





Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,** 

We had a great end to the half term with our Harvest celebration on Thursday. Miss Gorman and the team organised an event full of song, poetry, history and drama. Trevor and Lucy, Ryde Aspire, joined the celebration to share the work their charity does including supporting the distribution of food for families who that extra need support. The event was another examples of a great team effort which was supported by 60+ members of the community.

Attendance has been less than expected with 14 pupils missing the festival due to various reasons. Please remember that with every session missed from school, the children are missing out on an educational or social opportunity.

Children with minor ailments should be in school. Rest assured we will contact you if your children are unwell.

You also appreciate that I am expected to follow the local authority policy when parents take their children on holidays. In fact most pupils will tell their friends and even teachers that they are going on holiday.

School has been a busy place this week with a number of visitors coming through the doors to support both children and teachers alike.

The extra-curricular opportunities are also very impressive with lots of children attending clubs everyday including sports, arts and computer club.

Thank you again to the staff and volunteers for their efforts. I'm pleased to see that Mr Taylor is happy to continue the Friday football club for next half term. Mr Freeston and Mr Fallick have been amazingly lucky with the weather so I hope Mr Taylor is equally fortunate during November and December. This is a very popular club and I know the children will appreciate it.

The Awards assembly on Friday is always a treat for me as you know and this week was no exception.

The last few weeks have been very very busy but rewarding nonetheless. I haven't necessarily been an advocate of the two weeks of the October half term in the past but this time, I am very much looking forward to a restful break.

In class Barnaby enjoying making his story picture and Luke and Cai Wyn loved working with electrical circuits.

Miles continued his love of maths and Pioneers have enjoyed their jungle book stories and Year 6 have also enjoyed their new book club.

I hope the sun shines for some of the days at least and we can all enjoy the times with our families.

I look forward to 100% attendance on the 6<sup>th</sup> November for the start of another fantastic half term ahead.

I must acknowledge the excellent work that the staff at St Helens undertake. Due to the commitment and dedication of the staff, the children benefit greatly which I am sure everyone appreciates.

Have a great holiday

Mr Wake

### Attendance week from: 09/10/2023 to 13/10/2023

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	100%	0	0	0	0
Adventurers	98.2%	0	0	0	5
Discoverers	94.4%	2	60	12	2
Pioneers	99.2%	0	0	0	2

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 97.7% 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	<u>Star of</u> <u>The Week</u>
Explorers	Layton	Betty
Adventurers	Daniel	Margaux
Adventurers	Jude	Seb
Discoverers	Finn	Noah
Discoverers	Taylor	Selena
Pioneers	Sophia	Alba
Pioneers	Pippa	Jessica



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

Mrs Sharp

A number of you are celebrating over the half term break. We hope you enjoy your birthdays:-

Travis age 8

Athena age 7

George age 6

Alena age 7

Millie-Jay age 11

Mr Enser

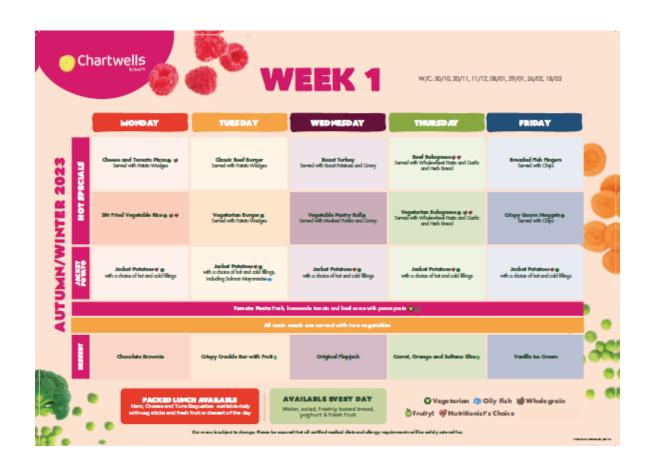
Mrs Rees

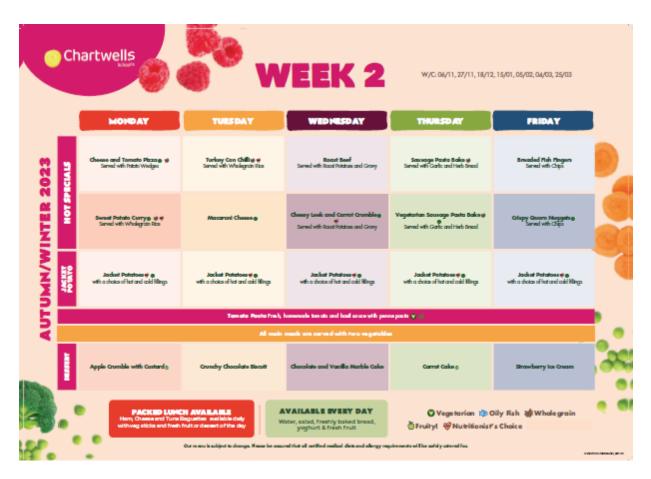
# School Dinner Menu (£2.75) per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

