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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Council

We have recently re-established the School Council, with representations from each class. School Council is made up of two representatives from each class to provide a talking platform and pupil voice into the school, including developments, evaluations, generation of ideas, items to take back to classrooms to discuss...

In KS2, children apply for the position by completing an application form in their own time. These are handed to the class teacher who presents the collated forms to Mrs Jenkins (School Council leader) and Year Six who triage the forms based on the applications, down to six per class. These children then present their information and any other information to their own class, who democratically vote for the two people they believe will be effective class representatives on the School Council. In KS1 there is less formality to the process however democracy still plays its part, in readiness for KS2.

Please meet our School Council Representatives for the Summer Term...

		
Year One	Year Two	Year Three
		
Year Four	Year Five	Year Six



Parents Evening – School Cloud

Evaluation of Parents evening, via school cloud. Apologies for the inconvenience caused, the link referred to on 23rd April, is now activated. It has gone live today. Please take the time to complete your evaluation of this new system. Many thanks in advance for a few moments of your time.

<https://forms.gle/FRi2XkDTy5L7d8gX6>

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

I want to reassure all Year 6 parents that transition arrangements to secondary are well under way now. Secondary schools will be in touch with you directly, with information regarding the process for your children, from each of the secondary schools viewpoints.

Secondary colleagues are visiting Gatten and Lake to meet with children, outside, in line with COVID secure risk assessments. Each secondary school has their own unique process for transition, there is no uniform approach. As far as I am aware, there are timelines being sent to parents and carers about planned meetings, uniform, transition events – including remote and live meetings as children prepare to move on to their new school. We have been made aware of two transition days at the very end of the summer term, where children can experience their secondary school – this is far more extensive than was permitted last year. Please bear with all secondary schools whilst they await the latest guidance as each school wants to do its part in keeping everyone safe. I will update you with any further information as soon as it becomes available. If you have not received any communication yet, please do let me know and I can ensure you are on the correct mailing lists etc for your child's new school.

Magic Breakfasts

Magic Breakfasts are a charity organisation that support breakfast clubs in schools. We order our cereal and bagels through them for direct delivery to the school. They want to support children throughout the year regardless of it being a school day or a day in a break from school. Therefore, on occasion your child may receive a box of cereal or a pack of bagels to bring home with them. This entitlement is for every family and is our way of supporting every child in the school community to have a breakfast to start their day. I have had many parents and carers ask if they are entitled to this. The answer is yes – you are a member of the school community and therefore your child can have access to a breakfast cereal on occasion, as determined by the school and supplies from Magic breakfasts. If you would prefer not to receive this, we won't be offended – please just say. Similarly, requests cannot be made for certain cereals, this is a donation and therefore only cereals which fit into healthy lifestyles with certain quantities of sugar and nutritional values are provided. 😊

Adult and Community Learning Programme

The Adult and Community Learning summer programme is now available, so why not click onto this link www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses and check out the extensive range of workshops and courses on offer. Whether its IT, Art or Craft, you're bound to find something of interest, plus they are offering FREE short online courses, covering a wide variety of topics. Bookings are also being taken for Functional Skills courses in English and Maths starting from September, did you know that the Level 2 is equivalent to a pass grade 4-5 at GCSE and is widely recognised by employers, colleges and some universities. So what are you waiting for, you have nothing to lose! You can also contact us on 01983 817280 or acl@iow.gov.uk

Scooting to school

A reminder that scooting to school is great for health and wellbeing, but unless ridden safely and adhering to pavement and pedestrian safety, an accident can easily happen. Helmets MUST be worn please to and from the school site, to keep adhering to this important safety aspect. A near miss on the main road, was reported last week, where a child fell into the road. We want all children to be safe when coming to school. Please see the last 2 pages for scooter safety...



Week 5 Menu:

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Sausage Roll with Wedges Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Tuesday	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice Peas & Carrots	Five Bean Chilli with 50/50 Rice Peas & Carrots	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Wednesday	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Quorn Roast Fillet, Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Veg	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Pear & Ginger Slice or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Thursday	Chicken & Red Pepper Pizza, Wedges, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry, 50/50 Rice, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Friday	Fish in Batter, Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Cheese & Tomato Quiche, Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Orange & Lemon Shortbread or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		

Holiday Club

Holiday club, run by the pre-school and located on the school site, will open again from May Half Term. Hours available are between 8am and 6pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is charged at £3 per hour per child. Please can you let pre-school know if you will be needing this facility so children can be booked in beforehand. The telephone number for bookings is: 07718486058

Clubs

Unfortunately, school based clubs are not scheduled to start until the Autumn Term. In school we are avoiding the mixing of any bubbles. Therefore, the children would only be able to participate in a club within their class group, offering just one club to the whole cohort. I appreciate some schools are mixing bubbles to offer clubs, I would like the security of a COVID secure risk assessment for the summer term at Gatten and Lake. In surveying the children and asking the choice of clubs they would like to do, there is an extensive range – some practical...some less so!! School council are currently evaluating the club choices children have considered and are looking at the viability of these for a programme of clubs from the Autumn Term. Whilst school can't offer clubs, there are some external activities going on across the Island. When these are made available to us, I will make you aware of these via the school newsletter... this week there are a few to advertise...

Arreton Cricket Club

5 - 12 year old Boys and Girls – Cricket
Fully qualified coaches and registered helpers.
9:30-10:30am every Sunday throughout the summer.
Membership costs £5 for the year. Refreshments available.

