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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

**NEWSFLASH**  
**10/01/2020**

## **Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year to all children and families! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and managed to enjoy some quality family time together. I am sure many of you had visits out and about; visits to family on and off the Isle of Wight, as well as more relaxing days at home. I hope we all have a healthy, happy start to the New Year! We have had a great start to the Spring term in school. There have been lots of busy children engaged in purposeful learning in school. We look forward to working with each and every one of you throughout the school term.

Please remember we have an open door policy, if you would like to come in to speak to a member of staff, please feel free to see the teacher at the end of the day or come to the office to book an appointment, so we can accommodate a mutually convenient time.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## **Welcome to new staff**

This term we have welcomed two new staff members to the team as detailed below:



Ms Mitchell has joined Gatten and Lake as a Teacher in Year One. Ms Mitchell has had a good start to the week in the classroom and the children have been happy, engaged in purposeful learning and having fun through the curriculum.



Ms Grange has joined the Reception class team as a Teaching Assistant. Ms Grange has thoroughly enjoyed her time getting to know the children this week and has been joining the children in learning through play. Please do pop in and say hello to Mrs Grange to familiarise yourself with the adults in the team.

## **Admission/Transfer to Primary school – September 2020**

**There is less than a week to go to apply for a place at Primary School for September 2020.** The application round opened in September and applications must be received no later than midnight on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We welcome as many children and families into school during the 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 2020 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](mailto:admin@gattenlakepri.iow.sch.uk)

## Star of the Week - Key Stage Two

Stars of the week assemblies will resume on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

This weeks "Stars"				We do hope you will be available to come and celebrate the children's work with us from <b>9-9.30am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> . This is an opportunity to share in your child's achievement in school.	
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Edward Ansell	Hadley Biddlecombe	Ashton Akigg	Callum Fitzpatrick		
Stirling Grevatt	Chloe Paxton-Ford	Bradlee Marsden	Kiesha Colvin		
Karina Bogucka		Petal Davis-Hards			

**Scientist of the week:** Joshua Helyer

## Year 3 Swimming Programme

The Year 3 swimming programme starts on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January for ten weeks. All children will need an appropriate swimming costume, towel, hair band for long hair, hairbrush, waterproof bag etc. If you have any queries please speak to Mrs Holland-Washington. The children will travel to and from 'The Heights' by minibus and should be back to school in time for 3.05pm. There is no charge.



## Medicines

At this time of the year there are more medicines in school, to help manage childhood illness and prevent absence from school. In order to ensure there is a smooth, safe system for medicines, all medicines are to be **dropped off and collected** from the office please by an **adult**. No medicines are to be given or collected in the classroom via the class teacher or teaching assistant. Thank you for your understanding in this to keep everyone safeguarded.



## Letters for any period of absence.

If your child has an occasional illness and is unfortunately absent from school, a letter must be sent in to school to confirm the reason for absence on their return. A call to school **every day** of the absence by 9:15am is essential but unless there is written evidence sent in to school to confirm the verbal reason for the absence, the absence will be unauthorised. Any medical appointments must be accompanied by evidence of attendance. This forms part of the school's and Education Inclusion Service monitoring system for children's school attendance. Any planned period of absence other than illness must be requested via a Leave of Absence form which can be obtained via the school office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## Single Use Plastic

Gatten and Lake School Council are beginning a project to help the school become plastic free over time. We are asking you to consider your use of single use plastics and to not bring single use plastic bottles for drinking water.



We are going to have an 'Amnesty' in the hall for you to bring any single use plastic bottles to be deposited. We are going to recycle these and use them as part of the project to make planters for the school.

How many do you think we will collect before half term?? Many thanks for your support in this project.

## **Social Media and Electronic Devices - Update**

We have had a number of reports of children accessing the App TikTok, which can be concerning due to how this is used and having an age rating of 13. This information below is from the 'Good Digital Parenting' platform of the FOGI website (Family Online Safety Institute)

TikTok is a free social media app designed for creating and sharing short music videos. It replaces the Musical.ly app that shut down in August 2018 having all of its 100 million users transferred to TikTok.

### **WHAT IS TIKTOK?**

- Developed in China, TikTok is used for creating, sharing and discovering music videos. It is like karaoke for the digital age.
- Users can watch videos of others or even create their own short video clips. Young people tend to use this app to record videos of themselves lip-synching to the latest music.
- The videos are recorded in 15-second clips and users can add special effects before sharing them on this platform. TikTok also enables live streaming of videos via Live.Me and interaction with the audience via a chat function.
- Lip-synching and dancing videos are the most popular genres on the platform. Just like Youtube, TikTok is an interactive app where you can connect with friends, comment on videos and follow other people on the platform.
- Some kids have gained popularity and fame using this app.

