



ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to see that attendance has improved dramatically with all classes attaining 98% or above.

We have had another excellent week at St Helens with the children producing some great work in their classes. The hall is beginning to resemble an art gallery at the moment with some quality work from both Pioneers and Adventurers. The pop art helps to add amazing colour and the wonderful penguin pictures look very professional.

Friday assembly always helps to highlight the many skills the children offer our school. Recent weeks we have witnessed amazing dancing, musicians and singers to go alongside our excellent mathematicians and writers.

We have welcomed Willow and Eden into Adventurers this term and the girls have settled in well.

This week Explorers have been adding using animals, counters, their fingers and also writing the additions. They had great fun outside in groups of two collecting different given amounts of leaves and sticks before adding their amounts to other groups to find the total.

They have also been really interested in the 'how many jar' where they have to write their estimate of how many objects are in the jar. They have been very excited to see if their estimate was correct. In addition we have seen lots of lovely independent writing happening this week as their confidence in applying new sounds grows. We have seen more and more tickets and posters being made for the Legoland role play area.

It has been another busy week for Pioneers! In Science, the children have been learning about evolution and focusing on adaptations. They learnt about Charles Darwin and his study on finches. They experimented with different 'beaks' (scissors, tweezers, pegs and spoons) to see how much food (peas, mini marshmallows, pasta and paper clips) they could get in their bird stomachs (a cup) in one and a half minutes. As a class, they collected the results and worked out the mean. From the results, they concluded that the spoons made the best beaks!

In Topic, the children have been looking at longitude and latitude lines and using them to help locate certain countries - ready to help locate extreme environments. Application letters have been written to Ernest Shackleton to apply to be one of his crew members on his expedition - this is linked to the class text 'Ice Trap'. The 'explorers' had to highlight key skills that would make them invaluable members of the crew. Bea mentioned her previous journey to the Arctic that would offer excellent experience and George mentioned that he had served in the Army Medical Corp supporting ill and injured people. Only 9 of the class said they would have liked to have applied for a job on the Endurance mainly due to the risk of not returning, missing their families and cold weather! In Art, the children have created some amazing sketches of penguins. They are now on display in the hall - please do come and see them, they really are fantastic!

Discoverers began this week with a science investigation into Forces; recording the difference in force needed to pull increasing weights. All the children worked sensibly and enthusiastically in pairs. In English they continue to explore the Stone Age; exploring differences and similarities with modern day life and specifically how to make a fire in the Stone Age and why it would have been so important to keep the fire burning. We have begun thinking about our annual competition question "If you were an engineer what would you do?" The children are each being asked to think of an original invention to solve an everyday problem. In Maths we are multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100 and using this knowledge to solve money based questions.

Adventurers have been creating newspaper articles about Eliot the midnight superhero in English. In Maths they have been focusing on number bonds up to 20 in Year 1 and adding using the expanded column method in Year 2.

The children have enjoyed using the apparatus during their PE session with Mrs Shenton. The KS1 gymnastics after school club on Tuesdays is also popular, Bella said that she loves climbing the ropes and Lylah said "I love everything about it, it's just real good fun!"

Science has been interesting, the children have been learning about body parts and labelling superhero bodies. They have learnt the main body parts alongside others such as collar bone, hip, forearm and calf.

Some amazing self-portraits have been sketched in art and the children have enjoyed adding some pop art paint techniques and colours to the portraits.

Next week I am meeting with the FOSH to discuss future plans for your children, the book fair is arriving for a week, Pioneers are offering a cake sale on Tuesday and the teachers are receiving some advice and ideas to support music in the curriculum as part of their weekly training.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mr Wake

THIS WEEKS AWARDS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Maria-Grace	Georgie
Adventurers	Milly A	Bella
Adventurers	Thomas G	Obie
Discoverers	Samson	Abi
Discoverers	Jack B	Roo
Pioneers	Amy	Galt
Pioneers	Sophie	Nancy

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: 06/01/20 to 10/01/20

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	98.5%	4	90	0	2
Adventurers	99.3%	0	0	0	2
Discoverers	97.8%	1	15	0	7
Pioneers	97.7%	0	0	0	5

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 98.3% which is above 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 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will return from Wednesday 22nd January until Monday 27th January from 2.45pm to 3.30pm in the school hall. Leaflets have been sent home with the children.