Dynamos Cricket

Girls only Cricket – Sunday morning – 9:40am -10:40am. (8-11year olds) see website: dynamoscricet.co.uk

Dynamos Cricket

27th June to 15th August – 9:30-10:15am. 5-8year old Boys and Girls cricket. See website: allstarscricket.co.uk



Play Junior Rugby with Vectis Rugby Club

New players always welcome at any time of year

Boys and Girls

New Under-6s (Year 1) starting in September 2021

Under 6's/Under 7's/Under 8's are all non-contact tag rugby. Sessions are all delivered by experienced coaches with first aid qualifications and DBS checks. This year we are running up to the summer holidays.

Teamwork
Respect
Enjoyment
Discipline
Sportsmanship

Teams and age groups

Under 6s (Year 1) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10:00-11:00 (from Sept)
Under 7s (Year 2) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10:00-11:00
Under 8s (Year 3) - Venue SSRFC (Sandown) Fridays 16:15-17:30
Under 9s (Year 4) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10:00-11:00
Under 10s (Year 5) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 11:15-12.15
Under 11s (Year 6) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 11:15-12.15
Under 12s (Year 7) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 11:15-12.15

Contact

For more details go to vectisrugby.co.uk

Additionally register your child's interest:

For Under 7s & Under 6s contact
Steve via WhatsApp (07368527330)

For Under 8s contact
Paul (07782 238752) or Sam (07932 045367)



Visit www.vectisrugby.co.uk - Volunteers always welcome!

Have a wonderful weekend. Mixed weather forecast – rain tomorrow and a brighter day on Sunday.

I look forward to seeing 209 smiling children on Monday – ready for another week of fun learning at school ☺

It is also Mental Health Awareness Week – which we will be participating in as a school. The focus is on 'Nature'... more updates to follow next Friday.

Rebecca Day - Headteacher



Get going with Sustrans

Start scooting

Scooting used to be a child's first step to cycling, but now it is a way of getting about and a sporting activity all the way into adulthood; healthy, environmentally friendly and inexpensive.

FILM This sheet should be used in conjunction with Sustrans' instructional scooter video, featuring Terry Price from MADD Gear UK, available at tinyurl.com/scooterskills



Scooter safety check

Before using a scooter, make sure it's safe to ride by using the 'L' check. There are two different types of scooter – folding and fixed/stunt – and although there are different models and makes of scooter, the diagram above gives a guide to the basic parts.

Activity instructions

Start at the top of the 'L' and work your way down and then along.

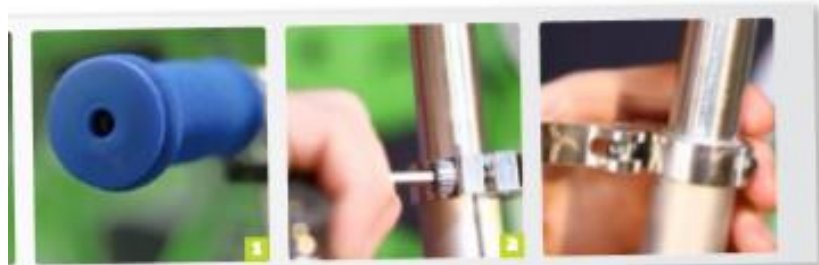
- 1 Make sure there are bar-end plugs in place and the grips are in good condition and attached securely.
- 2 With a folding scooter, you have adjustable handlebars. They should be set around waist height and the clamp holding them must be tight.

What you need

- › Depending on the manufacturer and model, you may need different tools to make adjustments. Most scooters need a 5mm hex/allen key and a pair of spanners to adjust the headset.

Things to remember

- › Wear appropriate footwear such as trainers. Sandals and flip-flops aren't suitable
- › Be careful of baggy clothing that may get caught up in the scooter
- › Always make sure you have your schoolbag on your back securely. If it's over your handlebars, it could throw you off balance
- › Put any clothes you aren't wearing in your schoolbag.



- 3 The handlebars connect to the deck at the headset. Make sure any clamps are fully tightened and if the headset rocks back and forth then this will also need tightening – enough to stop the movement but still allowing the handlebars to turn smoothly.
- 4 If there is a folding mechanism, check it is fully locked in the riding position. Tighten any loose bolts.
- 5 Grip tape on the deck will wear out and need replacing from time to time.
- 6 Brakes are important for helping stop the scooter. Make sure any bolts are secure.
- 7 Make sure the wheels spin freely and are attached securely. Axles can come loose and cause the wheel to wobble when riding.

Remember – you can't check parts that aren't there... have a look and ensure no obvious parts are missing or badly damaged.



Things to remember

Pavement etiquette

- › Be considerate to others, especially the elderly, wheelchair users, those with babies and young children, large groups and dog walkers
- › Pass them slowly and walk if you need to. A little courtesy goes a long way.

Crossing the road

- › Find a safe place, then STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing
- › Don't scoot on the road. Carry your scooter or push it alongside you.

Scooting in the rain and dark

- › Take extra care when scooting in the wet as the brake won't work so well
- › At dusk or in the dark, consider putting flashing lights on your scooter. Brightly coloured and reflective clothing will also help you be seen.

Tip

Adult scooters are available to buy and can legally be ridden on the pavement, allowing parents to accompany their child.

Skills training

It is important children learn to handle their scooters competently so that they can ride safely. Your local authority may offer training. Get in touch with their road safety team to find out what's on offer, or speak to your Sustrans contact if you have one.

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