago) created fossil moulds, which then filled with sediment that hardened to create the casts.







On Wednesday morning all of Year 4 walked to Osborne House to help the gardening team plant thousands of daffodil bulbs near the Ice House. The children were all very enthusiastic and meticulously planted 8 bulbs (the right way up) in each pre-cut hole the gardeners had prepared, practising their 8 times tables as they planted. They also had the chance to explore the gardens at Swiss Cottage and learn more about the nine royal princes and princesses.







The **1SG** Out and About children went to Puckpool Park on Wednesday afternoon. They were challenged to help find a lost toy. The children hunted for clues and followed a trail around the old barracks and park. They demonstrated fantastic phonic knowledge as they read clues (they were all very eager to read) and finally found the missing pirate. The children had great fun playing in the park together. They were brilliant climbers, and it was super to see them taking turns and helping each other. Well done **1SG**!







The **Out and About Club** went to Carisbrooke Castle after school on Wednesday. The children loved running up and down the moat as we walked around the castle grounds.







Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child is wearing warm, old <u>play clothes</u> (nothing new or special), <u>waterproof coat</u> (pack waterproof trousers too if they have some) and <u>wellies</u>/walking boots/old trainers in a named bag.

Tuesday 29th November am - 2KA

Bembridge Airport

Harlan, Adeline, Esmae, Archie, Bayley, Bonnie, James, Riley, Maddie, Nimalan, Johnny, Evie and Annie.

Tuesday 29th November pm - 3AH

Whitecliff Bay

Tilly, Katelyn, Maisy, Ella L, Georgia, Mirabelle, Toby, Rory, Joshua, Freddie, Ella S, Alfie, Harley T, Flynn and James.

Wednesday 30th November am - 4MC

Yaverland

Xachary, Maizy, Bradley, Harley, Thomas, Halle, Logan, Braiden, Elanor, Emmie, Jonny, Grace and Amy.

Wednesday 30th November pm - 1SJ

Christmas Tree Shopping

Bella-Louise, Sophie, Harry D, Dèva-Mae, Elijah, Lena, Charlie, Paisley, Riley G, Jesse, Figgy, Harry H, Rory, Jack and Clay.



# 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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Two Vegetables	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Chicken Curry Served with Wholemeal Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Chinese Vegetarian Noodles Served with Two Vegetables	Veggie Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetable Pie Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Jam Sponge	Orange Shortbread With Fruit Slices	Chocolate Ice Cream	Apple and Berry Crumble with Custard	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit

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

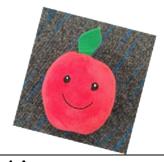




Je m'appelle Coco et je suis une pomme.

Each week I will share with you a French word





La table (Lah tah-bluh)

Une grande table.

A big table.

Une petite table.

A little table.

Une table en bois.

A wooden table.

#### **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



PUNCTUALITY

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 94.63%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 96.17%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3PT with 97.41%

#### **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 <a href="https://damiradental.co.uk/practice/east-cowes-isle-of-wight">https://damiradental.co.uk/practice/east-cowes-isle-of-wight</a> and click on the 'book an appointment' tab.

We look forward to seeing you in practice soon.

Many thanks

Riea Leybourne

**Practice Manager** 

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#### A Message from Public Health

Dear parent/guardian

I am writing to you about the importance of staying well this winter for children and young people.

While children and young people have been able to go to school during most of the pandemic, this is the first winter in two years with no restrictions. No restrictions means bigger events and time together this winter, especially at Christmas. A lot of mixing will be inside, which increases the chance of infection spreading.

Winter illnesses such as flu and respiratory viruses in children and adults are increasing. They are returning to pre-pandemic levels. Younger children, especially those starting school for the first time, have not been exposed to many infections. They will have less natural immunity.

#### Vaccinations

Vaccinations are our best defence against severe illness and infections. A full list of the vaccines on offer is on this NHS website. You can check if your child is up to date by contacting your GP or checking their red book.

Routine childhood vaccination uptake has been negatively changed by the pandemic. We need it to go up to provide the community with strong enough protection to prevent infectious disease incidents and outbreaks.

Incidents and outbreaks can impact school attendance and learning. Stopping further disruption to children's lives, who have already missed time at school due to the pandemic, is vital.

#### The flu vaccine

The seasonal flu vaccination is currently offered to all children aged 2 to 11 years and some secondary school children. There are also many adults eligible for a free flu vaccination.

You can get information about the flu vaccination for children on this NHS website.

#### The COVID-19 vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccination allowed the safe removal of pandemic restrictions. It remains key to living with the virus in the future. The COVID-19 vaccine for children is still available (many adults are eligible for the Autumn booster).

