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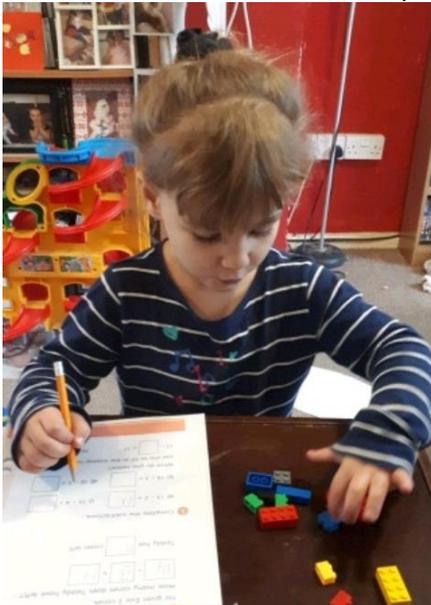
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, week 3 of home learning complete... and we are all half way through this half term's learning...!! I am sending huge congratulations to everyone in the school community who is engaging so well with 'blended learning'. Blended learning encompasses both home learning, school learning and a mix of both.

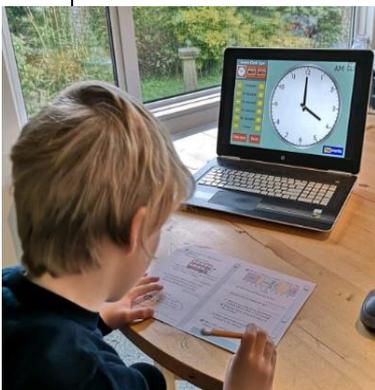
This week, let's start by celebrating some of the fabulous work that is going on in homes and at school, we'll celebrate more each week, so keep posting...



A brilliant idea to use Lego as a maths concrete resource at home



WOW!! The wolf's huff and puff... has blown down a house... great learning



Using an interactive clock to learn to tell the time



An Anglo-Saxon House – super independent creativity



Thank you Nico for your brilliant home learning exercise routine to share



Staff Lateral Flow Device Testing

Just to inform you, from the start of the coming week, all staff will be invited to complete Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly. This is part of the Governments strategy to identify asymptomatic members in the community. This has no impact on anything school is doing and will not affect learning, except in identified cases, where we will continue to consult with Public Health England and the DfE and keep you informed.

Free School Meals

If you are affected in any way by the pandemic and your financial position changing, please do ensure you apply to the IOW Council can support with Free School Meals. Please complete the form by following the link here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/iwforms/form.aspx?k=freesm>

If your application is successful they will inform you and the school.

Currently, if your child attends school and is in receipt of the Free School meals funding, hampers are available to order, please call the school office.

Winter Grant Scheme

If you find you are struggling financially in these very challenging times, there are services available for advice and support, who can provide direct financial support and/or sign post you to the most suitable service.

Citizens Advice are an excellent free service who are there to support they have access to fuel vouchers etc and excellent up to date advice. You can call them direct on 0800 44 8848 free of charge. You can visit their website where you will find information and a webchat if you would prefer to contact in this way.

<https://www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/>

Another service that is able to give advice are The Footprint Trust. They are particularly expert in advising on ways to conserve the heat in your home. <https://footprint-trust.co.uk/>

The organisations above work very much in partnership and below are contact details for a service able to direct you to the most suitable help and support for you.

01983 823859 or email helpthroughcrisis@iwcab.org.uk.

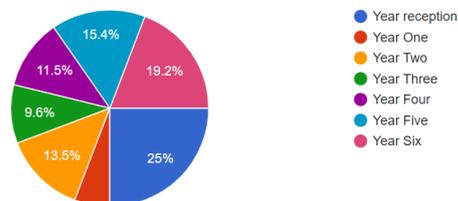
Period Poverty

Just to remind families that the school has a supply of free sanitary supplies available to members of the school community. This provision is through a government scheme and available to everyone without having to 'qualify' no questions are asked. Please contact us if you need to access this. If you phone, please ask for Jayne Poulton or Rebecca Day. Regent Pharmacy is part of the National Scheme that is available by going to the pharmacy and asking to access the free sanitary scheme.

School Feedback on Home / School / Blended Learning

Thank you so much for your feedback so far, as you can see we've had some uptake on the school survey. Yours view are very important to us. In order to gather your current views we would value your feedback through using the link below, if you have not done so already. Please complete one per child. Many thanks 😊
Your time is appreciated.

<https://forms.gle/DWefH1rRBYLY3VAz5>



Railway Footbridge Closure

The Railway Bridge is now currently closed. The refurbishment works have started to upgrade the bridge including anti-slip surfaces, which have been an ongoing concern in the winter frosts and icy conditions for a number of years. Hopefully, after this period of minimal disruption we'll all be grateful for the longer term benefits this upgrade will bring. As we are in a National Lockdown, the impact has not been as significant. However, Island Roads have worked with us to provide transport for the children and families of key workers and vulnerable children during this time. There is one bus, to and from school each day – please contact the office if you need to use this service.

Flu Vaccine – Catch Up Clinics

There are just two more sessions to ensure your children are up to date with their Flu jab for this year. The information below details the dates for flu catch up clinics.

The extra dates are:

25th Jan. Cowes Family Centre (PO31 7ET) 10:00 – 14:00

26th Jan. East Newport Family Centre 10:00 – 14:00

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.

If further information is needed parents can email snhs.childrensimmunisationteam@nhs.net or call the office on 821388.

I just want to reiterate my online message of huge thanks and well done to you all...

- To the children for showing such resilience at this time, the fantastic blended learning between home and school and for putting so much effort into all your work.
- To all our wonderful families. The amazing contribution parents, carers and some wider family members are making to offer support, encouragement and patience with the balancing act of home learning, work, household tasks and wellbeing of your family. You are all incredible.
- To the amazing staff team at Gatten and Lake – for supporting children's blended learning so well, with planning, resourcing, videos, calls as well as balancing the needs of your own family pressures too.



What a community school approach this is. Please, please, let me know if we can offer any more support to anyone. As I write this on Friday afternoon, I'm hoping we have some sunshine peeking through over the weekend, as it does help to bring a cheery smile to us all and hopefully get us all out for some fresh air and exercise over the weekend to relax and recharge. Socially distanced of course and only within your household bubble. Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and keep safe.

Rebecca Day - Headteacher

