



## ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned to school full of beans and it has been a pleasure to welcome them back. On Monday both children and adult Adventurers were adorned with superhero costumes and super excited – especially Mrs. Rees.

Adventurers have had a super start back at school! They have enjoyed starting their new English text, Eliot the Midnight Superhero. The children have thought of fun adventures that Eliot has been on. Rowan said "On Wednesday Eliot saved someone from being eaten by a massive shark!" and Josiah said "On Thursday Eliot saved Obie from a pirate army of chickens!"

Maths has also been exciting, the children have been learning how to measure. Year 1 has used uniform units such as blocks and Year 2 used centimeters to measure superheroes. On Friday all the children used a car ramp in the hall and measured the distance their cars travelled in meters and centimeters.

On Tuesday English Heritage visited Adventurers and we explored old toys from the past 100 years. The children were fascinated by the zoetrope and enjoyed playing with all the different toys.

In Art the children have created amazing pictures using paint wash for the background and cartoon style superheroes.

Pioneers have had a busy week. The children have enjoyed learning about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica. This is linked to their new text in English- 'Ice Trap' and their topic 'Extreme Environments'. They loved making their very own Endurance's - the boat used in the voyage. They were challenged to see how many passengers their boats could hold. We used multi-link cubes to represent the passengers and the winning team managed to hold over 40! We have had a lovely visit to the library bus on Monday and the children had a chance to change their books. Jasmine managed to read her new book by Tuesday morning which was very impressive- well done! We have also been making predictions in English and looking at extending the children's vocabulary. I was very impressed that Sam understood what 'insubordination' meant, and he was able to use this in a sentence, well done!

Explorers have turned their role play area into Legoland after expressing an interest from recent toys they received at Christmas. They have been constructing and designing different models and making posters. In Maths they have been looking at number sequencing, making big number lines, writing their own number lines and solving number problems. This week they looked at the story of Rainbow Fish Comes to the Rescue and from this the children wanted to design their own fish, some even made a fish tank for their fish.

Mrs. Maloney says that it has been great to be back in the Discoverers class and thanks you all for your good wishes and support. This week the children have enjoyed entering into The Stone Age in Literacy, Topic and Art work. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be able to write a

report about how to survive in the Stone Age. In Maths the children have worked with positive and negative numbers by looking at thermometers as well as using bar models to help in fraction understanding. Today in Art the class were engrossed in the task of creating Cave Paintings and they all are really impressed with their results.

Fortunately I managed to witness the cave paintings during an afternoon visit to the class. Truly fantastic work Discoverers.

Thanks to our resident Irish dancers who shared their talents in assembly. A spectacular performance from Roo, Annie-May and Kizzy.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Mr Wake

 **THIS WEEKS AWARDS** 

<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
<b>Explorers</b>	Luke	Micah M
<b>Adventurers</b>	Lylah	Willow
<b>Adventurers</b>	Nikola	Eden
<b>Discoverers</b>	Max A	Evelyn S-H
<b>Discoverers</b>	Georgia-Rose	Alex Mc
<b>Pioneers</b>	Elliott	Hadleigh
<b>Pioneers</b>	Jasmine	Reuben

Children receive their awards certificates at the Celebration Assembly on Fridays at 9:00am. If your child has been selected you will receive an invitation to the assembly via school text message. Please note all parents are welcome to attend the assembly.

### Attendance week from: 16/12/19 to 20/12/19

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	96.2%	7	2h 15m	4	1
Adventurers	89.6%	0	0	8	19
Discoverers	94.4%	3	1h 35m	12	6
Pioneers	88.2%	3	30m	14	12

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 91.8% which is below the national expectation of 96%

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.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.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 otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised. 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.

#### Lego!

The children in Explorers class have returned to school DESPERATE to build Lego. With that in mind, we have decided to create a Lego factory in our classroom. If anyone has ANY spare Lego instruction booklets that we can either have or photocopy, we would be incredibly grateful!

We are also desperate for Lego. If you have any you could donate to us, it would make a huge difference.

The children will be taking their own photos of the models and may even make their own Lego booklets so they can recreate their models.

Thanks so much!! Mrs. Lacey

#### Road Closure Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

For parents/carers coming from Seaview, Nettlestone direction - Upper Green Road in St Helens will be closed from the junction with Eddington/Duver Road to the junction with Lower Green Road (by the Community Centre/church) from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January until 4.00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will return from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 2.45pm to 3.30pm in the school hall. Leaflets will be sent home with the children next week.

#### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Scholastic Book Fair 2.45 – 3.30pm (school hall)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Noel Turner Science Festival (Year 5)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens at 8.45am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - School closes for the Easter Break

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer Term

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed Bank Holiday

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - School reopens at 8.45am

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Residential

Friday 24th July - School closes for the Summer Break

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at [www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk](http://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk)

**School Dinner Menu Week Commencing 13th January 2020 (£2.05 per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)**

**Menu change???**

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Main</b>	Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice 	Sausage, Mashed Potato & Gravy 	Roast Turkey with Roasted Potatoes and Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread 	Fish Fingers with Chips 
	<b>Vegetarian</b>	Cheese Whirl with new Potatoes 	Linda McCartney Sausages, Mashed Potato & Gravy 	Quorn Roast with Roasted Potatoes 	Vegetable Hotpot 	Cheese & Tomato Quiche 
	<b>Dessert</b>	Apple Flapjack 	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle 	Apple, Cheese & Crakers 	Yoghurt Station 	Orange and Lemon Shortbread 

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

**Textile Bank Reminder**

Don't forget that we have a textile bank (located by the bicycle racks) where you can donate unwanted **clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, bedding and towels (in a tied bag)**. The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. ***Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.***

**FUNDS RAISED SO FAR £116.20**

**Ink Cartridge Recycling**

The school has signed up to a scheme run by The Recycling Factory to recycle printer ink cartridges and raise funds for the school at the same time. If you wish to help out, please bring in your empty ink cartridges for us to send off - there is a box in the foyer for you to deposit them.

**Walkers Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme**

We have now taken delivery of a green recycling bin (courtesy of Amey) which will be placed at the front of the school, in the corner by the side gate. If you, your children, family and friends would like to take part in the recycling scheme too, then please collect your empty crisp packets at home and when you have a few, bring them to school and put them in our bin!

**CRISP PACKETS COLLECTED SO FAR - 4134**



# Wildbeach Tots

*Funded by "Down to the Coast"*

At Wildbeach we use the Forest School ethos to enable children to explore, discover, create, play and learn, within a coastal environment.

Sessions take place at Bouldnor on:

**Wildbeach Tots** for under-fives with parents and carers  
10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Thursday's: 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Sessions will begin at the Forest School site where we will then go on an adventure walk to the beach.

If the tide/weather is poor we will stay and play in the forest.

Please book your place with us:

Kelly Wetherick  
Wildbeach Officer  
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07825 212473

