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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

**NEWSFLASH**  
**19/10/2018**

### School Disco!

The PTA had a wonderful surprise this evening, when a pupil presented this envelope and letter to the PTA, of their own accord. How wonderful that the superb children who attend Gatten and Lake feel that a HUGE thank you is deserved for all the hard work that goes into putting on these events.

The Disco is always a HUGE success – the children thoroughly enjoy attending and “dancing” a.k.a playing with their friends.

The discos are run entirely by the PTA, it is not a school run event. This includes the shopping, preparation of flyers, coordination of dates and times, setting up the hall, cooking the food, providing music and lighting, as well as the side stalls of face painting, hair braiding and tattoo art. It is all entirely voluntary and takes an awful lot of time for these kind-hearted people to prepare. Without more volunteers events, like this will be unable to go ahead in the future, which would be a real shame for the children. If you feel you could offer a little time please do come along to the next PTA meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 3.15pm.

Apologies if some people felt upset that younger siblings cannot attend. It has never been permitted that pre-school children could attend. Children in Y1 and Y2 are encouraged to attend discos by themselves as they are independent in school. However, YR children are to be accompanied by an adult and any children in prams that are nursing have been in attendance. We cannot facilitate younger children attending with their older siblings as we try to prevent any accidents. I take all feedback very seriously and after discussion today I was asked to clarify this situation. We will make this very explicit on all communications in the future. Please remember the open door policy we have in school, if you would like to come and discuss any issue within school so we can work together to discuss and resolve this.

Many Thanks.

### Year Six – Secondary School Choices

I hope you have all enjoyed visiting the Secondary Schools across the Isle of Wight with your children in the last couple of weeks. It has been lovely to hear the children talking positively about their experiences and having the opportunity to go and look at different schools. Please ensure that you take the time over half term to ensure that your application forms are completed and your three preference schools are recorded. The closing date for **ALL** applications to secondary school is midnight on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Dear all log the Pta  
thank you for putting together  
the best Disco ever  
I know its going to be good  
because it always is  
all log the discos are the best  
and theres always nice things to  
eat and theres always sun  
things to do

from  
Jessica = Year 5  
X X

thank you so much  
• your AMAZING for the things you  
do

## **Star of the Week**

There will be no 'Stars of the Week' during the first week back. This will commence again, starting with KS2, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## **Usborne Sponsored Reading**

This week, you will have received an information pack for a sponsored reading event. This is a challenge we are setting the children, to encourage reading whilst fundraising for books for the school. On top of the money raised there will be the opportunity for free books for the school library. We are hoping to replenish our KS1 reading books in the library. Many thanks in advance for your support in this.

## **READ TO WIN CHALLENGE**

Come and join our new 'Reading Challenge' at Shanklin Library, the aim of which, is to read 10 books before Christmas. The idea is very simple, you choose two challenges at a time from a Challenge Pot, i.e. a red book or a book with an animal on the front cover and then all you have to do is read the books you choose. There's a prize for everyone who finishes six books and those who finish ten books will be put in a prize draw. Come and sign up from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, the 'Challenge' will run until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. **Your sponsored read books could be linked to this and help with both the library reading challenge and the sponsored reading challenge.**



## **Y6 Kingswood Residential Trip**

A deposit of £40 is required to secure a place on the Y6 Kingswood Residential trip for July 2019. The deposit is due on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018. More information will follow after half term.

## **Class Assemblies**

In the next half term we are looking forward to some interactive assemblies from the children in each class based on an aspect of their learning. Presentation skills are fundamental life skills that are used across secondary education, further education and across many workforces. Building confidence and working as part of a team are essential to coordinate class assemblies. We look forward to the children sharing their learning with us soon. We have given you the dates well in advance, so you can hopefully pop the date in your diaries nice and early. Please see the diary dates below.

Please consider the children that are performing during these assemblies, it takes a lot of confidence and bravery to perform to a large audience of children and adults. Whilst we frequently welcome younger siblings to events in schools, we ask that any distractions are absolutely minimal and are respectful for children and families or that you considerately source alternative childcare.

Reception Class have yet to secure a date for their class assembly which will be later in the school year. We will keep you informed.

