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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

East Dene Residential Trip

The Year 4 children had a great time away at East Dene for their residential trip last week. They took part in a wide range of activities, such as bush craft, archery, team building games, campfires and cooking, assault courses, swimming beach study and lots, lots more. Speaking with the children this week, they all had a great time taking part in activities and enjoying each other's company in the house. The children worked well in teams and were super in the dining room, eating a wide range of foods. Well done everyone for a brilliant residential trip! There is a wealth of photographs on the Y4 Class Blog on the school website.

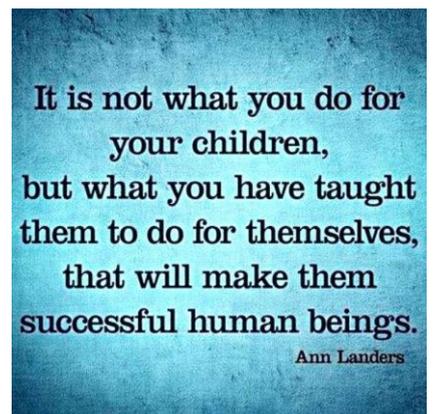


Cloakrooms

The cloakrooms are becoming extremely congested from the start of the day. A lot of time was taken by the architect to design a purpose built Primary school with adequate storage and safe space for children. Part of this consideration was the flow and easy access to cloakrooms and classrooms for the children at the start and end of the day, to enable them to become independent learners as soon as possible. Reception children are doing really well and already have some excellent independent behaviours when coming into school – well done to all our super stars in EYFS. It can be challenging, at the point of transition and the move to new classrooms for some. However, we are now a month into the new academic year (and hasn't that gone quickly!) It would be fantastic, if we could encourage the independence of our Key Stage One and definitely Key Stage Two learners, in organising their belongings in the morning. There are opportunities to catch the teacher to book an appointment or to see staff at the end of the day. Mr Wall or Miss Edmunds will always happily take messages at the office for class teachers.

As part of their weekly training and meeting time this week, the teaching staff worked with an advisor and one of the key messages for staff to consider when teaching children, is to remember the bigger picture of preparing for secondary school and the need for increased independence. Of course there are many things that we scaffold and support for children too – but I think that this is a worthwhile point to share and consider, as we all want success for all of the children.

The cloakrooms are also more congested due to the nature of the large bags coming to school. We strongly recommend a school book bag for all new YR children and Key Stage one. Large ruck sacks clog up the cloakrooms and do not protect reading and homework books as well as a flat book bag, as they become damaged and bent. This is also the opportunity to remind all families that children are provided with all writing equipment and stationery in school. It is a privilege for Y5 & Y6 to bring their own pencil cases to school. Children in younger classes will use school equipment only during school times.



Many thanks for the Cake Donations

Yesterday afternoon we held a coffee afternoon to support the Macmillan fund. A charity close to many people's hearts in our school community. It was lovely to welcome parents, carers, grandparents and friends to school for a coffee, tea and piece of cake. The PTA, once again supported this event brilliantly. We will let you know how much was raised net week.



Parent Governor Vacancy

A parent Governor is required for the School Governing Body. A letter was sent out last week by email. The closing date for applications is on Friday 5th October. Please return any completed applications forms to the office.

Donations of Harvest Gifts

Any donations of dried, tinned or packet food would be most welcome to contribute to the harvest table. We are collecting for the food bank, which is in daily use across the island supporting IOW families both near locally and slightly further afield.

Star of the Week – Key Stage One

This weeks "Stars"			We do hope you will be available to come and celebrate the children's work with us from 9-9.30am on Monday 1st October . This is an opportunity to share in your child's achievement in school.
Reception	Year One	Year Two	
Not just yet...	Dominic Dalton	Rusty Melcalfe	
	Lexi Hoxha	Joshua Helyer	
		Dylan Tibbett	



School Menu for this week:

Please remember school meals have increased very slightly in price. They now cost **£1.95** a day or **£9.75** a week. All payments for meals from Y3 to Y6 via school money please. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free school meal every day.

Please note the change of menu on Thursday and Friday this week – Fish fingers & chips are on Thursday.

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Rice, Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Lasagne & Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Eves Pudding with Custard/ Yoghurt / Fruit Platter		
Tuesday	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake, Peas & Carrots	Quorn Mince Bolognese with Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Pineapple Loaf/ Yoghurt / Fruit Chunks		
Wednesday	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower & Gravy	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower & Gravy	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Chocolate & Banana Oaty Square / Yoghurt / Fruit Salad		
Thursday Change of Menu	MSC Fish Fingers, Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Cheese & Tomato Quiche, Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Fruit Yoghurt / Fruit Station		
Friday	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese, Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Chickpea Curry with Rice, Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Oaty Peach Crumble with Custard/ Yoghurt / Fruit Platter		

Admission/Transfer to Primary school – September 2019

Whilst we have only just welcomed our new Reception class into school it is already the time of year that we also start planning and preparing for next year's school intake. The application round opened on Monday 10th September and applications must be received no later than midnight on Tuesday 15th January 2019. We welcome as many children and families to school during this term to come and see the school in action so parents can make informed choices of what we have to offer. We do not have a set Open Day, as we feel that families can visit at a mutually convenient time, so they can see the school as it is every day – a purposeful learning environment and culture for every child to learn in. If you know a child who is due to start school in September 2019 please encourage them to come and meet us and view the school to see what we have to offer. Appointments can be booked through the school office on 01983 869910 or via e-mail: admin@gattenlakepri.iow.sch.uk

Admission/Transfer to Secondary school – September 2019

All Y6 pupils will have now received a letter detailing information about school places for September 2019 at Secondary school and from Monday 10th September the application round is open. This half term is the half term for considering schools after Gatten and Lake. Applications for Secondary school must be completed online before midnight on Wednesday 31st October 2018. Applications submitted any later than this, will be considered after those received on time. Please keep an eye out for the dates to view secondary schools, as part of your application will be to prioritise three schools of preference on your application form. We would encourage you to visit schools you apply to with your child.

