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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

NEWSFLASH
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We're half way through the academic year!!

It is quite remarkable, to think we are now half way through the academic year! What a milestone for many. The children are all enjoying time in their classes and there is good progress for many, many children! It is this time in the year, we really promote the further independence of the children by coming into school independently, putting their own books away in the correct place, filling water bottles and responsibility for passing letters/ reply slips to the teacher. This is all part of the children developing in maturity at different ages/stages. Please can you support your children to become more and more independent, by encouraging and ensuring the children enter school independently and say goodbye at the door. The building was designed to keep everyone safe by ensuring there are limited people in the cloakroom. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Children in YR may still need a little guidance coming in and out of school but over the next term, it would be good to encourage the children to take responsibility for a few more things.

There have been so many exciting things happening in school this term; Reading Café's, Sports fixtures, Dinosaur Isle Visit, Noel Turner Science Festival, visits to secondary schools by Y5 & Y6, to name just a few!

Y6 MOCK SATs week



We are extremely proud of each and every Y6 pupil who are working really hard with the full curriculum. The week beginning 2nd March, is Mock SATs week in school for Y6 pupils. This is an opportunity to prepare the children in many ways for the formal SATs process in May. The children are becoming more familiar with the layout and presentation of the papers. The formalised seating, layout and general administration can be overwhelming for some, so rather than wait until May, we complete a mock experience to enable the children see what to expect. As always, it is important for your

child to be in school every day of that week in order to complete the mock tests. You will then receive their outcomes as part of a parent/teacher meeting.

After half term, there are just 9 school weeks; 44 days to prepare fully for the SATs. Please, as always, ensure children are in school, on time every day to make the most of this valuable learning time.

SATS Meeting – Monday 10th February

Thank you to everyone who attended the Y6 and Y2 SATs meeting on Monday 10th February. If, following this meeting, you would like further clarity or have any questions about the SATs in either year group, please speak to Mr Kirby, Miss Essery or myself. We are always more than happy to help.

Reading Cafés

Our Reading Cafés have continued very successfully, with parents/carers and children enjoying reading time together. Today, Year One enjoyed a reading session with Miss Mitchell and Mrs Lightfoot and staff. It was great to see some phonics games a part of this session, as phonics are essential for blending and reading throughout the key stage.

The next reading cafe will be after half term, when Y2 parents and carers are invited to join them on Wednesday 26th February at 9am, in the hall.

Y3 Dinosaur Isle Trip

Y3 enjoyed a very successful educational trip to Dinosaur Isle. They spent the day learning lots of facts and exploring Yaverland beach for dinosaur fossils. The children's behaviour was superb throughout the day. Please see the class blog to see photos and read about their day.

Y5 Noel Turner – Physics



On Friday, the children took part in the Noel Turner Physics Festival at Cowes Enterprise College. The Festival, which is principally organised by Winchester Science Centre, celebrates Science in many different aspects of life. It explored science through flight, Earth, the ocean, communications, and life and each zone had activities and information the children could explore. There was a fun pop-up science centre and we enjoyed a science show which included some fantastic demonstrations involving liquid nitrogen. The day ended with a team task of making a bridge. It was a fabulous festival and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Aston Akigg impressed one gentleman running a science activity so much that he said, "You will be a next generation engineer".

Internet Safety Day



Tuesday 11th February, was Internet Safety Day. We particularly reinforced the message in school on this day. However, we continually reinforce good Internet safety rules and information throughout the year and the curriculum. This ongoing reinforcement promotes a healthy online use of the internet.

Some classes worked their way through some scenario cards from Purple Mash and in groups discussed the feelings involved and what they could say or do. They looked at the ideas of privacy, personal information sharing and people sharing embarrassing videos. Children also produced some internet safety posters.

Pupil Premium Funding

It has come to our attention, that some families are unaware of additional funding the school can receive to support you and your family, if you are on a low income. All schools plan to use this money in different ways. At Gatten and Lake, we use the funding for support towards the financial aspects of school life, such as trips and visits and also for breakfast club provision, in addition to supporting learning needs – either temporarily or permanently, we may be able to support you to apply for this funding stream.

World Book Day – March 5th 2020.

This year, we are taking a different approach to World Book Day. Instead of dressing ourselves up, we are proposing dressing a vegetable up as a book character. Mrs Holland-Washington has sent a separate letter home detailing ideas and we will publish more details in the newsletter nearer the time. We are hoping this will reduce the cost of buying and preparing costumes for the day, and vegetables could be used afterwards in a meal, if you so wish.



Long hair

Please ensure all long hair is tied up each day for school. This is to avoid long hair not only trailing into work books and distracting learning, but also to prevent the spread of head lice between pupils. Please ensure all long hair is appropriately tied back at all times. Thank you.

