



ST HELENS PRIMARY



Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The rain has gone and has now been replaced by the cold weather. The children were very excited by the snow flurries earlier in the week. I was informed that snow fell a little harder in some places with a few children even able to make snowballs in the Sandown area. Unfortunately the icy weather has not prevented an outbreak of a sickness bug in Adventurers in particular. We wish the children a speedy recovery so we can look forward to full capacity come Monday after a few days of rest.

Meanwhile at school the children have enjoyed a number of exciting additions to the curriculum.

Years 4/5 ventured to The Heights for their first swimming lesson of the season. Hopefully by the end of the sessions, a few more children will be able to swim a few metres or even a little/lot further.

Pioneers also went on a school trip to the Shipwreck Museum at Arretton Barns which they enjoyed as part of their Big History Project.

Discovers welcomed Mrs Tindall and Mrs Rigby from Independent Arts who will continue their weekly visits for the next 8 weeks. I am really looking forward to the final outcomes at the end of the project.

On Tuesday, I welcomed back my two Discoverers reading groups. The children have already progressed so much since September and I always look forward to these sessions

Piano lessons and a range of after school clubs have begun in earnest this week. The clubs are well attended and help to extend the broad and balanced curriculum available to the children.

In assembly on Friday, Stars and Workers impressed as usual. Many children included Sami and Ellena stood out with the range of skills, attitude and behaviours. This could have easily resulted in a multitude of certificates being awarded

In lessons there were many curriculum areas mentioned by the children. Barnaby, Emily and Logan enjoyed gymnastics art and swimming respectively

In Pioneers, The Shipwreck Museum was a favourite of Alba and Alexis whilst Millie Jay enjoyed art.

In Adventurers Emily Loved the Wolf Hunt and Alena and Lila the Superhero work while in Explorers Isabella, Arabella, Harvey and Rowan made excellent contributions talking about their step by step instructions, adding numbers and art work.

Next week will be another exciting week. The teachers will look forward to their various training opportunities of course and I'm sure the children will look forward to another exciting curriculum.

Have a great weekend

Mr Wake

Attendance week from: 02/01/2024 to 05/01/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	78.2%	0	0	10	12
Adventurers	97.8%	0	0	0	5
Discoverers	92%	0	0	8	8
Pioneers	91.1%	2	55	10	10

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 91.7% 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.



THIS WEEKS AWARDS



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Harvey	Jamie
Adventurers	George	Noah
Adventurers	Mia	Sam
Discoverers	Max	Belle
Discoverers	Barnaby	Thomas
Pioneers	Ellena	Sami
Pioneers	Jessica	Liam



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

Micah age 9
Milly age 11
Lylah age 10
Blossom age 10

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

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

Chartwells schools **WEEK 1** W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 08/01, 29/01, 26/02, 18/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza @ Served with Potato Wedges	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Crispy	Beef Bolognaise @ Served with Wholesome Potatoes and Garlic and Herb Bread	Smoked Fish Pies @ Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Stir Fried Vegetable Rice @ @ Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Vegetarian Burger @ Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll @ Served with Mashed Potatoes and Crispy	Vegetarian Bolognaise @ @ Served with Wholesome Potatoes and Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets @ Served with Chips
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crumble Bar with Fruit @	Original Flapjack	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice @	Vanilla Ice Cream

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE
Ham, Cheese and Tuna Baguettes available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Water, asked, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

Vegetarian Oily Fish Whole grain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all certified medical diets and allergy requirements of the school are catered for.

Chartwells schools **WEEK 2** W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 15/01, 05/02, 04/03, 25/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza @ Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chilli @ Served with Wholesome Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Crispy	Sausage Pasta Bake @ Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Smoked Fish Pies @ Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Sweet Potato Curry @ @ Served with Wholesome Rice	Macaroni Cheese @	Cherry Leek and Coriander Crumble @ Served with Roast Potatoes and Crispy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake @ Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets @ Served with Chips
DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings
DESSERT	Apple Crumble with Custard @	Creamy Chocolate Slice @	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake	Carrot Cake @	Strawberry Ice Cream

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WEEK 3
W/C: 13/11, 04/12, 01/01, 22/01, 19/02, 11/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizzas @ Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma @ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Chilli No Cheese with Crispy Tortilla @ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Coollower Macaroni Cheese @ Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast @ Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie @	Crispy Quorn Nuggets @ Served with Chips
DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade bread and beef sauce with paneer pasta				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
	Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake @	Strawberry Jelly	Orange Shortbread with Fruit Slice @	Banana and Carrot Cake @	Chocolate Ice Cream with Shortbread Biscuit

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AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

Vegetarian Fruity! Nutribonita's Choice Oily Fish Whole grain

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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 25th January – FOSH AGM – The Vine Inn, St Helens 7.00pm
- Friday 9th February – School closes at 3.00pm for half term
- Monday 19th February – School reopens at 8.45am for Spring term 2
- Monday 11th March – Staff Development Day – school closed to children
- Thursday 28th March – School closes at 3.00pm for Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April – School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer term
- Monday 6th May – May Bank Holiday – school closed
- Friday 24th May – School closes at 3.00pm for half term
- Monday 3rd June – School reopens at 8.45am for Summer term 2
- Friday 26th July – School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays
- Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June – Year 5/6 Residential trip

St Helens Primary 50th Anniversary Poster Competition

St Helens pupils! Use your imagination and design a poster to celebrate 50 years since the new St Helens Primary school opened on our current site. Your design should be on A4 paper please. Don't forget to put your name on the back and return them to the school office by Friday 9th February!