Year 6 Cake Sale

On Tuesday 21st January, the Year 6s will be holding a cake sale to raise money for PHSE (personal, health, social and economic) resources. Please could you bring in any donations of cakes on Tuesday morning. All cakes will be sold for 20p each so children will need to bring in some money please! We really appreciate your support. It is a great way for the year 6s to develop their independence and use their maths skills.

A4 Frames Needed

We would be grateful for any spare A4 frames for the St Helens Community Art Project where the children will be selling their art work to raise funds for the school.

TO THE PARENTS/CARERS OF RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 CHILDREN



On Monday 2nd March at 1.00pm the Reception and Year 6 children are having their height and weight recorded by the School Nurses on behalf of The Local Authority Public Health, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Nationally this data is sent anonymously to the Department of Health who use the BMI (Body Mass Index) calculated from the measurements to target relevant services to specific areas of the country.

Locally this data is kept on your child's health notes and soon you will be sent a letter informing you of which range your child's BMI falls into. It is important to remember that whilst this BMI data is useful to show national trends, individually it may produce some unexpected results. The BMI ranges try to account for the fact that children are constantly growing but occasionally an anomaly will occur and a child who looks to be in proportion will record a BMI outside the 'healthy range'.

If you receive a letter that puts your child into a different range to one you were expecting or you have a concern regarding your child's growth, please contact the School Nursing Team who will be happy to look at individual data and offer any support or advice.

Your School Nurse can be contacted on 821388 (Ext 1 or 2).

Dates for your diary

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

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

Friday 14th February - School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Tuesday 25th February – School reopens at 8.45am

Monday 2nd March – 1.00pm Year R & 6 National Child Measurement Programme

Saturday 21st March – St Helens Horticultural Show 9.00am to 5.00pm

Friday 3rd April - School closes at 3.00pm for the Easter Break

Monday 20th April - School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer Term

Friday 8th May – School Closed Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May - School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Monday 1st June - School reopens at 8.45am

Monday 1st June – Class/Group Photos 1.30pm


Monday 15th to Friday 19th June – Year 6 Residential

Friday 24th July - School closes at 3.00pm for the Summer Break

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at

www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk

School Dinner Menu Week Commencing 20th January 2020 (£2.05 per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	Main	Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza 	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti 	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles 	Fish in Batter with Chips 
	Vegetarian	Five Bean Chili with Rice 	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti 	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Stir Fry with Noodles 	Cheese Frittata with Chips 
	Dessert	Oatie Cookie 	Banana Sponge & Custard 	Sliced Cheese, Apple & Biscuits 	Yoghurt Station 	Chocolate and Mandarin Brownie 

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





WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 10AM TO 12.30PM

An island school with a global outlook



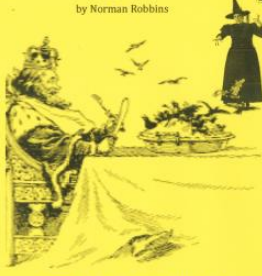
RYDE SCHOOL
WITH UPPER CHINE


Wight Island Players


Present
A traditional Family Pantomime

Sing a Song of Sixpence

by Norman Robbins




Bembridge Village Hall

Friday 17th January at 7.30 pm. Doors open 7 pm
 Saturday 18th January at 2.30 pm. Doors open 2 pm
 Saturday 18th January at 7.30 pm. Doors open 7 pm
 Sunday 19th January 2.30 pm. Doors open 2 pm

Adults £8 - Children £4

Tickets on sale from Tuesday 17th December
 from the Welcome Store, Lane End
 No telephone bookings


50% off everything



Isle of Wight
foodbank #TurningFashionIntoFood


Monthly Clothing Sale @ Foodbank HQ, Love Lane,
 Cowes, PO31 7ET
 Sat 1st Feb 10am - 1pm www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY 2020



What will your home need to be in 15 years' time?

Let us know by completing the survey at:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IWHousingNeeds2020



ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING PROGRAMME

SPRING 2020

ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19+



All workshops and courses take place at the Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde, PO33 1DS unless otherwise stated. To book a place on any of our courses, please contact the Isle of Wight Council's Adult Community Learning team on 01983 812280, acle@iw.gov.uk or visit www.iwcommunitylearning.ac.uk

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS: MATHS & ENGLISH

All courses are fully funded and offered at no cost.

Maths course

Friday 10 January, 9.30am - 11.30am

English course

Friday 10 January, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

ICT

Computer for beginners (6 weeks) - all fully funded.