Lost Property

There are some children who have lost items of school uniform. Please could we ask you to check at home to see if your child has mistakenly taken any wrong uniform home with them. There are some items missing that are named. Please could you also check for any borrowed school P.E kit, as we have very little left at school.

Star of the Week – Key Stage One

Our next Stars of the Week and Science Award assembly will be KS1 on Monday 9th March, Week 3, due to the half term break and Mock SATs week.

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 bring reusable bottles for drinking water.



We 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.

Island Housing Needs:

Parents/Carers are invited and encouraged to complete an online survey, in order to provide the local council with the housing needs in your area on the Isle of Wight.

The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IWHousingNeeds2020> You can also find the link on our school website. A poster is also attached to this newsletter.

School Menu for the week beginning 24.02.2020:

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
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Chickpea Curry with Rice Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Oaty Pear Crumble and Custard or Yogurt or Fresh Fruit		
Tuesday	Sausage Roll with Wedges Cauliflower & Broccoli	Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges Cauliflower & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Syrup Sponge with Custard or Yogurt or Fresh Fruit		
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Carrots & Green Beans	Potato and Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes Carrots & Green Beans	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Apple, Cheese and Crackers or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Thursday	Chicken with Rice Sweetcorn or Broccoli	Tomato & Veg Pasta With Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Fresh Fruit and Yogurt Station		
Friday	Fishfingers/Salmon Fishfingers with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Pineapple Cake or Yogurt or Fresh Fruit		

Dates for the Diary –

Week 6	
Wednesday 12 th February	Last day of the half term
Thursday 13 th February	Development Day – School closed to children today for staff training
Friday 14 th February	Development Day – School closed to children today for staff training
Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb	Half Term break – have a super half term rest. See you soon.
Please see posters at the end of newsletter for a variety of local half term activities	
Week 1	
Monday 24 th February	Welcome back to school – gates open from 8:35am or breakfast club from 8am
Wednesday 26 th February	Y2 Reading Café in the hall
Thursday 27 th February	Y3 Swimming at the Heights 6/10
Week 2	
Monday to Friday	Y6 Mock SATs week in school
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 Anglo Saxon Day - educational trip to Carisbrooke Castle
Wednesday 4 th March	Y3 Reading Café in the hall
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Dressed up Veg!
Thursday 5 th March	Y3 Swimming at the Heights 7/10
Week 3	
Monday 9 th March	KS1 Stars of the Week Assembly

SANDOWN SOCCER



Player of the day!

**PLAYER OF THE DAY
WINS A FREE
SANDOWN SOCCER
T-SHIRT!!!**

MON - Thur

17th-20th February

**10AM - 3PM
£10 A DAY**

**Winchester
Park Road,
Sandown,
PO36 9BA**

For any
information contact
Lewis (Mr Mitchell)

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@yahoo.com

**SANDOWN
SOCCER**

**Children are welcome to come for one day or
for ALL the days!**

**Attend at least 3 out of the 4 days during the
week and win a medal for all of your hard work!**

**To book a place text your child's name, school
year, dates and your name to 075943 89531.**

ISLE OF WIGHT OPEN JUNIOR

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

SEACLOSE PARK, NEWPORT, PO30 2QS

£3

ENTRY FEE

**PAYABLE
ON THE DAY**

School year	Distance	Registration	Start
Year 6 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10am	10.20am
Year 5 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10.20am	10.40am
Year 4 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10.40am	11am
Year 3 (boys & girls)	2 kms	11am	11.20am
Year 2 (boys & girls)	2 kms	11.10am	11.45am

Please be at Seaclose Park (below the tennis courts) for registration and collection of numbers at least 20 mins before your event starts.

Booking by Tuesday 10 March 2020 is essential. No entries accepted on the day.

**Email iowac.athletics@gmail.com for
an entry form or contact Ray Scovell 07915
609850 or 01983 405340 for further details.**



**SPORT
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WIGHT
COUNCIL**

FEBRUARY FUN AT NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

WICKED WOLF MASKS

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

FANTASTIC FACE POTS

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

10.30AM - 3PM

£1 ENTRY FOR ALL

**NO NEED TO BOOK JUST
DROP IN**



Newport Roman Villa, Cypress Road, Newport PO30 1HA

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GET FIRED UP AT THE EXCITING DRAGON DAY

**FREE
ENTRY**

10am to 2pm Thursday

20 February 2020



**MUSEUM
OF ISLAND
HISTORY**

**Guildhall, High Street,
Newport, IW, PO30 1TY**

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'A Tale of Two Shipwrecks' exhibition

Make a dragon puppet to take home

Your archaeological finds identified

Event organised by IW Heritage Service

Pictured: 16th century silver ear scoop

