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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Video...

Following the school video recording day, on the return from half term, the promotional material has now been released. You can see this by accessing the website, front-page link, by viewing it via the Class DoJo school story page, as well as viewing it by this link <https://youtu.be/lw6Jn1Kvl3s>

I really hope you enjoy seeing the teaching and learning, fun and laughter, as well as the wide rich opportunities the children have here. The children are so delightful... concentrating faces, smiles, laughter, focus, attention to detail, engaging in individual, small group and class focus tasks. They are always a credit to themselves, their families and the school, which this clearly demonstrates. Please do help us spread the message of Gatten and Lake far and wide. If anyone knows of a family with a child who is due to start school in September 2021, or is looking to join the school in other year groups (if we have spaces) I am more than happy to meet with parents and carers virtually, and would appreciate you helping us to spread the message of this community school. Thank you in advance.

FLU VACCINE REMINDER

There are two remaining catch up sessions for school-aged children who were unable to receive their flu vaccination in school when the nurses visited. The clinic dates are: Wednesday 16th Dec 09:30-17:30 at West Newport Family Centre PO30 5QT & Wednesday 6th January also at West Newport Family Centre 13:00-17:30.

As these are drop in sessions, there may be a short wait to see a nurse, social distancing measures will be in place and face masks must be worn. **Please dress warmly as you may have to wait outside.**



Dinosaur Isle

Dinosaur Isle appreciate that it's been a year, when many children have missed out on some of their school educational visits and family days out. They are therefore, going to be opening their doors on a Friday & Saturday for the following 2 weekends before Christmas (11th & 12th and 18th & 19th December) They are offering all primary & pre-school children entry for £1 when accompanied by a full paying adult. They will ask for the name of the school when paying.

Due to Covid restrictions, they ask that anyone wishing to visit to book first please. Email dinosaur@iow.gov.uk or message on the Facebook page.

Cyber Scams

At this time, where there is potentially more online shopping and online activity in preparation for the festive season protecting yourself against cyber scams, is particularly important. This website is accessible to the public for top tips and advice – it is a government site.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>



Isle of Wight Foodbank – Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all your donations to the Foodbank through the reverse Advent calendar scheme. The wheelbarrow has been filled nearly every day! Thank you for your generosity in helping families on the Isle of Wight at this time of the year. This is being given to the Foodbank over the weekend.

Menu for next week:

| Day | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 |
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| Monday | BBQ Chicken Pasta Sweetcorn & Broccoli | Vegetable Tagine with Rice Sweetcorn & Broccoli | Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo. |
| | Dessert: Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit | | |
| Tuesday | Sausage Roll with Wedges Peas & Carrot & Beetroot Slaw | Vegan Mexican Roll with Wedges Peas & Carrot & Beetroot Slaw | Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo. |
| | Dessert: Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station | | |
| Wednesday | Roast Pork with a Baguette or Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots, Green Beans | Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Green Beans | Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo. |
| | Dessert: Iced Sponge or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit | | |
| Thursday | Christmas Party Lunch – pre-booked by Monday 14 th December. No bookings on the day. | | |
| Friday | Battered Fish with Chips Baked Beans & Peas | Spanish Omelette with Chips Baked Beans & Peas | Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo. |
| | Dessert: Spanish Cookie or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit | | |

Christmas Party Lunch Booking now being taken – please follow the link below to complete your child's order. Thank you ☺ All bookings to be made by midday on Monday. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/KsraGPSRtCnCaFvJA>

Christmas in School

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| Monday 14 th December | Keep your eyes peeled for the virtual Christmas Nativity, that we hope to release in the coming week. We will let you know when this goes live for you to enjoy. The children across the school, in classroom bubbles have worked hard to put this together, as have the staff working behind the scenes to piece this together – so we didn't have to cancel our annual Christmas service. |
| Thursday 17 th December | Christmas party in the classroom. PARTY CLOTHES CAN BE WORN THIS DAY! Christmas lunch – provided by our catering team. Please complete the following booking form if your child would like a party lunch this year. https://forms.gle/KsraGPSRtCnCaFvJA |
| Friday 18 th December | Vintage cinema. Whilst we can't all be together this year. This is a chance to enjoy a vintage film together in each classroom. |

Dates coming up:

Friday 18th December - Last day of term to break up for Christmas - (Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd Development Days)

Monday 4th January 2020 - Return to school in the New Year

Have a wonderful weekend. I'm sure there will be trees going up, wrapping paper and sellotape on the horizon and hopefully some rest and relaxation too. I look forward to seeing you next week, for the final week of term.

Rebecca Day - Headteacher



New Year work to improve two footbridges

Work to refurbish two busy footbridges over the railway line in Lake is to be undertaken by Island Roads early in the new year.

The footbridges at Skew Bridge and Alresford Road, will both be refurbished to ensure they are at the standards required by the Highways PFI contract.

Skew Bridge will be taken down in sections and stripped back and repainted off-site before being re-assembled and brought back into use. The deck plates – the footway surface – will be replaced as part of the work.

Because there is more space available at its location, the work to Alresford Bridge will be carried out with the structure in situ. Again, this will be stripped back, repainted and any necessary repairs to the steel structure and concrete deck will be undertaken.

Although subject to change, the work on both bridges is currently scheduled to begin on January 12.

Traffic management – as well as plans to allow people to cross the railway line - will be required during work. Plans are being finalised and will be announced in detail early next year but it is envisaged there will be a road closure on the main Shanklin to Lake road in place for a day while Skew Bridge is removed in sections and then a further day closure around five weeks later when the structure is re-assembled on site.

Work on Alresford footbridge will begin at the same time as Skew but last up to eight weeks. As the work is being done while the bridge is in situ, no road closure is necessary but Island Roads is looking at solutions to ensure pedestrians are catered for while the bridge is out of use.

Jason Boulter, Island Roads project manager, said the work had been timed to coincide with improvement work being carried out by IslandLine during which trains were not running.

In order to support families in our community that use the footbridge, please can you complete the google form, using the link below, so I can ascertain the support we can receive in managing journeys to and from school. It would be helpful for all families to complete this to ensure we know the percentage of families that use this as a school route, in our community. Thank you ☺

Many thanks,

Rebecca Day

<https://forms.gle/77LF9cvSABY9WnFe7> Google Form link for bridge use.



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