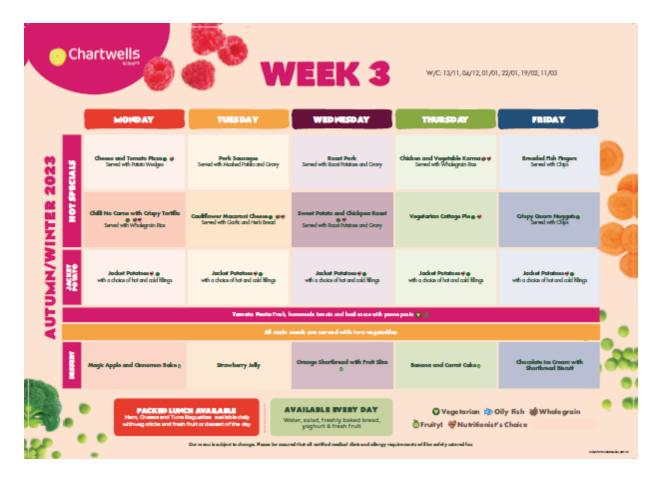
On <u>TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS only</u>, the children will be able to order baguettes - fillings cheese, tuna or ham.

The new menu will start on Week 2 when we return after half term









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**

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14th 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 19<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day – school closed to children

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

# **This Week's Class Updates**

### **Explorers**

We have had a great week in explorers. They were all amazing with their performance of the Autumn leaves song, for the Harvest Festival.

Today we have enjoyed baking and eating jam tarts. We hope you all have a fantastic two week break.



# <u>Adventurers</u>

A spooky fun day full of activities has finished off a busy first half term in Adventurers class. Eyes were down for a game of tricky words bingo this morning followed by a guided reading session on 'Room on the broom'. The children drew some amazing pictures of the witch from the story, and came up with some brilliant adjectives to describe her. This afternoon we made some spooky slime complete with spiders and magical pixie dust and decorated some cookies!

The Adventurers team would like to wish you all a relaxing half term, and look forward to welcoming the children back for our run up to Christmas!!

## **Discoverers**

This week in maths we have been doing multiplications and division strategies.

In english this week we have been writing up steps on how to plant an acorn.

This week in science we have been doing an experiment involving making a buzzer work, making a light brighter and making a fan work.

In geography this week we have been learning more about the topic North America looking into different climates.

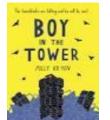
This week in morning work we have been writing up a story for a made-up picture.

Written by Luke Hughes and Taylor Rolf.

### <u>Pioneers</u>

Hello to all parents and carers of Pioneers Class. I hope that you all have a great half term. It hardly seems any time since August, but equally lots has happened too.

Looking forward to the next Half term, our trip to Osborne House has been rearranged (by English Heritage) from Tuesday 7th November to Tuesday 21st November. Apologies for any inconvenience.



This week (today in fact) we had our first Book Group meeting, all the Year 6 children present were extremely enthusiastic about the book, although admittedly we had to agree with Pippa it appears guite depressing so

far.

We have also read our first No Outsiders Book, King of the Sky, which prompted much discussion about the reasons for migration from one country to another and how difficult it must be to be in a country where the people around you do not speak your language.



Over the holiday I have set up a take home task. So your child should have a letter in their bag, but just in case here it is.



# PIONEERS \*\*\*\*\* 29 Take Home Task October 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers

To complement our Victorian topic I would love it if you and your child could make over half term an item (representing a famous Victorian invention) to put in our class Victorian Hall of Fame Museum.

The task is for you and your child to make a model of the invention they have been allocated (if a model is not possible, then draw a detailed picture/ diagram of it.)

The model could be made out of cardboard, fabric, lego, clay, plasticine, the list is endless. (The picture or diagram could be embellished or collaged.)

