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Dear Parents and Carers,

I really cannot believe this is the final newsletter of the term, coupled with the final newsletter of 2020! What a year 2020 has been! My goodness me – what challenges we have all faced over the year... during the global pandemic and in some cases the challenges continue. If you have been affected in any way and need support, please remember we are here to help. I will always maintain the open door policy and the opportunity to help, if I can. Please do come and speak to us. When reflecting on 2020, I also feel there is so much to celebrate too... the wonderful NHS, the tremendous Key Workers that have supported all of us during the year, communities working together, families working hard with home learning and resilience beyond belief. Well done to everyone for all you have contributed to 2020 – it will be a year that will be never forgotten! As I say to the children, a year to write and keep your diary!

As a school, we are thankful that we have managed to keep the school open throughout the pandemic. Thank you to each and every one of you for working in collaboration, with us, to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of the school community. Following the simple rules of the one-way system, wearing a mask on site, washing hands and keeping a distance are all protective measures you have supported us with to keep the community safe. As we look ahead to 2021, hoping and praying that positivity, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be top of the school agenda as we go into the Spring term. I will continue to review the risk assessments and make amendments, if and when any changes are made during the break, and of course inform you of any at my earliest convenience.

The Government Guidelines currently state the following: If anyone in a family from school tests positive, following COVID symptoms between Friday 18th December and Thursday 24th December, please email the school email address (admin@gattenlakepri.iow.sch.uk) and I will be in touch with you. From Friday 25th December to Sunday 3rd January, you are not required to inform the school of a confirmed case. However, once school starts we will need to know. I am more than happy to accept emails throughout the break, so I can act swiftly to ensure the safety of the school community and offer any support if needed.

Many I take this opportunity to say a HUGE Happy Christmas to each and every member of the school community. I do hope you all have a happy, safe and socially distanced Christmas in family bubbles over the permitted days. I wish you all a very Happy New Year too ☺

Christingle

We really hope you enjoyed the Christingle Service that went live last night. All children in classrooms have learnt the songs to accompany the Reception children 'perform' the Nativity tableau along with the narratives. Y2 also did a sterling job of showing us their core RE learning about the Christingle. Creating a performance like this is always about team work, something we are proud of at Gatten and Lake. Each class has their part to play which is then coordinated overall. It is lovely for us to still be able to 'perform' as a whole school, whilst maintaining bubbles. If you have not yet seen it, please follow this link. <https://youtu.be/kchqEx315-4>



School parties and a special visit

Yesterday, each class had a party to celebrate the end of the term, and the festive period. The children enjoyed playing games together... have you ever seen a non-pass the parcel? (Mix Duck, Duck Goose and a present and you have an interesting game!) It has been a creative time for everyone, thinking and playing imaginative games. The children's faces were a delight. The staff have worked really hard this term, to ensure the focus on learning has been in place, covering both the current and past curriculum whilst ensuring this part of the term has been as festive as possible. But most importantly fun throughout. I would like to say a personal thank you to every child and member of staff for making this term the best it could be. Yesterday, we even managed to escort Father Christmas round the one way system to drop gifts to each bubble, outside the window... luckily the reindeer stayed tied up in the car park munching on carrots! ☺



Christmas Jumper Day

Many thanks for your very kind donations on Christmas Jumper Day. As a school we raised £197.12 for the charity 'Save the Children'. Thank you for your very generous donations at this time of the year.

School Video for Reception Class Starters in September 2021

This has been very well received, and there has been such lovely feedback from families about the school video release. The video remains accessible on the website via the front-page link; by viewing it via the Class DoJo school story page, as well as viewing it by this link <https://youtu.be/lw6Jn1KvI3s>. 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, we have just 4 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. The closing date for applications to Primary School in September 2021 is on 15th January. Thank you.

FLU VACCINE REMINDER

There is just **ONE** remaining catch up session for school-aged children who were unable to receive their flu vaccination in school when the nurses visited. The clinic dates is: Wednesday 6th January 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.



Railway Footbridge Closure

Following my meeting with the railway representatives this week, I have been analysing the data collected from the survey over the railway bridge usage. A bus will be running, free of charge, at timed intervals to transport families from the Alresford Road side of the bridge to school, for the duration of the bridge closure and will return passengers back to the same stop. Based on the survey outcomes, bus times will be allocated to families for the start and end of the day, based on least bubble mixes. Bus times will be distributed in the first couple of days back to the Spring term. Whilst this causes some disruption to routines for the first few weeks of the term, hopefully the bigger outcome of an upgraded bridge including anti-slip surfaces, etc. will reap long term benefits.