£5 donation per session

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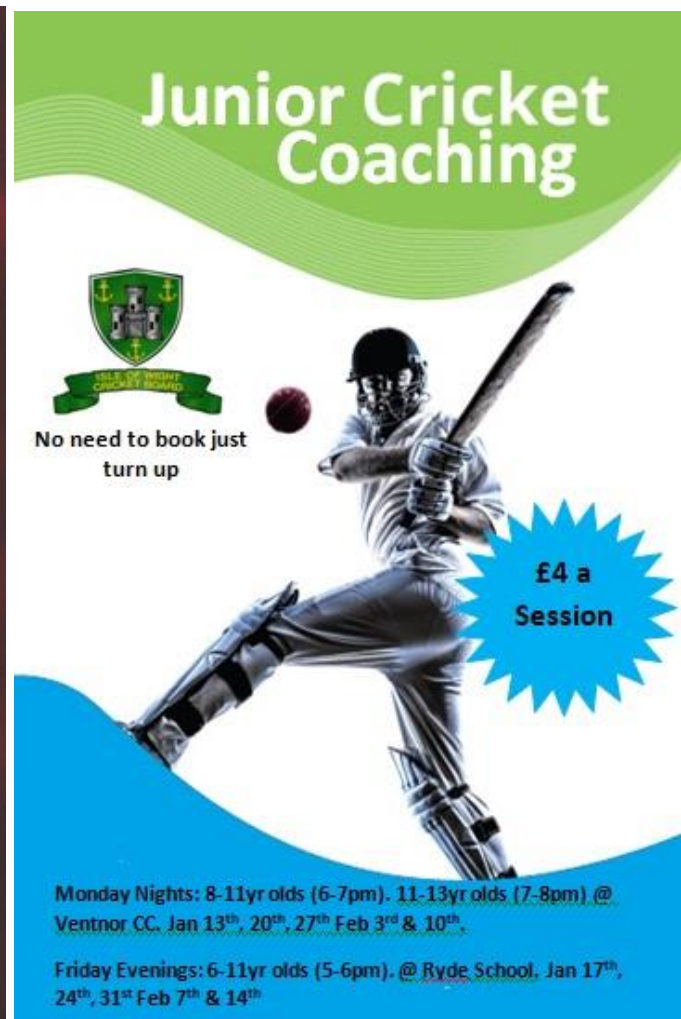
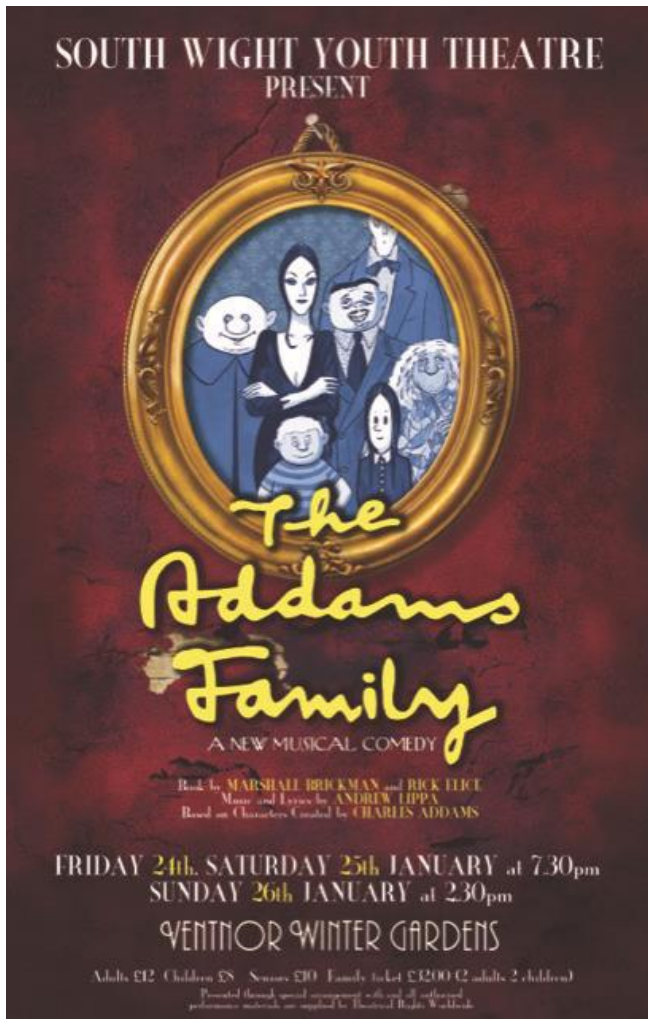
**Traditional Japanese Karate**  
 Affiliated to the Applied Karate Association (AKA)

**Young Tigers club**  
 Training suitable for 6 to 9 years

**Wednesday 17.00 - 17.45**  
**Starting 8th January**

Bembridge Youth and Community Centre  
 Steyne Park  
 Steyne Road  
 Bembridge PO35 5UL

**Find us on Facebook - Bembridge Karate**



## ***Sandman Snowman***

**Sunday 16th February 2020**

10.30am until lunchtime...

Don't wait for it to snow to make a snowman!

Join The Common Space on Sandown Bay's Science Beach, come snow or shine, and make your own Snowman... out of sand!

Carrots and coal provided and hot chocolate on tap!

Bring a bucket and spade and wrap up REALLY warm.

Find us on The Science Beach, the seafront opposite Browns Golf Course, Culver Parade, Sandown PO36 8QA

Free event!

Follow us on Facebook: @TheBayTCS and @ShapingTheBay or contact [claire@arc-consulting.co.uk](mailto:claire@arc-consulting.co.uk)



## ***Discovery Bay... British Science Week 2020***

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am – 4pm

Celebrate British Science Week in Sandown Bay with a day of scientific discovery and natural history!

Drop-in laboratories and pop-up displays featuring natural wonders from pickled worms to pond life, moths, moss and poo. The Bay science team from The Common Space, Arc, Artecology, Dinosaur Isle and The National Poo Museum will all be there, and it's free for all the family!

Find us in the Education Room, Dinosaur Isle, Culver Parade, Sandown PO36 8QA.

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