Alongside the model (or picture) should be a short description of the invention and its history. This will be displayed alongside the model in our museum.

eg

### Alexander Graham Bell

# The first telephone call took place in 1876 when Bell rang his assistant and spoke the words" Come here Watson I want you."

The Victorian invention your child has been allocated to make is

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Thank you for your support Mrs Maloney



**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I am excited to announce our plan to run a joint Year 5 and 6 Residential trip from Monday 24th June 2024 - Wednesday 26th June 2024.

This is a two night residential at Avon Tyrrell Outdoor Activity Centre which is situated in 65 acres of beautiful grounds in Bransgore, New Forest offering outdoor adventure activities, accommodation (camping), meals and a wonderful opportunity to experience something new. Please see attached leaflet listing the possible activities available.

The residential trip is run every two years. So this will be Year 5's only opportunity. The next residential



will be in 2026

Currently the price per child is £250 (which includes ferry and coach costs) this is based on the Oak package which is the top package offering 8 activities over the 2 days (two evenings). This price includes meals, accommodation and tuition. This price of £250 is a worst case scenario, as we are currently negotiating the travel costs.

The accommodation is tents, so it will be a camping experience too.

To enable the trip to run at this cost we would require all 26 children/ families to agree and commit. Prices may increase if less pupils attend.

In order to secure the booking at this price, we require a £50 deposit by Monday 6th November. (Obviously if the trip were not to go ahead this money would be refunded.)



To keep the

costs down, we will travel to Lymington via Yarmouth as foot passengers and be collected by coach to travel to the activity centre from Lymington. So I would require parents to drop off and collect from the ferry port at Yarmouth.

I do hope that you can all come. I am confident that it will be a brilliant experience and each child will relish the personal challenge. Mrs Maloney October 2023

# One last thing

Parents, if the weather is too rainy over the holidays why don't you all have a family story writing day and enter the...



**Short Story Writing Competition 2023** 

\*\*https://www.iwsb.org.uk/news/short-story-writing-competition-2023/

Our short story writing competition is back after the success of last year's which produced some very high quality entries. Chris Cane, competition organiser, said, 'This is an exciting opportunity for budding Island writers to become published authors and win some great prizes by very talented people. This year's theme is 'The Future' which will give our writers scope, creativity and a chance to let their imagination go wild! Our Awards Ceremony will be on Friday 8th December at the Riverside Centre. Doors open at 6:30pm with a 7:00pm start.

We will have entertainment as usual and a chance to hear some of the winning stories.

There are some great prizes to be won, including the four winning categories who will have their story recorded by one of our celebrities. They will also have the opportunity for their winning stories to be published in the County Press and Isle of Wight Observer. Vectis Radio will interview the winners on air and they will receive a podcast of their time on the radio. In addition there are also ferry vouchers, family days out at Island attractions, meal vouchers and much more!



\*\*ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON SIGHT FOR WIGHT WEBSITE.

### **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>

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 10th 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:

Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	13:00 – 15:30	Ventnor Family Centre, Freshwater
Thurs 26th Oct	13:00 – 17:00	East Newport Family Centre
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	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	09:30 – 12:30	Ryde Bungalow Family Centre (next to Ryde Academy)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	15:00 – 17:00	West Wight Family Centre, Freshwater
Sat 27 <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

# Prevent the spread of flu this winter





### TRAINS RETURN TO WHITWELL IN 2023!

THE ISLE OF WIGHT GROUP of the N GAUGE SOCIETY

# MODEL RAILWAY OPEN DAY



Saturday 28th October 10.00am to 4.00pm Whitwell Village Hall, Ventnor Road Whitwell PO38 2PU





Trains will be running on the group's modular layout together with members' individual model railway layouts

There will also be a variety of micro layouts - not to be missed!

Admission £3.00 Children under 16 free (accompanied by an adult) Cash Only

Disabled access and limited parking at the hall. No restrictions to parking along the main road outside the hall. Whitwell Village Hall is on bus route 6

More information at www.ngsiow.uk or 07831 347346



# Isle of Wight Table Tennis Association

Do you play table tennis?

Why not come along to the
IoW Table Tennis Centre,
at Smallbrook Stadium, Ashey Road,
Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 4BH.



You can give it a try and you'll be coached to develop and improve your game.

#### Times below:

Mondays: 9-00am - 12 noon. Monday: 6-45pm - 9-00pm.

Wednesdays: 9-00am - 12 noon. Fridays: 6.45pm - 9-00pm.