Bikes and buggies, can be transported on the buses. I will keep you updated.



Mental Health Awareness

Please see the information below about the Youth trust service for Mental Health Awareness.

The feedback from parents who have previously attended this, has been that it is extremely valuable, prompted thinking and gave support. If you would like to discuss this with us further please drop me an email or DoJo message.



The Youth Trust are excited to be offering Youth Mental Health Awareness course to parents of young Islanders between the ages of 8 -18 years. They will run two courses in January.

The first course will run on the evenings of Monday, 11th January and Tuesday, 12th January (delegates must attend **BOTH** sessions).

The second course will run on the evenings Monday 18th January and Tuesday 19th January (delegates must attend **BOTH** sessions).

What: Online Youth Mental Health Aware Training for Parents

When: Monday, 11th January **AND** Tuesday, 12th January from 5pm - 7pm
OR

When: Monday 18th January **AND** Tuesday 19th January from 5pm – 7pm

Where: Online via Zoom – you will be required to preregister for this meeting using your full name and email address.

Bookings: www.iowyouthtrust.co.uk/aware for further details and to book on to this course.

While we are very excited to be able to offer this course in a limited capacity for free, we do encourage participants to make a discretionary donation to help expand our reach.

Cancellations who give less than 24 hours' notice, or only attend the first session will be charged £50 and asked to return any course materials via post.

Should you have any questions about this course, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Menu for the first week back in January:

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Wedges Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Chickpea Curry, Rice Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Oaty Pear Crumble & Custard or Yogurt or Fresh Fruit		
Tuesday	Sausage Roll with Wedges, Cauliflower & Broccoli	Vegan Sausage Roll, Wedges, Cauliflower & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Syrup Sponge with Custard or yogurt or Fresh Fruit		
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Green Beans	Potato & Courgette Stack, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Green Beans	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Apple, Cheese & Crackers or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Thursday	Chicken with Rice Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Tomato & Veg Pasta, Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Yoghurt Station or Fresh Fruit		
Friday	Fish Fingers, Chips, Baked Beans & Peas	Homemade Vegetable Sausage, Chips, Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Pineapple Cake or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		

Christmas Waste Collection

Below is the schedule for waste collection for this year, over the festive season. Please be mindful of the change in dates. Thank you 😊

Reduce Reuse Recycle Wight this Christmas

Real tree Christmas collections
If you have a garden waste subscription, we will collect your real Christmas tree between 4 and 14 January with your garden waste on your garden waste collection day. Trees must be free of all decorations and pots.

Recycling centres
Lynnbottom Recycling Centre will be closed on Christmas Day ONLY. All other opening times are as normal.

Bulky waste collections
Bulky waste collections not available on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Festive and New Year Collection Schedule 2020-21
Waste/Recycling and Garden collections

Normally collected:	Will be collected on:
Monday 21 December	Saturday 19 December
Tuesday 22 December	Monday 21 December
Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 22 December
Thursday 24 December	Wednesday 23 December
Friday 25 December <small>(Christmas Day)</small>	Thursday 24 December
Monday 28 December	Unchanged
Tuesday 29 December	Unchanged
Wednesday 30 December	Unchanged
Thursday 31 December	Unchanged
Friday 1 January 2021 <small>(New Year's Day)</small>	Saturday 2 January 2021

Dates coming up:

Monday 4th January 2021 - Return to school in the New Year

Monday 1st February 2021 – Theatre Day in school

Friday 5th February – NSPCC Number Day – come to school dressed in digits... (A clock, a calculator, be as creative as possible)

Happy Christmas everyone – have a happy, safe and healthy Christmas break. 😊

Rebecca Day - Headteacher



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DECEMBER

1pm: 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 26th,
27th, 28th, 30th and 31st
5.45pm: 20th, 27th, 30th
Relaxed Show: signed using BSL
29th at 1pm, tickets £12

JANUARY

1pm: 1st, 2nd and 3rd
5.45pm: 2nd and 3rd

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 6TH NOVEMBER

VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY to adhere to social distancing guidelines

ALL TICKETS
£16.50

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