





Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week!

Ofsted have been and gone after a long wait of over five and a half years. Now we have to wait for the official outcome. Hopefully we will know before the end of the year.

What I have to say is how absolutely impressed I was with how the whole school community pulled together. The staff were outstanding, the children were amazing and the governors fantastic with their support.

A good number of parents sent their online replies to Ofsted and the majority of the feedback was very positive. We all want the best for our school so I am pleased that the comments reflected the hard work and dedication of our staff.

Needless to say, I am so very grateful and hope the imminent report positively reflects the very hard work and level of commitment I see on a day to day basis at school.

Attendance was very positive last week with most classes achieving some high levels. I hope this continues into the final week of the half term.

In assembly the children highlighted all the favourites parts of the week. Sam, Miles and Seb loved their maths, Charlie his egg box dragons, Rosie blending colours and Raif his phonics.

In Discoverers Georgie has loved doing 6 x tables.

Meanwhile in Pioneers, Alba has enjoyed rewriting Rikki-Tikki-Tavi and the children love their new hoodies.

Outside of school Emily and Abbie, visited the parish council with the brownies raising £170 following a presentation. Well done girls.

FOSH

We have a very committed parents association. However every year, half of the Pioneers leave and often their parents usually follow suit. Accordingly we always need new people to come forward to support the amazing work of the small group of volunteers.

At various times throughout the year, child-friendly events are organised which are great for the children and also help to supplement the budget of the school. In order for the FOSH to continue and support your children, we need some new volunteers as soon as possible.

It would be devastating if the FOSH disband in July 2024.

On a more positive note the sun is still shining – I will ignore the wind and rain - and we can all look forward to a much needed break this weekend.

Nest week concludes with Harvest Festival and Wear it Pink Day on Thursday and Friday respectively.

Have a great weekend

Mr Wake

Attendance week from: 02/10/2023 to 6/10/2023

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	97.6%	1	20	1	2
Adventurers	98.9%	1	20	1	2
Discoverers	96%	1	10	10	0
Pioneers	87.3%	1	10	1	32

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 94.7% 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.



<u>Class</u>	Worker of the Week	Star of The Week
Explorers	Rowan	Lewis
Adventurers	Charlie	Arlo
Adventurers	Lizzie	Mia
Discoverers	Belle	Travis
Discoverers	Luke	Micah F
Pioneers	Sami	Alba
Pioneers	Josiah	Milly



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

Lewis age 5

Daniel age 6

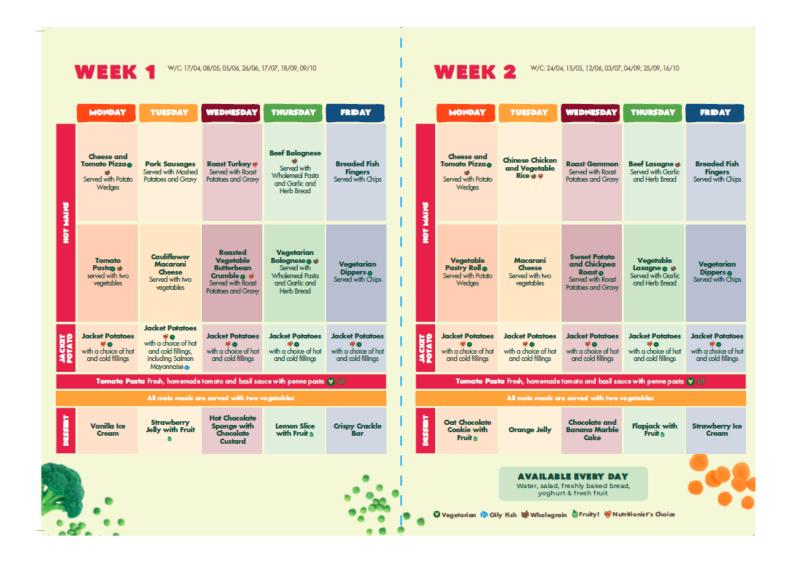
Katy age 11

Ruby age 6

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.





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.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 19th October – Harvest Festival Assembly (time to be confirmed)

Friday 20th October – Wear It Pink Day – non uniform for £1 donation to Breast Cancer Now charity

Friday 20th October — School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Monday 6th November — School reopens at 08:45 for Autumn term 2

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

Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Party (a.m.) KS2 Party (p.m.)

