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**Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School**



## Don't Forget the Raffle!

Dear Parents/carers,

### Wessex Cancer Trust

Thank you very much for your donations to Wessex Cancer Trust, I am pleased to say that we raised £464.95 for the charity on Jolly Jumper Day.

### Christmas Dinner Day

Just to remind you that Thursday 17th December is our Christmas Dinner Day.

### Christmas filming

The children have been working really hard on producing a clip which we will be posting next Friday - details of how to access this will be sent out via text.



### Behaviour

We understand that the children are very excited as we build up to Christmas. However, we have had a couple of incidents of unacceptable behaviour this week.

Please remind your children to make the most of their school life; they need to remember the school code.

### Raffle

You have until **Tuesday 15th December** to purchase your tickets through Scopay. Look at what you could win! A huge thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for this raffle and thank you to one of our mums (Sammy Ronan) for getting all the donations ready and looking fabulous. Please note that the draw will take place next Thursday (Christmas Dinner Day) and prizes will go home with the children. However, if the prize is alcohol we shall text you and you will need to collect your prize from the office.

### Cinderella

We have bought the children an online pantomime called Cinderella which they will be watching sometime next week - please talk to your child about this.

### Party Day

The children will be having a party day on

**Monday 21st December.**



## Out and About

On Tuesday the **1KS** Out and About group visited Osborne House. In class they have been learning about Victorian Christmas traditions so it was super to be able to see the house all set up as it would have looked when Queen Victoria and Albert spent Christmas there. The children counted the many Christmas trees as they explored the house and hunted for the missing wreaths around the gardens and grounds.



**3PT** had fun making fires on the Patch on Tuesday afternoon! They celebrated their last Patch afternoon for the term by practising to build and light fires, using the Kelly Kettle to boil water for hot chocolates and toasting marshmallows over the fire pit. We all had such a brilliant time.



As part of their topic on *People Who Help Us*, **RAS** welcomed Mr Cox into their classroom to talk about being a firefighter! Mr Cox became a Fireman at the age of 16 and worked as a retained firefighter in East Cowes for 40 years. The children were keen to learn about the diverse role of a fireman, the different sorts of incidents he had attended over the years and enjoyed looking at some old photos of him driving the fire engine. They were surprised to see that the fire engines were white and not red! Following our visit, we talked about fire safety on the Patch whilst all having a go at using our new Fire Steels to light a fire.



Working together for a successful future

As part of **2KA**'s topic on Flight and their recent map work, looking at the different continents, we talked about the migration of birds and their flight paths. The children then made special Christmas bird feeders on the Patch using honey and bird seed to help feed the birds that winter in the UK. Some children chose to use binoculars to see if they could spot any birds on the Patch, others hunted for bugs or had a go at lighting a fire.



### Out and About next week

If your child is on the Patch, please could they wear joggers/ suitable old trousers, bring hat, scarf, gloves and bring wellies to school in a named bag (waterproof trousers would be amazing too if possible). It is rather muddy on the Patch and gets very chilly. Thank you in advance, Mrs Johnson.

#### Tuesday am

1KS group will be walking to Osborne House. Please wear normal school uniform and wrap up warm. Ashton, Maddie, Emily-May, Bella, Ben, Mia-Rose, Toby, Oscar G, Destiny, Jack, Charley, River, Elliott, Oscar H, Harry G

#### Tuesday pm

3PT will be taking part in a Pre-history workshop with Estelle Baker from the Isle of Wight Heritage Service. No Out and About/ Patch kit needed.

#### Wednesday am

RAS are hoping to have an Ambulance visit them. A text will go out if there is any change of plan.

#### Wednesday pm

2KA whole class on the Patch.

## Year 4 Egyptian Museum

Unfortunately, parents haven't been able to come in and experience the Year 4 Egyptian museum. However, the children still enjoyed showcasing their work including some amazing home learning projects. Well done Year 4!