Monday 13 January to 17 February, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Monday 24 February to 30 March, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Freshwater Methodist Church, Brookside Road, Freshwater
Wednesday 26 February to 1 April, 10am - 1pm

Salisbury Gardens, Dudley Road, Ventnor
Thursday 27 February to 2 April, 10am - 1pm

ECDL Presentation Software Level 1/2 (6 weeks fully funded)

Thursday 16 January - 20 February, 6pm - 9pm

ART

Learn to Sketch (workshop)

Tuesday 4 February, 10am - 12.30pm
£12/£4 concession

Painting with Acrylics (workshop)

Wednesday 12 February, 10am - 3pm £30/£10 concession

Drawing Historical Buildings (workshop)

Saturday 15 February, 10am - 3pm £30/£10 concession

Working with Pastels (workshop)

Tuesday 25 February, 10am - 3pm £30/£10 concession

Painting in the Style of Barge/Gypsy Art (workshop)

Thursday 27 February, 10am - 3pm £35/£15 concession

Decorative Mon-Prints (workshop)
Tuesday 3 March, 10am - 12pm
£12/£4 concession

Glass Painting (2 weeks)

Thursday 12 and 19 March, 10.30am - 1pm
£30/£10 concession

Travel Poster Art using Gouache (workshop)

Wednesday 18 March, 10am - 3pm £30/£10 concession

Watercolour with Pen and Ink Wash Technique (workshop)

Tuesday 24 March, 10am - 3pm £30/£10 concession

Portrait Drawing (workshop)

CRAFT

Transform Old Books into Unusual Beautiful Sculptures (workshop)

Wednesday 29 January, 10am - 3pm £25/£5 concession

Learn to Use a Sewing Machine and Make a Simple Garment (2 weeks)
Thursday 6 and 13 February, 10am - 3pm £55/£15 concession

Lino Printing (2 weeks)

Thursday 6 and 13 February, 10am - 2pm £50/£18 concession

Stylish Leaf Printed Stationery (workshop)

Tuesday 11 February, 10am - 12.30pm £15/£5 concession

Pyrography - Burning on Wood (workshop)

Saturday 15 February, 10am - 4pm £45/£16 concession

Willow Lantern (workshop)

Tuesday 25 February, 10am - 2pm £25/£10 concession

Macramé Plant Pot Holder or Market Bag (workshop)

Saturday 29 February, 10am - 3pm £30/£10 concession

Modern Mosaics (4 weeks)

Monday 2 - 23 March, 6pm - 8.30pm
£60/£20 concession

Be Creative with Air Dry Clay (2 weeks)

Wednesday 4 and 11 March, 10am - 1pm £35/£12 concession

Wet Felted Soap (workshop)

Print your Own Tote Bag (workshop)

Saturday 21 March, 10am - 3pm
£30/£10 concession

Learn to Patchwork (workshop)

Monday 23 March, 10am - 3pm
£30/£10 concession

Create a Beautiful and Unique Rag Rug (workshop)

Thursday 26 March, 10am - 3pm £30/£10 concession

Needle Felting - Seascape Picture (workshop)

Saturday 28 March, 10am - 2pm
£25/£10 concession

Calico Goddess Doll (workshop)

Sunday 29 March, 10.30am - 3.30pm
£30/£10 concession

Introduction to Hand Stamped Jewellery (workshop)

Sunday 5 April, 10am - 4pm
£45/£20 concession

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Relaxation Techniques - Mindfulness to Meditation (workshop)

Saturday 14 March, 10am - 2pm
£20/£5 concession

Herbs that Heal, Spices that Soothe (workshop)

WORKSHOP DAY

£6 each session or two for £10 (morning and afternoon session for same person)

Sunday 9 February

Intro to Chalk and Charcoal (10am to 12pm)

Recycled Fabric Brooches (10am to 12pm)

Drawing Techniques (10am to 12pm)

Have Fun with Brusho Coloured Paint (1 to 3pm)

Swedish Felt Hearts (1 to 3pm)

Mosaic Coaster (1 to 3pm)

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WORKSHOPS

£10 per workshop, one child aged 10+ per adult

Sunday 8 March

Indian Block Printing (10am to 12pm)

Tie Dye T-Shirt (10am to 12pm)

Creative Ideas for Mask Decorations (10am to 12pm)

Dot Heart Mandalas (10am to 12pm)