





Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another enjoyable week at school including the visit from the author lan Dickens and the multitude of clubs available.

Whole school assembly on Friday highlighted the array of subjects which the children have enjoyed, the excellent attitude of the pupils as well as the successes of children in their out- of - school activities: Hannah attended first aid training, Blossom achieved multiple horse riding achievements and William ran 600m without stopping in the children's race.

Thanks to my new assembly helpers, Katie and Ellie who have the challenging task of keeping me on track and writing notes about the class-based activities. Jarryd has diligently continued his role as house point monitor.

In Class Adventurers have enjoyed retelling the Queen's Hat; in particular where their hats were blown to. Alena's hat blew all the way to the top of the London eye whereas Charlie's hat ended up in a spider's web!

Pioneers have enjoyed their work on the Victorians including finding out about the workhouses. The work on spectrums was exciting and they loved the visit from the famous author.

Discoverers have enjoyed their football lessons and look forward to more work on electricity over the next few weeks.

Explorers classroom has indicated that a lot has being going on with many activities available based around the children's interests which help to supplement the teacher- guided activities.

Next week the teachers are looking forward to meeting with the parents and I look forward to finding about the shoebox appeal on Monday's assembly

Have a great weekend

Mr Wake

## **Governors News**

Following the first governing body meeting of the new school year the governors have elected Matt Searle and Gary Booth as co-chairs for the coming year. Rebecca Lovell and Peta Rainford will be co vice-chairs. The reasoning around having these joint roles is a reflection of the time commitment involved and also allows for succession planning. Gary has been our chair for 4 years and Matt, who many of you will know well, has been our vice-chair for a similar period. The governing body is committed to driving the school forward and I thank them for their support and challenge.

Attendance week from: 18/09/2023 to 22/09/2023

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	97.4%	0	0	0	3
Adventurers	100%	0	0	0	0
Discoverers	94%	0	0	2	13
Pioneers	95.4%	0	0	0	12

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 96.7% 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.



<u>Class</u>	Worker of the Week	Star of The Week
Explorers	Jamie	Ronnie
Adventurers	Daniel	Ruby
Adventurers	Emily	Oliver
Discoverers	Zach	Ria
Discoverers	Taylor	Barnaby
Pioneers	Tessa	Alexis
Pioneers	Rowan	Ellie

## **World Champion Athlete!**

The entire school congratulates Mrs Royal's sister Joanne Ryan on her gold medal winning performance at last week's World Masters Athletics Championships in Italy. Joanne competed in the 100m, 200m and Relay events, winning her gold medal as part of the GB relay team. Children (and parents) will remember Joanne spent a day at the school last June taking part in athletics workshops with each class with a sponsored exercise at the end of each session. She also visited us in 2022.

We hope to welcome Joanne back in the Spring term for another day of activities.







# Recipe of the Week

Each week we will share an easy to cook recipe which you may like to try cooking at home with your child. Please email your photos (and reviews) of our recipes to

admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk and we will publish them in the newsletter! If you have any tasty, healthy recipes that you would like to share with the school community, please email them to the above address.

25/09/2023, 15:33

Cowboy pie recipe | BBC Good Food



#### Cowboy pie



Prep: 20 mins Cook: 1 hr







#### Ingredients

- 2 tsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 8 pork sausages, cut into bitesize pieces
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed or finely grated
- 2 tsp hot smoked paprika
- 2 x 410g cans baked beans
- 3 tbsp barbeque sauce

#### For the mashed potato

- 1 kg potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
- 50g butter
- 4 tbsp milk
- 75g grated cheddar
- 2 tbsp chopped chives, to garnish, optional

#### Method

Step 1 First, make the mashed potato. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil over a medium heat, then carefully tip in the chopped potatoes. Cook for 15-20 mins until tender. Drain, then tip back into the pan and leave to air-dry for a couple of minutes before mashing. Tip in the butter and milk, and stir through until combined. Set aside with the lid on to keep warm.

Step 2 Heat the oven to 200C/180C/gas 6. While the potatoes are cooking, heat the oil in a frying pan or saucepan over a medium heat and fry the onion for 6-8 mins until softened. Tip in the sausage pieces and fry for 4 mins until browned all over, then add the garlic and cook for 1 min before stirring in the smoked paprika and cooking for 1 min more. Pour in the beans and barbecue sauce and cook until just about to simmer before

removing from the heat.

Step 3 Spoon the sausage and bean mixture into an ovenproof tin or dish (ours was 20x20cm), then spoon over the mashed potato and sprinkle the grated cheddar on top. Bake in the oven for 25-30 mins until bubbling round the edges and the cheese is golden. Remove from the oven and scatter over the chives, if using.