You can get information about the COVID-19 vaccination for children on this NHS website. You can also call and talk to someone about the vaccination. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 helpline 0300 561 0018 is open between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm at weekends. Please find below links to some other useful information:

#### **Childhood Illnesses**

The <u>Healthier Together</u> website is a good place for advice about lots of children's health and well-being concerns. Advice about specific infections and school attendance is on this website: <u>Is-my-child-too-ill-for-school?</u> This <u>blog</u> is for the health of children under 5 years old but includes useful information for all children.

#### Stay up to date

The <u>Isle of Wight Council Facebook page</u> posts regular information about vaccinations. It also shares general information and support for Islanders.

Get COVID-19 information on the Council's website.

<u>Sign up to receive an e-newsletter</u> from the Council with local information including support with the cost of living.

Kind Regards

Claire Cullum

Public Health Team

Isle of Wight Council





#### 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

#### **Sports Reports**

#### Year 6 boys

On Friday, the Year 6 boys took on Hunnyhill in the quarter finals of the cup. The game began and the boys started well, producing some great football. Link up play between Ollie B and Leo W, progressed the team up the pitch well. Through a deflected corner kick, the boys took the lead and that was the end of the first half. The second half kicked off and it was Hunnyhill who began to dominate. The team defended well, however Hunnyhill managed to pinch a goal just before the final whistle, meaning



the boys had to face a penalty shootout. Three penalties were taken from both sides, but the score remained level leading to sudden death. Fortunately for Queensgate, it was Zak T who broke the deadlock resulting in a Queensgate win. Also well done to Oliver P, who's fantastic penalty saves kept us in the game until the very end.

#### Year 4 boys

On Wednesday, the Year 4 boys travelled to Ryde for their third league match this season. The game began and the boys were slow to get going so were two goals behind in quick succession. Despite going 2-0 down and being drenched by the awful weather, the boys battled back well to bring the scores level by half time. At half time, we spoke as a team about how our passing had been poor at



the start of the match and how we needed better passes to move up the pitch quicker. The boys had kick off to start the second half. From this they made four great passes to begin an attack and with a sharp finish from Johnny W, the score was now 3-2 to Queensgate. A fantastic team goal! The boys had an amazing second half with some quality defending from Elvis S and some great dribbling from Denys Y, they went on to win the game 4-2. Well done boys!

#### Dates for the diary

**Wednesday 30th November** - Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) day for Year 6's in the school hall all day. Also a healthy eating workshop in Reception.

Friday 2nd December - Christmas tree going up.

**Monday 5th December** - All tombola donations to the training room.

**Tuesday 6th December** - Scholastic Book Fair in school dining room (cheap books for Christmas presents)

**Wednesday 7th December** - 9.00am - 12.00pm Year 4 at Osborne House singing, 12.45pm - 2.45pm Year 1 at Osborne House. Scholastic book fair day two in the dining room. Neon Discos - 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 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

**Thursday 8th December** - Some Year 6 children to Medina to watch Peter Pan. Scholastic book fair day three in the dining room.

Friday 9th December - 2.30pm to 4.30pm Christmas Fair Day

**Monday 12th December** - Attendance assembly to celebrate all children who have 98%, 99% or 100% attendance this term. No focus learners that week. Jack and The Beanstalk online pantomime will be shown sometime this week.

Tuesday 13th December - Dress rehearsal for Reception Christmas Show.

Wednesday 14th December - 9.30am Reception Christmas Show to parents in hall.

Thursday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th December - Last day of term and Christmas party events!



#### **School Photos**

A message from JPS Photography.

Your photo session that took place on 07/11/2022 is now complete and a tree has been planted on your behalf!

All 'Collect from school' orders are now being processed and will be delivered back to school in approximately 2 weeks.

Please note all images are still available for parents to order, however there will now be a charge for home delivery.

#### **Next Week**

In our assemblies next week our Junior Travel Ambassadors will be sharing some information with the children about Road Safety. Mr Chubb will be talking to the children about the code and expectations.

#### And finally...

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

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





#### Queensgate Foundation Primary Christmas Fair Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Below shows the volunteer roles we need.
If you are able to help, please contact the school, PTFA or Holly Irwin directly. Any time is appreciated. The more volunteers means the more fun we can put on! Thank you!



## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Becoming a new parent can be a challenge and at Home-Start we know the value of supporting parents as early as possible. We are looking for, Bumps & Babies home visiting volunteers in your area?

