



ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another enjoyable week at school. The children have worked well and continued to work to the best of their ability. Explorers have been their excitable best, exploring and using their whole environment enthusiastically. In Adventurers, the children were able to share interesting facts about Florence Nightingale. Thank you Thomas for sharing your knowledge.

Stone Age Boy has been well received by Discoverers as expected. They have enjoyed the work so far and the debate offered them the chance to express their views and ideas.

Pioneers have been affected by reduced numbers this week due to a covid outbreak as we know. However the children still managed to create some excellent water coloured paintings of penguins representing their Antarctica project, completed their class text Ice Trap, and embedded their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

In light of the ongoing cases in Years 5 and 6, and in line with government guidance, please can parents of children in Pioneers continue to test their children daily in order to prevent the asymptomatic spread of covid.

Weather Forecast

Please find attached the latest details from the Met Office advising of a Level 2 Cold Weather Alert.

The Met Office advise that there is a 60 % probability of severe cold weather between 18:00 on Thursday 13th January and 09:00 on Monday 17th January in the South East of England. This weather could increase the health risks to vulnerable patients and disrupt the delivery of services. (The forecast confirms that the south coast will carry a lower level of risk during this period, however we will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates as necessary)

Mr Wake

Explorers

With the castle theme in mind the Explorers have been looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We read the story together and some of the children said they had heard the story differently in other books. We discussed that there can be different versions of a story with different details. Focusing on these different details, we then worked together using story stones to create our own version of Jack and the Bean Stalk. The children then went off independently and created their own books, pictures and even comic strips of the tale. We had a love story from Alena where Jack's mother fell in love with the giant. Jude and Sam made huge comic strips and we had some amazing books and beautiful illustrations. We were so impressed with the vocabulary and detail the children used to retell their stories to us.

This week the children had noticed the fog on the way to school, which then led us on to discussing the weather and continuing on from last week, looking at the seasons. We decided to explore outside with clipboards and make notes of the signs of winter. The children found ice on the playground and noticed the ground was wet. They wrote the words wet and mud on their clipboards, along with lovely drawings of trees, the sun and other observations they had made along the way.

In Maths we've been playing lots of different counting games, one particular favourite was speckled frogs. The children would count out a given amount of frogs and then drop them into the water tray whilst singing the song (we used warm water to avoid any frozen fingers). We used the frogs to compare quantities and decide if they were more or less than their friends.

The mud kitchen has also been a popular choice, Seb and William in particular were cooking up a storm. They made lots of mud milkshakes and I was even made some fabulous chocolate soup to try.

They are all very excited for their Royal Ball Monday and has been the topic of conversation this week. Mrs Clark has been very busy making the classroom look extra royal with some fabulous decorations.

Have a lovely weekend.

Adventurers

The children have continued to enjoy our new text about Eliot the midnight superhero. They created a poster to share their ideas about the superhero inventions which were designed last week.

As we have read the story, we have found it very amusing to hear how talented Eliot is. He saves the day many times throughout the story Eg "Luckily Eliot is an expert swimmer, expert mountaineer, expert flyer, expert lion tamer etc!" We started to think of some crazy situations for Eliot to swoop in and save the day! We then used the story language to explain how he made the super save eg Luckily Eliot is an expert....

Through their creative writing the children have been revisiting the use of capital letters and full stops then they moved on to look at exclamation marks. Year two also wrote exclamatory sentences eg What could it be! How did he do that! What a terrible beast!

In Maths we have been adding a single digit to a 2 digit number and moving onto add two 2-digit numbers. They children used a range of methods to support their maths learning for example concrete items eg counters and dienes; laminated 0-100 number lines; hand drawn number lines starting from the biggest number; arrays of tens and units; partitioning tens and units and expanded column method.

In History we have started to learn about Florence Nightingale. We watched a BBC clip about her life and the children sketched her then recorded learnt facts about her life. We also used tissue paper to make small pictures of her. The children were showed different tissue paper techniques to create texture. This are now on display in our classroom.

In Science we started to look at how humans grow and change through the stages of their life. We discussed things we could and couldn't do at these stages: baby, toddler and child.

It has been a pleasure to listen to the children ready this last week. Thank you to all the parents that are reading at home and documenting it in the books.

Discoverers

[Mrs Leslie](#) - This week has proven very difficult when trying to select the stars and workers of the week as all the children have worked so hard.