Thursday 14th December – Santa visit (a.m.)

Thursday 14th December – School Christmas lunch

Friday 15th 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



Harvest Festival Assembly

Parents and Carers are invited to join children and staff at our Harvest Assembly on Thursday 19th October.

We are collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Aspire Food bank and would be grateful if children could start bringing items in from Monday.



This Week's Class Updates

Explorers

Another busy week in Explorers!

Yesterday we were visited by the school nurse.

They explained what germs are and why it is important to wash your hands and cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze or cough.

They then showed the Explorers how to wash their hands using the happy birthday song to know if they've been washing for long enough!

Isabella and Jamie showed the class how easily germs can spread using glitter that mixed when they high fived. The girls then washed their hands whilst singing happy birthday twice.

In phonics this week we have looked at the sounds 'o, c, k, ck' and the tricky word 'the'.

The children have enjoyed a number of activities including playdough, stamps, paint and writing on whiteboards as well as a number of board games!

They are all really enjoying their reading books and love showing off their new sounds.

Please do write in their reading records when you have read at home as we change their books after 3 times of reading.

It was world octopus day this week so the children have enjoyed learning lots of facts about octopi. They have been counting up to 8, using stickers and colouring.

We have carried on reading lots of autumn themed books and the children have particularly enjoyed the book Stickman by Julia Donaldson. In maths they have been using real sticks as well as pictures they could cut out to sort and order the sticks from smallest to largest.

They have enjoyed watching the short film and even creating their own stickman to take home!

Have a lovely weekend!







Adventurers

Our penultimate week in Adventurers class has been as action packed as ever. In English we have been making predictions on what will happen next in our class text 'Egg Box Dragon.' Amongst our

ideas, William thinks that Egg Box Dragon will magically come to life in the moonlight... we'll have to wait till next week to see if Wiliam is right! In Maths we have been using number lines to add numbers together, with the majority of the class even drawing their own number lines. On a more creative note, we have learnt how to blend watercolours ready for our final piece after half term. In RE, we have been learning about the HIndu festival of Diwali and creating our own Rangoli patterns on clay which the children are excited to bring home next week.

We are looking forward to our final week before half term with the highlight of course being our Harvest Festival.

Have a lovely weekend.

Discoverers

English

In English we have been explaining how to plant an acorn seed using imperative verbs and prepositions of place.

Maths

This week in maths we have been learning about fact families using the 3,6,8,4 and 2 timestables.

Art

In art this week we have been learning about Georgia O'Keefe and recreating the rams head and mountain landscape.

Science

This week in science we have learnt to use switches in our circuits and learnt to draw them using open and closed switches.

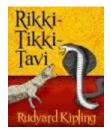
Written by Luke Hughes

<u>Pioneers</u>

Hello

This week I would just like to say how proud I am of the Pioneers Class and how they have embodied the values of the school, worked hard and fully represented what is great about our school.

We have been immersed this week with the Rikki Tikki Tavi story from The Jungle Book



(how a mongoose protected a family from a King cobra) and we have been independently writing dialogue in readiness for narrative writing next week. The

children have also been learning and using PARENTHESIS.

Parenthesis is a word or phrase added as an explanation into a sentence.

We use the punctuation of brackets, dashes or commas to mark parenthesis

E.g Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister, arrived at No.10.

I lost my phone (an Iphone X) on my way home from school.

I miss Amelia- my best friend- every day.

In maths we are looking at multiplication and division and soon moving onto fractions, so I think that this is a good moment to remind all parents about the need to support your child with building and retaining fluent times table knowledge.



There are many ways to do this, for instance the children all have access to

TT Rockstars in and out of school (their login details are in their reading records, although Year 6 have retained their logins from last year.) Here are a couple of other useful website links. Enjoy your times tables. They are the key to successful maths in Year 5 and 6.

https://www.timestables.co.uk/

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Hello Parents and Children of Year 6,

YEAR 6 BOOK GROUP

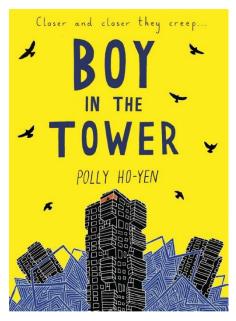
This year to promote a love of reading and create a feeling of group togetherness in Year 6, I am going to run a Book Group.