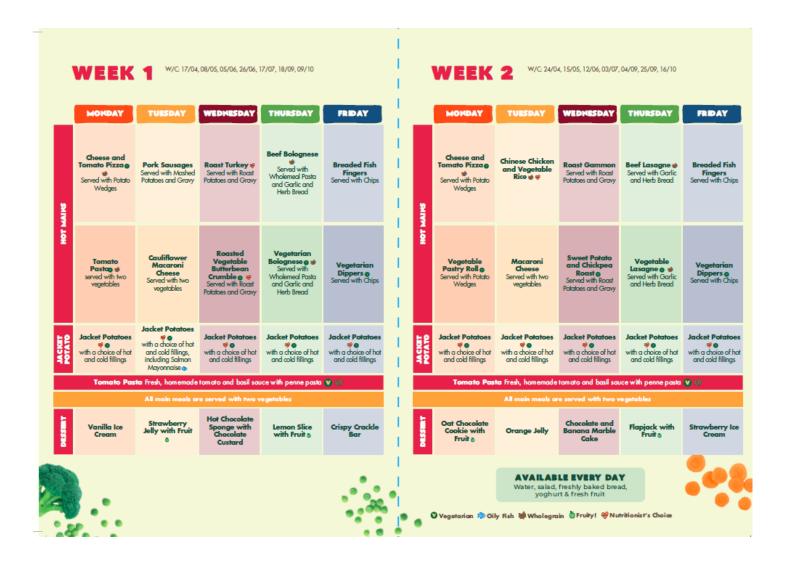
## School Dinner Menu (£2.75) per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

On <u>TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS only</u>, the children will be able to order baguettes - fillings cheese, tuna or ham.

Please note there is a change to next week's menu:
<u>Thursday's and Friday's</u> menus will be swapped just for one week

(5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October)





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 The Bay kitchen.



## Midday Supervisor

ST HELENS PRIMARY SCHOOL, BROOMLANDS CLOSE, ST HELENS]

[Tel: 872442 email [admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk]

Headteacher: Mr Carl Wake NOR 92

Salary: £3028 p.a (FTE: £20812)

Hours: One hour and fifteen minutes per day 1145 - 1300

Fixed-term contract until 31 August 2024 in the first instance

Required for: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The Governors of St Helens Primary School wish to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant.

Due to an increase in pupil numbers we are seeking an enthusiastic, resourceful Midday Supervisory Assistant to help make lunchtimes a positive and happy experience for our children.

The successful candidate will:

- Be reliable, trustworthy and patient.
- Enjoy working with children.
- Help supervise children when eating their lunch.
- Guide children to play together and develop positive relationships in the playground.
- Be able to work as part of a committed team.

#### **Application Procedure**

Visits to the school are welcomed. Please contact Teresa Anderson on 01983 872442 or email us on <a href="mailto:admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk">admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk</a>.

Please contact St Helens Primary for further details regarding the role and responsibilities. Completed applications should be returned directly to the school.

St Helens Primary is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

This School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community

Closing date Midday Friday 13th October 2023

Interviews to be held week commencing 16th October 2023

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents Evening

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents Evening

Thursday 12th October - 1pm FOSH meeting in the Dalby Suite at school. All welcome

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October — School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November — School reopens at 08:45 for Autumn term 2

Thursday 7th December – Afternoon and evening performances of KS1 Nativity (details tbc)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Party (a.m.) KS2 Party (p.m.)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Santa visit (a.m.)

Thursday 14th December – School Christmas lunch

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 3:00pm for Christmas break

Monday 18th December - Staff Development Day - school closed to children

Tuesday 19th December – Staff Development Day – school closed to children

Monday 11th March 2024 – Staff Development Day – school closed to children



The ERIC charity is offering a range of webinars to attend free to support you with any toileting difficulties with your child. Please use the link below to book a place.

https://eric.org.uk/parent-carer-webinars/

The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity



# **Catch-up Flu Clinic**

The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for nasal flu vaccinations. If your child missed this and you would like them to receive it **the Team will be returning on** 

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Please use the previously sent link or QR code to access the consent form.

There are also community clinics available through until the end of January.

#### Clinics available are:

<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> 09:30 – 12:30	West Wight Family Centre, Freshwater	
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 15:00 – 17:00	East Newport Family Centre	
<b>Sat 11</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>Nov</b> 09:30 – 12:30	Sandown Family Centre	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 15:00 – 17:00	Cowes Family Centre	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec TBC	Ryde area TBC	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 15:00 – 17:00	West Wight Family Centre, Freshwater	
<b>Sat 27</b> <sup>th</sup> Jan 09:30 – 12:30	Enterprise House, Newport	

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders, please use the link or QR code for the no consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

Please contact the school Aged Immunisation Service if you need any help or advice.