They have worked so hard across all subjects and have demonstrated the school values, especially determination and excellence this week.

In Maths, the children have had fun in our starters counting forwards and backwards from any given number in 10s, 100s and 1000s. The Year 4s concentrated on counting in multiples of 25. They particularly liked throwing the bean bag while counting. Lottie has quite a throw! We then used bead strings, marked and unmarked number lines to place three and four digit numbers. Liam decided that when placing 199 on a number line from 100-200 it was more efficient to count backwards. The children then focused on their fluency and rearranged digit cards to make different numbers before ordering them smallest to largest.

In English, we have continued to look at our new rich text 'The Stone Age Boy' We focused on adverbial phrases on Monday. The children had to create their own sentences using adverbials within them. The Year 4s were challenged to use fronted adverbials. I was very impressed with the range of sentences produced. We had a class debate on Tuesday. The children discussed which Stone Age survival tasks they would have found difficult/easy. Evie decided that hunting and killing animals would be difficult for her as she doesn't like blood but Obie felt he would be good at this due to his speed and aim. However, Liam and Millie-Jay disagreed as they felt Obie would make too much noise and scare off the animals! Blossom felt she would be good at sewing and making clothes as she learnt how to sew in Adventurers Class.

In Art, we looked at the Lascaux cave paintings located in France and used charcoal to create different patterns. We discussed the importance of trying new art mediums before creating a piece of art. The children concentrated very hard during this lesson and really enjoyed it. Some of the children didn't want to stop at the end of the day!

In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system. The children learnt, identified and labelled the organs involved in digestion. They also enjoyed learning about the journey a piece of food takes from being eaten and travelling through the body. They particular enjoyed learning new vocabulary especially faeces!

The children loved going onto the library bus. All the children were given the opportunity to change their books if they wanted to or just sit and enjoy a book on the bus. The children are allowed to select any books that they wish to read. Some may struggle to read these books so might need more support or these books could be read to them.

Another fun week learning together! I am already looking forward to next week and seeing how the children challenge themselves!

Mrs Allbrighton - What a marvellous end to the week! In Maths, the children have been partitioning hundred, thousand, tens of thousands and hundred thousand numbers as well as ordering numbers on a numberline. In English, the pupils: identified the features of a non-chronological report; researched some facts about the Stone Age era and used this information to help them write sentences with fronted adverbials in them (adverbials of time). Well done everyone!

We discussed the value of a community in PSHE and enjoyed our second lessons playing basketball and using the Scratch app. I hope that everyone has a safe, relaxing weekend and see you next week!



THIS WEEKS AWARDS



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Oliver	Alena
Adventurers	Max	Belle
Adventurers	Abbie	Atticus
Discoverers	Ellie	Thomas G
Discoverers	Sami	Josiah
Pioneers	Elsie	Annabelle
Pioneers	Jack B	Shannon

Attendance week from: 04/01/2022 to 07/01/2022

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	90.4%	0	0	2	8
Adventurers	84.5%	0	0	16	10
Discoverers	99.5%	0	0	0	1
Pioneers	98.1%	0	0	0	4

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 94.1%, 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 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.



We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children who celebrated their special day this week:

Lylah age 8
Milly age 9
Blossom age 8
Eziara age 10
Samson age 10

This Menu option will not now be going ahead

BURGER SHACK

20/01/22

Tasty Mains
Chicken Fillet Burger
OR
Incredible Burger
(Vegan)

With Chips

Scrummy Veggie Sides
Sweetcorn and BBQ Baked Beans

Yummy Dessert
Chocolate Orange Cake
with
Chocolate Sauce

£2.15

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2!
To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

School Dinner Menu (£2.15 per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

	HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	WEEK 3	WC: 13/09/04/10/25/10 15/11/06/12/27/12 17/01/07/02/28/02	
MONDAY	Macaroni Cheese ✓ Traditional Mac N Cheese, delicious macaroni in a creamy cheese sauce Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy ✓ Veggie sausages and mash with non gravy	Jacket Potato ✓ With a choice of fillings Tomato Pasta ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	SIDES Peas and Carrots	PICK A PUDDING Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	
TUESDAY	Hot Chicken Sandwich Sliced chicken breast in a floury bap with lettuce Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta ✓ Delicious veggie meatballs in a tasty tomato sauce with pasta	Jacket Potato ✓ With a choice of fillings Tomato Pasta ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin	
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Tender roast pork served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice A chunky butternut squash and potato slice	Jacket Potato ✓ With a choice of fillings Tomato Pasta ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Carrots and Cabbage	Strawberry Ice Cream	
THURSDAY	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Delicious beef meatballs in a tasty tomato sauce with pasta Veggie Lasagne served with a Bread Wedge ✓ Delicious sheets of pasta layered with veggies and tomato sauce	Jacket Potato ✓ With a choice of fillings Tomato Pasta ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Chocolate Sponge Cake	
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips Soft Taco and Chips ✓ A soft taco shell filled with a yummy veggie tomato chili	Jacket Potato ✓ With a choice of fillings Tomato Pasta ✓ Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	Baked Beans and Peas	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding	

Please contact us with any questions on 01983 550500.

Chartwells

Food Super Heroes Menu

YOUR FAVOURITES available every day

OUR NEW MENU chosen by our parents and children

£2.15

ISLE OF WIGHT
THREE WEEK MENU
AUTUMN/WINTER 2021

Chartwells

		WEEK 1 W/C 20/08/22 08/11/18 0/11/20/11 0/12/0/12/0/12/0/11/14/12		WEEK 2 W/C 06/09/22 08/11/18 06/11/20/11 0/12/10/13/11/21/12		
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	HOT SPECIALS... Macaroni Cheese Traditional Mac N Cheese, delicious macaroni in a creamy cheese sauce Vegetable Burrito Wrap A soft wrap filled with lightly spiced veggies and rice Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato A delicious light filo pastry topped chicken pie Allegra's BBQ Beans served with cornbread Tangy BBQ beans served with cornbread	DAILY FAVES... Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	WEEK 1 SIDES... Green Beans and Sweetcorn PICK A PUDD! Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	MONDAY	HOT SPECIALS... Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice Veggie Bolognese Yummy veggie Bolognese with pasta Sausage and Mash with Gravy Sausage and mash with rich gravy Allegra's Oodles of Noodles Delicious noodles with tofu and veggies Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Creamy vegetable pie with a cheesy shortcrust topper Beef Lasagne with a Garlic & Herb Bread Wedge A classic Italian layered pasta dish with beef mince Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry A tasty mild chickpea and potato curry Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips A scrummy tomato veggie burger in a soft bag	MONDAY
	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	
	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	
	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	

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.

Catering Job Opportunities

Chartwells are the leading school meal providers and we have Cook Supervisor roles available. Full uniform and training will be provided.

25hr a week (5hrs daily) Cook Supervisor – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ryde

30hr a week (6hrs daily) Cook Supervisor – IOW Mobile Team

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Qualifications not essential, as this is offered whilst working. Just showing a passion for the love of cooking/serving the pupils.

Job Type: Term Time only

Position availability: Immediate

Hourly rates: Upon application

If you are interested, please apply by ringing the IOW office 01983 550500

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17th January – Explorers Class Royal Ball
Tuesday 1st February – Fire Service visit (Yrs 1,2,5,6)
Thursday 10th February – Adventurers class trip to Briddlesford Farm (letter to follow)
Wednesday 16th February – KS2 Author presentation (Peter Murray)
Thursday 17th February – Wellbeing Day
Friday 18th February – School closes at 3.00pm for half term
Monday 28th February – School reopens at 8.45am
Monday 7th March – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March – KS1 Space Camp
Friday 18th March – School reports out
Tuesday 22nd March – Parents Evening
Friday 8th April – School closes at 3.00pm for Easter holidays
Monday 25th April – School reopens at 8.45am for Summer Term

Textile Bank

Don't forget that we have a textile bank where you can donate unwanted **clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, (in a tied bag)**. The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. **Donated items (bagged please) should be left near to the front entrance of the school. Please let the office know you have left items! *Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags, curtains, blankets as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.***

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

Dear Head Teacher,

I would like to thank you on behalf of The Rotary club of Ryde for your contributions towards our Wessex Christmas Shoebox Collection. The number of boxes collected overall for the Wessex region was 18,059 Shoeboxes! We as an Island sent 1011 of which 238 were donated to our Club through St Helens and Bembridge Primary School's efforts.

We would be unable to continue these collections without the kindness and generosity of yourselves and the children and parents in your school. We can see from the boxes that they have chosen with care for other children to have a Happy Christmas.