How much time do I need to give? Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week

Where would it be? At the family home

What does it involve? The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- Helping parents feel more prepared for parenthood
- Practical help & emotional support before baby comes along
- · Supporting parents to feel more confident
- Practical help & emotional support after baby is born
- Supporting parents to get out and about
- Cuddling a baby!

Do I need any special skills or experience? Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, great organisational skills, practical, enthusiastic. Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided. Training is a combination of online and face to face sessions. All volunteers receive regular support from a named co-ordinator.

All home visiting volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

For more information or an application form please email admin@homestartiow.org call 01983 533357, or visit our website www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

### Hello, is it you we're looking for?

Family life can be a challenge. Could you be a home visiting volunteer and help a family with young children in your area?

How much time do I need to give? Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week.

Where would it be? At the family home

What does it involve? The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- · Having fun with children
- · Supporting families to get out and about
- Practical help

Do I need any special skills or experience? Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, great organisational skills, practical, enthusiastic. Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided. Training is a combination of online and face to face sessions. All volunteers receive regular support from a named co-ordinator.

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## Hello, is it you we're looking for?

Family life can be a challenge. Home-Start runs
Family Group sessions for parents and their
young children. Could you volunteer in a group and
help make their time together special?

How much time do I need to give? Group sessions are 2 hours each week during term time.

Where would it be? Groups take place in Newport, Ryde, East Cowes & Shanklin

What does it involve? A Home-Start Family Group volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Working alongside the Family Group staff you will:

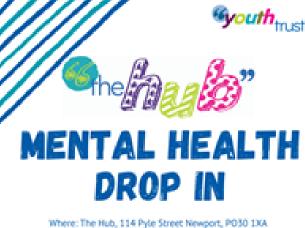
- · Provide a warm welcome to parents & children
- Support children to enjoy the fun activities on offer
- Help with setting up and packing away
- Offer a listening ear to parents who need time to talk
- Give practical help to parents with more than one child to give them the
  opportunity to spend 1:1 time with each of their children

Do I need any special skills or experience? Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, practical, enthusiastic, creative, an understanding of child development would be an advantage and most importantly a willingness to join in with the singing! Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided.

All Family Group volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

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We look forward to hearing from you



Where: The Hub, 114 Pyle Street Newport, PO30 1XA Where: 2pm - Spm every Wednesday

For more information contact the Youth Trust 01983 529569 or info@liowyouthtrust.co.uk

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PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR CARE ARE ALSO WELCOME TO DROP IN









#### Life can be hard, but accessing support shouldn't be...

The Isle of Wight Youth Trust provides FREE wellbeing & therapeutic support to children & young people aged 4-25 living on the Isle of Wight.

#### On our new website you can:

Find out more about the work of the Youth Trust & how to access support







Make a referral for 1:1 support

Find out what support is available @theHub

Find out more about the support available for parents/carers

Book onto one of our information sessions for parents/carers to support your young person with: Anxiety - Low Mood - Self Harm - Anger

#### Access FREE Wellbeing Self-Help Resources

Information on common feelings, experiences & mental health symptoms & where to access appropriate support.

Downloadable resources including breathing exercises, grounding techniques & a wellness journal

Links to FREE Apps & useful Websites to support mental health & wellbeing

#### Find out how you can support us!

Whether you would like to fundraise on your own or as a group, take on a challenge or simply make a donation, you can help us continue to support the mental health and wellbeing of young Islanders.





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#### CARISBROOKE

#### GYMNSTIC

#### **CLUB**

#### Parents/ Carers,

- Did you know Hunnyhill Primary School has an onsite gymnastic club
- We offer gymnastics from reception class upwards
- our sessions are as follows;

Monday 4pm til 5pm 5years to 7 years

Monday 5pm til 6pm 8 years +

Thursday 5pm til 6pm 8 years +

- try our session £5 per child for first session.
- After that if they wish to carry on you will need to pay for rest of term.
- our terms are currently 5 weeks £25
- The head coach has been involved for 20 years in gymnastics
- It is a great way to have fun, make new friends and new skills
- It is a great way to stay fit
- The club is British Gymnastics registered
- coaches are individually insured through BG
- All children will need BG insurance currently £19

text us on 07974992794 or contact us via messenger with your enquiry our facebook page is Carisbrooke gymnastics club

We look forward to hearing from you



FOR FULL DETAILS www.tapnellfarm.com/play





# PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

Performance, Dance, Crafts and games

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



£15.00 per day if not on free school meals

Lunch provided each

day



For more info email: Study@theatreeducational.co.uk or book at https://app.classmanager.com/portal/theatre-educational/register