Email: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net or Tel: 0300 123 5074







# **This Week's Class Updates**

# **Explorers**

n Explorers this week we have been looking at the sounds "s, a, t, p and i". The children have been enjoying bug club on the carpet as well as more hands on activities in our continuous provision. Some activities have included table writing, white boards, playdough, paint and rainbow writing.

Our number of the week is '1'. We focus on just one number for a week or two as it is a great way to encourage children to deepen their understanding of numbers and develop 'number sense'. We can present different aspects of a number alongside each other.





The children have also enjoyed looking at different signs of autumn. We have used natural objects such as conkers, acorns, leaves and pinecones to explore repeating patterns and all the children used different resources around the room to make their own.

## **Adventurers**

This week was full of fun learning. With the children retelling their class story 'The Queen's Hat'. I particularly found the Queen's Corgi and pants flying off quite amusing.

In science the class discovered the joys of tally charts and counting the amount of each material we have in our class.

The class also enjoyed reading independently when they have finished their class work. Show and tell was equally thrilling! With the shows ranging from; stick insect eggs, special cuddly toys, awesome Lego and favourite books.

Have a wonderful weekend! We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.











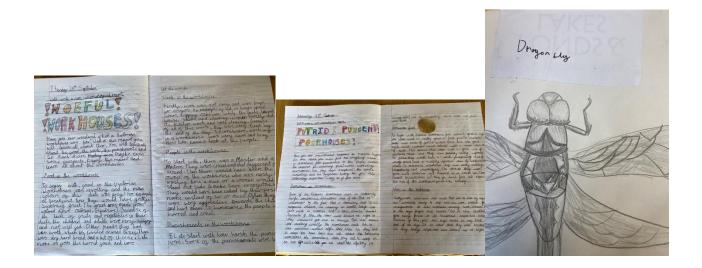
# **Discoverers**

In English this week Discoverer's have been making predictions about The Promise book. In maths we have been learning about money, adding and subtracting pence and pounds. In art we were looking at Georgia O'Keefe's landscapes and drawing an animal skull. In French we are learning greetings and numbers. In science we have made experiments with conductors and insulators.

**Emily** 

## **Pioneers**

In English inspired by the book Street Child Pioneers class have been working hard to produce a non chronological report about workhouses; they have all created an independent piece of writing, including within it; expanded noun phrases, varied openers and the use of the PEEL paragraph method.



This week in Pioneers class we have been creating press prints and all the children worked hard to create a wonderful first print from their polystyrene template. Rowan was particularly successful as he also understood to reverse his writing on the template so that on the print it read correctly. I have also included one of Rowan's original sketches.





On Tuesday we had a visitor to our class Mr Ian Dickens, a great, great grandson of Charles Dickens. He was extremely informative and inspiring about Charles Dickens. He was also at our school to promote a writing competition linked to the IOW Literary Festival in February.



2024 will mark the 175th anniversary of Charles and Catherine Dickens spending summer on the Isle of Wight with their eight children.

I am a direct descendant of them - a great great grandson. The Dickens' stayed in Bonchurch for four months and while there, Charles was writing David Copperfield - his most autobiographical of novels.

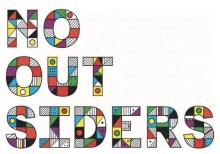
To mark the anniversary, I am delighted to announce a new short story writing competition from the organisers of the Isle of Wight Story Festival. It is open to all Primary schools on the Island and exciting prizes will go to both the school and to the successful writers. The challenge for your pupils is to write a short story in no more than 500

words on any topic - past, present or future. Dickens drew on many lessons learnt from his tough childhood and was a great observer of people, events, hardships and triumphs across his life. To help inspire your pupils, I have been a regular visitor to schools across the UK, telling young people about Charles Dickens and his rags to riches tale. As an Island resident,

The competition will run across the autumn terms with a closing date early in the new year. A VIP prize giving event will take place at Quay Arts in February 2024, where my brother Gerald Dickens - a professional actor - will read each of the shortlisted finalists - before a VIP guest will announce the winner.

Best wishes, Ian Charles Dickens. Gurnard, Isle of Wight.

There are many children in Pioneers class who would be able to enter this competition.



'All different, All welcome'

At Parents evening this week please look out for the display table of NO OUTSIDERS picture books, these are books purchased to run alongside our PSHE programme. These books all in some way embrace the idea of teaching children about diversity by recognising that all are welcome in our society and that there are no outsiders. The books are age appropriate and are in the picture book format so they may be accessible by all children.

The idea is for parents to look at the books and take home a leaflet to read. After reading the leaflet, which has been designed for parents, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance by email.

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So what is "No Outsiders?"