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# 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
BBQ Chicken Pasta	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Chicken Wraps	Christmas Dinner Roast Turkey, stuffing & Chipolata	Fish & Chips
Vegetable Tagine with Rice	Vegan Mexican Roll with Wedges	Veg & Bean wraps	Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf	Spanish Omelette with Chips
Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Carrot & Beetroot Slaw	Peas Sweetcorn	Carrots, Peas & Brussel Sprouts Roast Potatoes	Baked Beans Peas
Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Iced Sponge	Chocolate, Orange & Cranberry Brownie or Christmas Cookie	Spanish Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

## Love reading?

Then try this....

### Reading

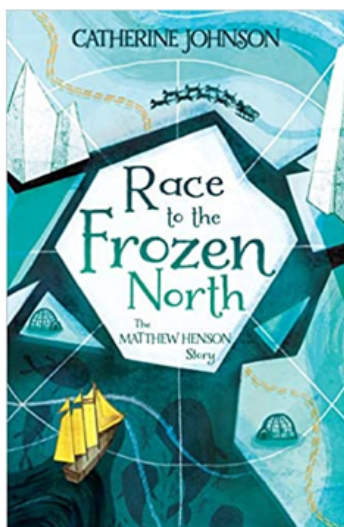
We know it's a really busy time of year but please do hear your child read daily.

Remember:

# CHAT,

# READ,

# PLAY!



Crystal in 6TS has been reading *Race to the Frozen North* by Catherine Johnson.

This story has really inspired Crystal, as it is a true story about how a person overcame hardships and challenges. While she was reading it, Crystal felt quite emotional. She would like to recommend this book to everyone and says it's great for

independent readers.

This book is our 'Book of the Week' in our school library - pop in and have a read.

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share it here.

## Victorian Day - Year 1

The Victorian day started with an old school bell ringing the children into school. After the teachers had checked children for clean hands and ears, they were admitted into their classrooms.

After some handwriting practice using blackboards and chalk, the children were given a short deportment lesson. Both boys and girls perfected their posture by walking carefully whilst balancing a book on their heads. Children who were not trying their hardest had their hands 'tapped' by Mrs Edmonds and Miss Stones' canes.

Victorian-style learning continued with an arithmetic lesson. Children chanted the times tables and completed rows of sums laid out on the teacher's blackboard.

After lunch, everyone stood for the National Anthem to Queen Victoria and discussed life as a child in Victorian times. Later, we went to the school hall to play games. We enjoyed dancing In and Out of the Dusty Bluebells, Ring O Ring O Roses and learning the waltz!



## Year 4 English Heritage Visit

Recently, we had Estelle Baker come to visit us. She knows a lot about the stone age. We had to rub a stone onto some seeds to make flour. We also had to weave straws in and out to make a wall for a house. Next we had to use brushes to move the sand off the bones and other body parts. Then we made some pots out of clay. It was my favourite bit there. On the last table we tried a deer antler on our head. Me and Felicity played a game. It was a little sentence and we had to guess what the stone was. I like the visit it was amazing. By Alayna E 3BM



### Positive Quote

*"Before you act, listen. Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticise, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try."*

**Whole school attendance 96.07%.**

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

**This week 3PT achieved 99.26% attendance!**  
**Well done.**

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sillito".

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

## Vic's Youth U11's Recruitment



Is your child currently in year 6? Does He/She have a love for playing football?



### **LOOK NO FURTHER!**

Vics Youth U11s are looking for talented and respectful players who want to get the most out of their youth footballing careers.

#### **Why join Vics?**

- A young and passionate team
- A Fun and Competitive atmosphere
- FA Qualified Coaches to get the best out of the players.

**For More information, Feel free to Text 07443 021486 for more details**



## **St Mildred's Christmas Tree Festival**

This will be happening at St Mildred's Church, Whippingham between 17th - 20th December 2020.

The church will be open from 11am - 3pm on Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th and the 1pm to 3pm On Sunday 20th December. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available in the Church Centre by the church car park.

There will be an opportunity for visitors to make a donation with proceeds going to the Salvation Army and St Mildred's Church.

All usual social distancing measures are in place and numbers will be controlled.

There will be a one-way system, hand sanitizer available on entry and exit and we will ask everyone to wear a face covering.

Please do support this local church.