Adults £4-00 per session. Children £2-00.

Junior Coaching Sessions - Mondays & Thursdays 5-00pm - 7-00pm £3-50

Saturdays 9-30am - 12-30pm £3-50

Further information from Elaine Mills E. mail elainekmills@gmail.com









At Winchester House, Sandown Road, Shanklin, PO37 6HT

OPEN Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November

2 separate aged areas - Limited places - All day bookings between 8am-6pm Children aged 3-18 years are welcome

## **Halloween Activities include:**

CREATIVE & CHILLING ART / FACE & NAIL DESIGNING spine chilling signs, ghoulish jewellery & gadgets, freaky face paints & nail art COOKERY FOR THE BRAVEST

eyeball biscuits, insect delight, pumpkin masterpiece, tombstone cakes

HALLOWEEN PARTY GAMES & FANCY DRESS competitions, poison piñata, witches cauldron, wrap the dummy party food, party games, disco, bouncy castle







Please ring/text Sarah Wherry on 07977709088 / 530433



great people great place

# Parent Engagement Day

Children and Young People Services are hosting a Parent Engagement Event on Saturday 4 November at Holyrood Hall, 70 High Street, Newport, PO30 1BA.

The event will offer parents the opportunity to speak to local organisations and teams about the work they do and the support they offer. Representatives from the following organisations and teams will be in attendance:

- · Barnardo's
- · IOW Family Centres & Early Help
- · Mental Health Support Teams
- · Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team
- · Children's Therapies (Occupational Therapy, Physio, Speech and Language Therapy)
- · The Early Years SEN team
- Youth Trust

Please feel free to drop in between 9.30am and 3.30pm. The event will cover services for children up to the age of 18 with the morning focusing on services Up to Reception Year from 9.30am-12.30pm and the afternoon focusing on Year One and Above from 12.30pm-3.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.



Free and low-cost half term activities at Isle of Wight Council museums and libraries (photo attached)

Discover free and low cost things to do this half term on our website

### Activities include:

- Mythical Monsters Clay Days at Newport Roman Villa
- Monster modelling and mascot making at The

Museum of Island History

- Dino Day at Lord Louis Library Newport
- Bat Hospital visit at Ryde Library
- Weaving workshop at Freshwater Library
- Lots more workshops and clubs



Don't go hungry. Get support with food if you need it – open to all residents. (graphic attached)

Find out more about getting hold of affordable food on our website

Did you know?

Community pantries and larders are free to join.

- Anyone can use them to top up their weekly shop you don't need to be on benefits.
- Join up and for £5 a week, receive over £15 worth of food.
- You don't need a referral, just contact a pantry or larder directly to join.

### **East Cowes Community Pantry**

Community Spirited, Vectis Road, East Cowes, PO32 6HN 01983 296592

Opening hours:

Tuesday, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30am to 12:30pm

### **Ventnor Community Pantry**

Baby Box, Victoria Street, Ventnor, PO38 1EJ 07961 959003 Opening hours: Tuesday 3pm to 6pm Saturday 11am to 2pm

### **Ryde Community Pantry**

Oakfield CE Primary School, Appley Road, Ryde, PO33 1NE

01983 563732 Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3.00pm to 4.30pm

### **Newport Community Pantry**

The Pyle Street Pantry, 98 Pyle Street, Newport, PO30 1UH. pylestpantry@gmail.com

Opening hours:

Wednesday 11am to 1pm and 5pm to 7pm

### Pan Community Larder for East Newport residents

Downside Community Centre, Furrlongs, Newport, PO30 2AX. 01983 248170

Opening hours:

Tuesday and Friday 12pm to 2pm



## General cost of living support

- Use the Isle of Wight Council's <u>cost of living web pages</u> to see what's available near you. You can also call them on 01983 823134.
- Contact Citizens Advice Isle of Wight on 0800 144 88 48 or <a href="mailto:enguiries@iwcab.org.uk">enquiries@iwcab.org.uk</a>. Their advice is free, confidential and independent. They can help with debt, benefits, legal advice and much more.
- Contact The Footprint Trust for free advice or call them 01983 822282.
- Use the <u>connect4communities website</u> to see what other support is available in your area.
- The government <u>Help for Households website</u> has information about help with childcare costs, benefits and many other schemes.



This event is open to members of the public and is a great opportunity for those who would like to find out about the services Family Hubs offer.

To book and secure your place please visit familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk and click on the article link Newport Family Hub open day.