The vision of No Outsiders is to create inclusive education, promoting community cohesion to prepare young people for life as global citizens.

## FOSH (Friends of St Helens Primary) News

## **FOSH** meeting

On Thursday 12th October FOSH are holding their next committee meeting. We will be planning the upcoming Winter Ball and the Christmas Fayre and everyone is welcome to join us at 1pm at school.

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

FOSH is still looking for a new, temporary treasurer.

Due to the recent departure of our treasurer, FOSH are urgently seeking someone to step into the role until our AGM in the Spring. The treasurer does not have to attend all our meetings and the post can be quite hands off. The treasurer does not have to be a parent at the school but does need to have a personal connection (ie. grandparents/extended family) The treasurer will need to be confident with handling finances, be able to maintain our digital records (which are not too challenging and will be explained) FOSH's books are not very active and the job is not too onerous and the role will perhaps require 30 minutes a month of your time.

Obviously, we would love our new treasurer to want to be actively involved in planning and executing FOSH events but we appreciate that people have busy lives and so, for this temporary role, this is not an expectation. As a minimum, you will need to be in contact with the chair (currently Katherine Hall) and the secretary (currently Jo Trafford) to authorise major expenditure, deal with expense claims from FOSH members and be responsible for keeping records and producing monthly reports. You will also need to produce an annual summary for our AGM which will be held in the Spring term. If you think you might be interested or would like more information, please email foshsthelens@gmail.com

## **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 <a href="https://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk">www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk</a>

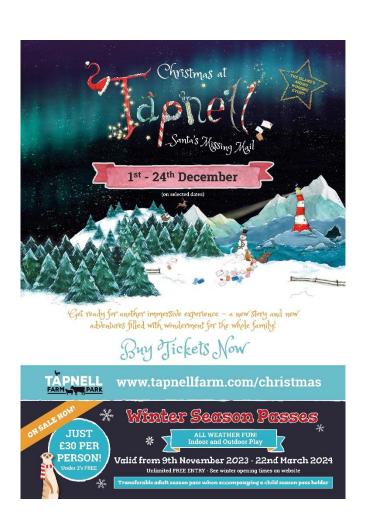
# Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Form 2023-24 Open Day/Evening dates (as at 02/02/2023)

(ds dt 02/02/2025)				
School/College	Date	Time		
Carisbrooke	28/09/2023	Year 6 open evening 5-8pm		
College				
Christ the King	20/09/2023	Year 6 open evening		
College				
	08/11/2023	Year 12 open evening		
Cowes Enterprise	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Open month; commencing 2 October 2023.		
College	onwards	Series of limited group tours am/pm.		
		Separate SEN Tours by request.		
		Please call 203103 to reserve am tour place or		
		SEN tour.		
	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Open month; commencing 30 October 2023		
	onwards	Series of bespoke group tours am/pm		
		Please call 203103 to reserve am tour place.		
Island Free School	14/10/2023	Y6 open day		
Medina College	26/09/2023	Year 6 open evening 5-8pm		
Ryde Academy	04/10/2023	Y6 Open Evening		
	09/11/2023	6th Form Open Evening		
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Ryde School	07/10/2022	10-12.30pm		
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	03/02/2023			
The Bay CE	05/10/2023	Y6 Open Evening 5-8pm		
School				

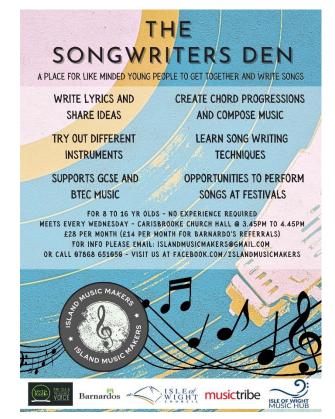
The Island VI	16/11/2023	Y12 open evening
Form		
The Isle of Wight	25/11/2023	10.00-14.00 hrs
College	&	
	27/01/2024	10.00-14.00 hrs
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	06/03/2024	16.00-18.30 hrs
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	23/04/2024	16.00-18.30 hrs
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	19/06/2024	16.00-18.30 hrs
The Priory School	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an
of our Lady		appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed
Walsingham		– Tel: 861222 or email:
		mail@prioryschool.org.uk

• Please note St Georges is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department.











FOR AGES 5-8

THURSDAYS 5PM - 5.30/6PM AT CHRIST THE KING SPORTS HALL

Shorwell Netball Club are offering a new netball session for ages 5-8 years old!

Sessions will take place every Thursday at Christ the King Sports Hall in Newport from 5pm. Most sessions will be an hour long but due to bookings there will be some that are only 30mins long.

Come along and have a go! First session is FREE and then £3 thereafter for an hour.





Contact Ann Selby: easelby47@gmail.com, 07785750266