### **IS TIKTOK APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN?**

- When signing up on TikTok, user profiles are made 'public' by default. This means anyone can view videos that your children upload, send direct messages to them and access their location information.
- Popular TikTok uploads emphasize today's top music which means that some of the lyrics may contain swearing and sexual content that are not appropriate for children.
- Some of the music videos have mature content that feature revealing outfits and inappropriate dance moves.
- A report by [ABC news](#) found that the messaging feature in the app could enable strangers to send direct messages to children. A father of a 7-year-old girl warned that a predator contacted his daughter through this app.

### **AGE RESTRICTION ON TIKTOK APP:**

- TikTok requires users to be at least 13 years old to access its platform. Under the new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Ireland has now set the Digital Age of Consent to 16 years old. Anyone under the age of 16 years old cannot access this platform.
- Common Sense Media has recommended that this app is appropriate for those aged at least 16 years old and above due to its mature content and information settings.

### **PROTECTING CHILDREN ON TIKTOK:**

- Ensure that settings are set to 'private' so only people whom you and your child know can contact and view their videos.
- Turn off the location service in the app.
- If your teen wants to use this app, ensure that an adult is supervising the usage. Use music videos that you are familiar with or you would normally listen to anyway.
- Monitor your child's account and ensure that they are following accounts that you think are appropriate for their age group.
- Let your child know that you as a parent have TikTok and will be keeping an eye on their account.

**Remember that any social media platform can be a source of cyberbullying and a ground for sexual predators. TikTok, like any other app, can present such dangers to your child. Always monitor their account and speak to them regularly about what they do or read online.**

## Children's Lunchboxes

Please ensure that packed lunches are carefully considered, as many off the shelf items contain high amounts of sugar. We are seeing more tooth decay in even the youngest of children. Alongside this, please can I remind you that products containing nuts and nut products are not permitted in school at anytime. This includes products such as Nutella chocolate spread which contains nuts. We have children with severe allergies in school and this is part of minimising risks to any child. There are lots of other alternatives that are good choices such as ham, cheese, tuna, spread, salad, marmite, etc... Thank you for your consideration.



## School Menu for this week:

Please remember school meals cost **£2.05** a day or **£10.25** 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>	Chicken Curry with Rice Sweetcorn & Cabbage	Cheese Whirl with New Potatoes Sweetcorn & Cabbage	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
	Dessert: Apple Flapjack or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sausage, Mashed Potato, Gravy Peas & Cauliflower	Linda McCartney Sausages, Peas, Mash Potato, Gravy & Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
	Dessert: Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle & Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Gravy, Carrots & Green Beans	Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Green Beans	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
	Dessert: Apple, Cheese and Crackers or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Thursday</b>	Fish Fingers with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
	Dessert: Orange & Lemon Shortbread or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Friday</b>	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Vegetable Hotpot Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo.
	Dessert: Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station		

## Dates for the Diary –

Date	Event
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Stars of the Week Assembly
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Reading Café – 9am in the school hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 2/10
<b>Week 3</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 Stars of the Week Assembly
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Theatre company visit to school for the whole school linked to our whole school English journey
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y6 Reading Café – 9am in the school hall
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 3/10
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	AGAT Workshop – Space and rockets
<b>Week 4</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Stars of the Week Assembly
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 4/10
<b>Week 5</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	KS1 Stars of the Week Assembly
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Swimming at the Heights - Week 5/10
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	AGAT Workshop – Non-fiction author
<b>Week 6</b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Stars of the Week Assembly
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of the half term
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Development Day</b> – School closed to children today for staff training
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Development Day</b> – School closed to children today for staff training
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	Half Term break – have a super half term rest. See you soon.



# Wildbeach Tots

*Funded by "Down to the Coast"*

At Wildbeach we use the Forest School ethos to enable children to explore, discover, create, play and learn, within a coastal environment.

Sessions take place at Bouldnor on:

**Wildbeach Tots** for under-fives with parents and carers  
10.00 am – 12.00 pm

**Thursday's:** 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Sessions will begin at the Forest School site where we will then go on an adventure walk to the beach.

If the tide/weather is poor we will stay and play in the forest.

**Please book your place with us:**

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Wildbeach Officer  
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£5 donation per session



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# Junior Cricket Coaching



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**£4 a  
Session**

Monday Nights: 8-11yr olds (6-7pm). 11-13yr olds (7-8pm) @  
Ventnor CC. Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Friday Evenings: 6-11yr olds (5-6pm). @ Ryde School. Jan 17<sup>th</sup>,  
24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> Feb 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>