## **Letters for any period of absence.**

If your child has an occasional illness and is unfortunately absent from school, a letter must be sent to school to confirm the reason for absence, on their return. Unless there is written evidence sent in to school to confirm the reason for the absence, the absence will remain unauthorised. Any medical appointments must be accompanied by evidence of attendance such as an appointment slip. This forms part of the school's and the Education Inclusion Team's monitoring of the attendance of children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

£175 was raised at the recent Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Thank you for coming along and your kind donations for this worthwhile charity.

## **Clubs**

Club letters for the second half of the term have gone out this week, and you will have received a text message informing you if your child has a place at the club. All clubs must be reapplied for to ensure equal access for all. Please ensure, once committed, your child attends club each week.

## Homework – Times Tables

The children will only have their spelling homework over the half term break. However, please, please, please take any spare time to practise multiplication tables with your child. The National Curriculum Age Related Expectations are as follows:

- Y1** – To count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. (Counting on and back practise please, from 0)
- Y2** – To know multiplication facts and corresponding division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 Times tables.
- Y3** - To know multiplication facts and corresponding division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 X tables
- Y4** - To recall all multiplication & corresponding division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12 with confidence and pace.
- Y5** - To be confident and continue to rehearse and apply X tables facts up to 12 x 12.
- Y6** - To be confident and continue to rehearse and apply X tables facts up to 12 x 12.

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to complete harder calculations. All children in Key Stage 2 have been provided with log in details for a fun packed game called Times Table Rock Stars. This is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

### **The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars after 20 weeks!**

All Key Stage 2 children will be sent home with a letter explaining the process for logging into the program. This can be done online, or via the free mobile phone app. ROCK ON!!



### **Rotary Shoebox Scheme 2018**

The Rotary club have asked for our support for their annual Christmas Shoebox appeal again. We know that many of you like to contribute towards this very worthwhile cause. To make it easier for everyone to contribute this year, there are two options to choose from.

**OPTION ONE** – Follow the directions in the leaflet you will have received this week and bring your completed box to school by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** please.

**OPTION TWO** – You may contribute by bringing one or more items into school, using the guide in the leaflet. We will then make up boxes from these items. The items need to be received into school by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** please, in order to give us time to complete the boxes.

### **School Menu for this week:**

School meals 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.

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>Monday</b>	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		
<b>Tuesday</b>	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		
<b>Wednesday</b>	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		
<b>Thursday</b>	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		
<b>Friday</b>	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		

I hope you have a really enjoyable half term break. There are indeed lots of tired children (and staff) at the end of a very busy half term in school. The Reception children who joined us in September have all settled really well into their new classroom, and are establishing positive relationships with peers and adults within school. We hope that as families, you have enjoyed your first half term as part of the Gatten and Lake School Community. There have been some wonderful observations posted onto Tapestry to share. Please do keep those coming during the half term break as the evidence all adds to your child profile. We do hope that all new families to the school have had a settled start too. If there are ever any queries, please do not hesitate to come to the office or ask the class teacher to find out more, alternatively I will be more than happy to arrange an appointment with you.

I hope that the weather treats us kindly over the week so we can all get out and about, relax, unwind and recharge our batteries, so we come back to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October ready for another busy half term in school.

Have fun!

**Rebecca Day**  
**Headteacher**

### **Dates for the Diary –**

<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	First day back to school for the Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	No Stars of the Week Assembly
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Rotary Shoebox items, from the list sent home, to the school office today please.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Completed Rotary Shoeboxes to the school office today please.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Y3 Swimming – week 7/10
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	PTA Meeting – in the studio
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 Stars of the Week Assembly
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Clinic
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 – Trip to Sandown Zoo!!
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Swimming – week 8/10
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Film Night – Showing Peter Rabbit 3-5pm! £3.50 per child – any offers of help would be appreciated please.
<b>Week 3</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Stars of the Week Assembly
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evenings – sign up available after half term
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 & Y4 – Trip to Butser farm - Hampshire
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evenings – sign up available after half term
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evenings – sign up available after half term
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Swimming – week 9/10
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 Class Assembly – all welcome. 9am in the school hall
<b>Week 4</b>	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 Stars of the Week Assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y3 Swimming – week 10/10
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y2 Class Assembly – all welcome. 9am in the school hall
<b>Week 5</b>	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Stars of the Week Assembly
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Class Assembly – all welcome. 9am in the school hall
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Class Assembly – all welcome. 9am in the school hall
<b>Week 6</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 Class Assembly – all welcome. 9am in the school hall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Class Assembly – all welcome. 9am in the school hall
<b>Week 7</b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
<b>Week 8</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	