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Planning Ahead

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Next Two Weeks

On **Friday 17th July** your child's annual school report will come to you. In the envelope will be the report; a sheet to put your comments on and a note about who your child's teacher will be in the autumn term.

On **Wednesday 22nd July** some of our new starters in Reception for September will be in school between 9.30 am and 11 am. The current reception class will be heading off to The Patch.

On **Thursday 23rd July** some more of our new starters in Reception will be joining us again between 9.30 am and 11 am.

Also on **Thursday 23rd July** we will be having an opportunity for children to say good-bye to their current teachers and hello to their next teacher. This is for our current Reception to Year 5 children who will be Year 1 – Year 6 next year. The current Year 6 children will be going home at 12 pm on this day to facilitate the move up for the other year groups.

The time of the picnic and meet the teacher will be 12.30 pm until 1.30 pm. The plan is weather dependent of course. All children who are currently attending school will attend the picnic. We will be sending out a survey to those families who have children learning at home. Please fill this in so that we know who will be attending. The home learning children will need to bring their own picnic and be in school uniform please. This is only for an hour so that the children can stay outside and socially distance.

Friday 24th July is the last day of term. We normally have an assembly, amongst other things, for our Year 6 Leavers which will not be possible this year due to Social Distancing, so instead we would like to invite all of our Year 6 children in on the morning of Friday 24th July to receive a small gift and join in with some fun activities and say good bye to their classmates and teachers.

Plans for September

We have received updated guidance from the Department for Education about the full re-opening of schools for September. Here is some key information from that guidance.

Most importantly if children are displaying any of the symptoms of Covid please keep them at home.

The expectation is that all children will be back at school. The class sizes will be back up to 30. Attendance will be mandatory and fixed penalty notices will be re-introduced for non-attendance.

We will not hold assemblies or mix the children across Year groups.

Hygiene will still be of utmost importance. We will still be asking all the children to wash their hands as they come into school in the morning and before going in or out of the building. We will provide extra cleaning throughout the day of frequently touched surfaces, for example, staircase handrails, light switches and door handles. We will continue to clean our sports equipment after use.

The desks will be forward facing and in twos.

We have lidded bins in all the classrooms and we will be reminding the children about 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

We will be serving hot meals again. The lunch times will be staggered to prevent too many children mixing together across year groups.

We will be offering a broad and ambitious curriculum. We will once again be offering out and about and other trips. We will ensure essentials, for example: phonics, reading, vocabulary, writing and maths are focused through other subjects to help the catch up process.

Children will be expected to follow the Queensgate Code as always!

All statutory testing will take place next year.

If you are interested in reading the full guidance, then you can by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Breakfast Club

We are re-instating Breakfast Club, but will be socially distanced in the dining room. Thank you to everyone who filled in the survey. Your comments have been really helpful to us. Breakfast club will start at 8 am and the cost remains £2 per day.



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 |
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| Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Sausage Roll | Cheese and Tomato Whirl | Vegetable Pasty | Fishfinger filled Baguette |
| Filled Baguette | Filled Baguette | Filled Baguette | Filled Baguette | Filled Baguette |
| Carrot and Cucumber Sticks | Carrot and Cucumber Sticks | Carrot and Cucumber Sticks | Carrot and Cucumber Sticks | Carrot and Cucumber Sticks |
| Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water | Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water | Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water | Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water | Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water |

(Please note that this is subject to change and menu options will be given on the day)

Out with the old...



Wrecking the School Building!

From the 06/07/2020 to today (9th July), the old school and 3BM's classroom have been demolished. They started by taking small chunks out of the building, and then gradually worked their way through the wall, from where the Year 6 would be sat through to reception's area. On the first day after break, they had done half of the front wall. It was like a dinosaur eating away at a gigantic tree, which really satisfied us all, including every child that watched it. In the afternoon, they started sorting the rubbish into piles. Some piles were metal, and some were wood. They did that for the rest of the afternoon. On the second and third day they started on the walls and roof. The roof was like pulling off a bed sheet. They ripped off the first layer of bricks, and then tidied them up again. The afternoons were the same. By the time they were finished, the front wall and half of the side walls had fallen and were resting on the floor of the used-to-be hall. Today (9th) is the last day. Today they pushed down the sides. Bricks were flying everywhere! They started off slowly, taking nearly one brick at a time. Then they got more ferocious, and tore it down! It was amazing to watch. By Crystal, Zach & Raya.

Queensgate and Art in the Community

During lockdown, the children of Queensgate have been working on a community arts project to decorate the cabinets of the floating bridge.

Ian Whitmore, parent and artist (Ian is a printmaker based at Jubilee Stores, Quay Arts Centre) in conjunction with Miss Hunter, Miss Stone and reception - year 6 (key worker children) have produced some amazing art.

Ian Whitmore sent in some pictures of the artwork now assembled in the old floating bridge display cabinets.



Learning in a Bubble

Returning Year 1 and keyworkers' children have continued to benefit from an exciting and varied curriculum from within four separate bubbles. Weekly theme-based learning activities including: dinosaurs, space, birds and London have helped ease the children's transition back into the classroom whilst encouraging pupils to get back on track with their learning. This week, children have been learning about all things London! In bubble groups, all children have compiled a letter to Queen Elizabeth and her family. Knowing that the queen receives over 300 letters a day, they wrote their letters on corgi dog shaped paper to make them stand out from others. We hope she likes reading through them!



Free School Meal Vouchers - Summer Holidays

Those parents currently in receipt of Free School Meal Vouchers from Edenred, will receive one voucher for the whole of the summer holidays. This should be activated before the last day of term.

Positive Quote

Life is like a maths equations. In order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert the negatives into positives.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher

Soccer Schools Summer Holidays



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RNLI Water Safety education Resources

Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on **keeping safe this Summer**.

Beach Safety Resources

https://rnli.org/pages/beach-safety-resources?utm_source=compass&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=beachsafety_2020&utm_content=bebeachsaferesourcescompassarticle

Water Safety Resources

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/water-safety-from-home>



Lifeboats

Privilege Seat Applications – Academic Year 2020/21

Dear Parent/Guardian

As advertised in April this year, due to a new home to school bus contract starting in September 2020, the number of school bus services available will be significantly reduced. This will affect the number of privilege seats that can be offered.

We are unable to confirm which services will be running at this stage but intend to have this information towards the end of July 2020.

We aim to open the first privilege seat application window towards the end of July 2020 for mainstream students, only, therefore, Post-16 students will not be able to apply. There may be an opportunity for Post-16 students to apply later but only after the start of the academic year. We are unable to confirm an application date at this stage, therefore, sixth form students are expected to make their own transport arrangements.

Once we have further information, the following webpage will be updated: <http://www.iwight.com/IWCPrivilegeseats> so please ensure you check this page regularly should you be interested in applying for the scheme.

Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.