



ST HELENS PRIMARY



Friday 20th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance week from: 09/01/17 to 13/01/17

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Unauthorised Absences
Wren	96.8%	3	0
Robin	97.8%	0	10
Puffin	94.8%	8	6
Kingfisher	96.5%	1	0

Whole school attendance for the week was 94.3%

If your child is too unwell to attend school please contact us to let us know. You can phone on 872442 or email us on admin.sthelenspri@tiscali.co.uk. If you let us know by phone please can you put the reason for your child’s absence in writing when they return to school. We are required to ask you for this in order to follow the Local Authority attendance procedures, and if we don’t receive a letter or email we have to follow it up.

Education Welfare Assistants are currently conducting unannounced ‘Late Sweeps’, and I’m delighted to report that the number of pupils arriving late to school has dropped significantly. Well done everyone.

Listening to Children Read

Our curriculum has changed and consequently we have developed the way we teach reading at school. Children take part in Guided Reading regularly within the classroom, and children who need extra reinforcement follow the Rapid Read scheme. As a result we don’t have the same opportunities to hear children read from their everyday reading books. You can help in two ways! Firstly listen to your children read regularly and write positive comments in their reading records. Secondly visit school for an hour or two to hear children read. We already have some wonderful parents who hear reading, but could really do with more. Grandparents would be very welcome, as they often have more time to share. Please fill in the slip below if you can spare some time during an afternoon. Training will be provided.

Parents Questionnaire

Please find a copy of the Parents Questionnaire attached to this newsletter. We would like your views as to how we’re doing, and all comments will be appreciated. You may stay anonymous if you wish, but it is really helpful if you sign your name as it allows us to follow up any concerns or issues with you. Please return to the office by Friday 27th January, and I will collate the results and send home a copy.

Indoor Yard Sale Update

The indoor yard sale that was held at The Castle on Saturday raised £1034.16 which Jonathan Bacon has very generously donated to the PTA to put towards the library bus. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the sale on the day. We now have sufficient funds to begin the site work to be completed before the bus arrives, and will be looking for contractors to help us.

Mother and Toddler Group

Our lovely Montessori Pre School have started a Mother and Toddler Group on a Friday afternoon from 1.30-3.00. Please let any friends or neighbours who may be interested know it's started, and that they will be very welcome.

Classroom Water Bottles

All children should have a water bottle for use in the classroom. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school every day as we are having to provide large volumes of plastic cups when children are thirsty.

Sharing Assembly

All are welcome to round off the week with a celebration of our children's beautiful work and achievements. Please bring along grandparents and friends of the school.



TOTAL HOUSE POINTS AS AT WEEK ENDING 13th January 2017

MARSHALLS	697
FAKENHAM	617
HILLGROVE	832
EDDINGTON	829

Reading

I would like to help listen to children read. The afternoon(s) I can help is:

Mon [] Tue [] Wed [] Thu [] Fri []

Signed

Name of Child



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LIVE

 Chartwells

w/c Monday 23rd January 2017

- Monday: Macaroni Cheese/Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta(v), Sweetcorn and Crunchy Salad, Crunchy Italian Biscuit with Fruit Slices
- Tuesday: Sausages and Mashed Potatoes/Cauliflower Corn Bake(v), Mashed Potato, Peas and Carrots, Fruit Strudel with Custard
- Wednesday: Roast Turkey with Gravy/Vegetarian Toad in the Hole(v), Roast Potatoes, Swede & Carrot and Seasonal Cabbage, Chocolate Oatie Cookie with Fruit Slices
- Thursday: Orange Chicken with Basmati Rice/Sizzling Bean Fajitas(V) with Peppers & Onions in a Flour Tortilla, Peas and Broccoli, Mango Frozen Yoghurt
- Friday: Salmon Goujons with Chips/Vegetarian Burger with Chips, Baked Beans and Crunchy Light Coleslaw, Fruity Sponge Cake with Custard

If your child would like the vegetarian option on a particular day, please can they let Mrs Anderson know so she can order enough portions from Bembridge kitchen.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 17th February - School closes at 3.00pm/3.10pm for half term
Friday 7th April - School closes at 2.00pm for the Easter Break
Monday 24th April - School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer Term
Monday 1st May – School Closed Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 26th May - School closes at 3.00pm/3.10pm for half term
Monday 5th June - School reopens at 8.45am
Tuesday 25th July - School closes at 2.00pm for the Summer Break

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at www.sthelensprimaryschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss Jane Loader
Headteacher



10 BIKES TO BE WON!

To count down the newly formed IW Cycle Fest, SpyVelo.com, based in Cowes, is giving away a youth bike every month between December and next September.

All you need to do is answer a different question each month and you could be in with a chance of winning a brand new Ridgeback or Saracen Road or MTB bike.

The competition is open to 6 to 16 year olds.

Check out our website – www.iwcyclefest.com - from the 17th November, to find out more competition details and to see how you can take part in next years Cycle Fest.

Exciting opportunity to take part in an MFL competition open to all Key Stage 2 pupils.

This competition entitled “A message to the World from the Isle of Wight” is launched by Ryde academy to promote Foreign Language Learning in Island Primary Schools. Children are invited to design a postcard with a message which must include words in a language or languages other than English, as well as imagery. A prize of one voucher per year group is offered by Ryde academy and all participating children will receive dojos and French fun-stickers.

Year 3 are to write a greeting.

Year 4 are to use one simple sentence to encourage people to walk, use public transport or car-share to reduce traffic on our Island roads and help preserve our very special environment.

Year 5 are to use two short sentences encouraging people to eat healthy foods and exercise.

Year 6 are to use 4 sentences in their postcard. These should concern protecting our planet by not wasting resources and by recycling, as we do on the Isle of Wight.

The above subject areas are very broad and are generally linked to topics that we have studied in class. The writing element may be in French, or any other foreign language.

Card for entries will be available from staff. Make sure you illustrate your message with an eye-catching, colourful picture. Please write your age, class, MFL teacher and school clearly on the reverse side of your entry. The closing date for all entries is **Monday 13th February**.

Any questions or guidance required on internet sites to use, Madame Cowley will be available after school on Tuesdays.