The idea being that every 4-6 weeks I will loan a copy of the same book to Year 6 (only) to read.

This book will be totally different to the book being used in the class literacy and Guided Reading lessons.

Year 6 you will have 4-6 weeks to read the book. We will meet one lunchtime a week to check progress and give each other encouragement. (biscuits are available)

Our first book is, The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho Yen.



Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking outside - but it's going outside that she hates. She prefers to sleep all day inside their tower, where it's safe.

Thank you for your support and I would be very grateful if you could please encourage your children to look after the books to enable them to be used again.

Mrs Maloney October 2023

<u>Textile Bank</u>

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

From the Isle of Wight NHS Trust

We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Years 5-11 and Years 12-15 and Years 16-17 in the **Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's (**NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub). Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

Appointments must be booked in advance using the National Booking Service, we are unable to offer walk-ins.

For information about eligibility and how to book your Child's vaccination, please use the online link below, you will need your child's NHS number:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer XBB.1.5 vaccines.

Children's Clinics (more to follow)

Friday 27 Oct 2023, 08:00 – 11:00 Friday 24 Nov 2023, 14:00 – 17:00

For any other information regarding Children's vaccination clinics, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team: iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net.







TABLE TOP SALE
IN AID OF ST HELENS VILLAGE FAYRE
3RD DECEMBER 2023

09:30AM TO 12PM
ST HELENS COMMUNITY CENTRE
GUILDFORD ROAD
PO33 1UH
STALLS, TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE

Please e-mail sthelensvillagefayre.iow@gmail.com if you are interested in having a table.

St Helens Village Fayre - IoW

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Coffee Morning Friday 3rd November 10:30 to 13:30
The Pavilion on The Green St Helens
In Aid of The Isle of Wight Toy
Appeal

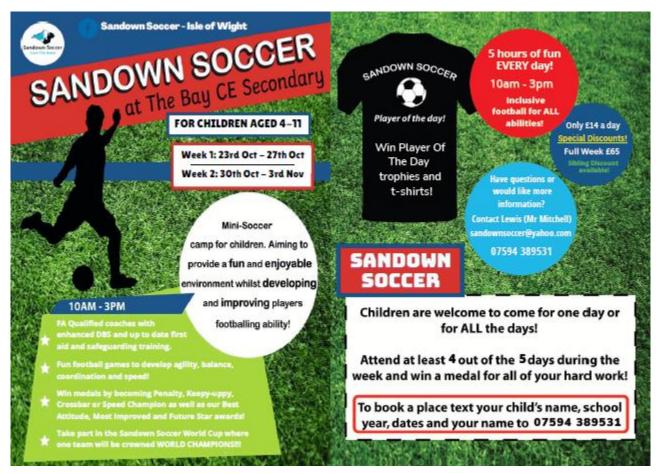
Tea/Coffee £1 Cakes 50p - £1.50 per slice Also tombola and raffle



Donations are always welcome.

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WHAT'S ON OCTOBER HALF-TERM AND CHRISTMAS TUDOT HOUSE, SEACITY MUSEUM & SOUTHAMPTON City Art Gallery



To book and for detailed information on any of our activities visit www.wegottickets.com/southamptonculture

ART FOR ALL: Watercolour and Wax Autumn

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Paintings (Syrs+)
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HANDS ON HISTORY:

ART FOR ALL: Clay Owls (Syrs+) Tues 24 Oct / 10em, 12.30pm or 2.30pm / Art Gallery / EB

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TOUR FOR All: Scary and Spooky Southampton

KEY: Dress for mass 🧩 Bring a snack 🍍 or packed lunch 🍩 Venue/tour has access

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Halloween at Tudor House Family Fun Day Thurs 26 Oct. Numeron education FREET*



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ART FOR ALL: Print your own Wrapping Paper (Ayra+) Wed 20 Dec / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm Art Gallery / E3





Tudor House / CB

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Tuesday 19 Dec: CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
Wednesday 20 Dec: ALL WIARPPED UP:





Father Christmas & **Christmas Crafts** at Tudor House (all ages)

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