Advertisement on behalf of IOW Youth Circus – we are advertising only and do not hold any responsibility for the club provided.

Isle of Wight Youth Circus will be running a Circus Skills workshop weekly commencing 1st October from 6p.m. until 7.30 at Winchester House, Sandown Road, Shanklin. There will be a charge of £4 per session. However, payment in advance for a block of 8 sessions would be £28. This fee is towards the cost of hiring the room and insurance. If any of the prospective pupils are under 8 years old then we would expect an adult to stay with them. Parents would not however be able to help, unless they have a valid DBS check. Any over 8 child attending without supervision of a parent must be collected by an adult at the end of the session.

The instruction will consist of basic warm up exercises i.e. Forward rolls, backward rolls, arm swings , then on to the various activities such as plate spinning, juggling, hand held stilts, tightrope walking, Double Dutch skipping, advancing to strap on stilts and unicycling. Suitable clothing would be PE type shorts and t- shirt for both the girls and boys.

The proposed day for this is either a Monday or Wednesday. If anyone would like more information or to book a place then please contact us on iowyouthcircus@live.com or by telephone 867531



Have an enjoyable weekend. Fingers crossed for a little more of the wonderful weather we have had during the week.

If you have the opportunity to get out and about, keep your eyes peeled for the signs of Autumn and discuss these changes with your children.

**Rebecca Day
Headteacher**

Dates for the Diary –

Week 5	
Monday 1 st October	KS1 Stars of the Week Assembly
Tuesday 2 nd October	Harvest Assembly – 2:30pm – any donations of harvest gifts to the office pleas before the afternoon.
Tuesday 2 nd October	Scholastic book fair leaves school
Wednesday 3 rd October	Author Deb Web to visit Y1, Y2 & EYFS – Signed book purchasing after school!
Thursday 4 th October	Y3 Swimming – week 4/10
Thursday 4 th October	Y2 Trip to Havenstreet
Saturday 6 th October	10am-1pm – IOW Foodbank Textile sale - Love Lane, Cowes
Saturday 6 th October	Ryde School Open Day 10:12:30pm – for Y5 & Y6 pupils. Free family lunch at the end of the morning. Call their admissions team on 617970 to reserve a place.
Week 6	
Monday 8 th October	KS2 Stars of the Week Assembly
Tuesday 9 th October	Medina College Open Evening (Y6 Parents/Carers & Children)
Wednesday 10 th October	The Bay CE Open Evening 5.30pm – 8.00pm (Y6 Parents/Carers & Children)
Thursday 11 th October	Y3 Swimming – week 5/10
Week 7	
Monday 15 th October	KS1 Stars of the Week Assembly
Tuesday 16 th October	Y6 Visit to Shanklin Fire Station to learn the CPR and Defibrillator training
Wednesday 17 th October	Y3 Zoo Trip
Thursday 18 th October	Y3 Swimming – week 6/10
Thursday 18 th October	PTA Disco – KS1 = 4-5:30pm & KS2 = 5:45–7pm £1 entry fee per child.
Friday 19 th October	Mr Randini Road Safety Assembly
Friday 19 th October	Last day of Autumn 1 st half term
HALF TERM BREAK	
Monday 22 nd October to Friday 26 th October	
Week 1	
Monday 29 th October	First day back to school for the Autumn 2 nd Half Term
Monday 29 th October	KS2 Stars of the Week Assembly

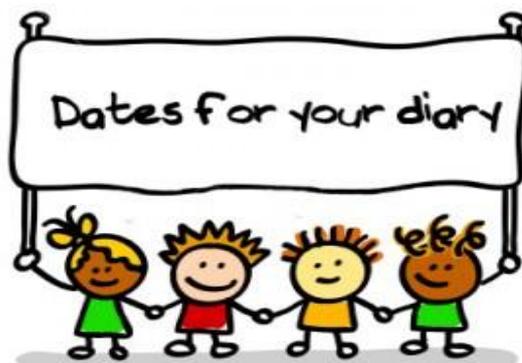
Messy Church For Harvest Sat 6th Oct 3.30 – 5.30pm

Come to the church for lots of craft, including an edible one, fun, games and songs, all around a story from the bible, then stay and have a yummy cooked tea with us. All free, our harvest gift to you ☺



This year for harvest, our church will be supporting a charity that puts together essential items for refugee women and girls in Syria and Iraq. If you would like to donate some items then feel free to bring them along to Messy Church. The items needed are sponge or body puff, bars of soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, roll on deodorant, sanitary towels, panty liners, nail clippers, pack of medium sized knickers, hairbrush, tub of Vaseline, hand cream, soap dish.

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