This Week's Class Updates

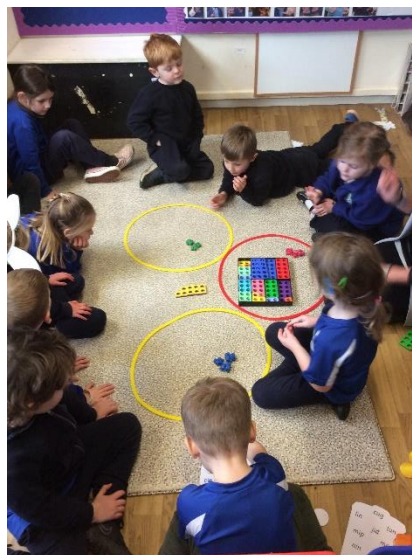
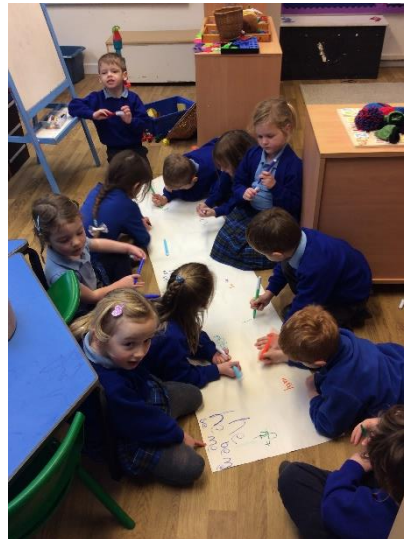
Explorers

This week Explorers have been listening to the story of The Gruffalo. From this they have made some fantastic Gruffalo paintings and made shortbread snakes.

In phonics they have moved onto phase three, which means they are now learning digraphs (two sounds together, which make one phoneme). This week they have learnt the sounds 'ch' 'sh' and 'th'.

In maths they have been introduced to addition, looking at the symbols used. They have used different objects, to work out some simple number sentences.

Also with the cold weather this week, they have been exploring the ice, which we have found in our garden. We have been discussing when water freezes and why it melts.



Adventurers

The class have been troopers this week and have really shown buckets of resilience... and definitely needed them at times with how unlucky we have been with this sickness bug.

Whilst we may have been short on numbers, we've not lacked in passion. In English the class have tackled wanted posters for the Big Bad Wolf, delved into the world of prepositions and have been highly descriptive with their adjectives. In Maths we have continued with our work on place value, tackling word problems and even adding 3x 1-digit numbers.

History brought with it the class questioning Florence Nightingale's life, with some fab questions raised for a hot seat activity next week.

"Who was it that encouraged you to be a nurse?" Mabel.

"What was the worst wound that you saw?" Emily.

"How old were you when you became a nurse?" Luke.

"How bad did war smell?" Lila.

Art involved dabbling in primary and secondary colours, with the children creating gorgeous colourwheels.

Spellings were a hit!!! Nearly every child achieved full marks during our Friday test, we're over the moon and can really tell how hard all of the kids have been practising. Please only bring the red spelling books back in on a Friday AM, as we'd like to see the children practising each night in their books, but do not need to see this until they hand them in at the end of the week.

Next week is show and tell, on Thursday 18th January- please only bring things in on that day. We do not want things getting lost.

Have wonderful weekends, we shall hopefully see the whole class on Monday.

Discoverers

In art we have been doing a sketch of a woolly mammoth and other stuff from the stone age and have been doing different types of shading.

In handwriting we are learning cursive and have done a handwriting test.

In maths we have been doing angles e.g. acute/obtuse and right angles.

In science we have been doing nutrition and we've been labelling foods on what foods are good and bad on there servings.

In R.E we have been naming good and evil people and things E.G. joker is evil and miles morales is good. In p.e. on Thursday we do gymnastics and on a Friday we play hockey. In PSHE we have been learning how to keep safe when crossing the road.

In English we've been doing work on are new book the stone age boy and doing what we can see hear and feel, doing fronted adverbials using a video and a word ispace and learning what things you need to make a fronted adverbial. Also been doing sentence structure from are made up expanded noun phrases.

By Logan and Taylor

Pioneers

Pioneers went on a great trip to the Shipwreck Museum on Tuesday of this week. Thank you to everybody who responded so promptly to my request for money! Ian Vallance (pictured below) and his team were extremely welcoming and gave the children a superb insight into the extent of the shipwrecks around the Isle of Wight. The children will be creating their own drawings of a selection of artefacts discovered from these shipwrecks and then these drawings will be our contribution to the Big History Map Project. <https://theearthmuseum.co.uk/ks2-and-ks3-isle-of-wight-museum-digital-heritage-maps>



If your children are interested in trying Scuba diving. There are opportunities available at Nodes Point Swimming pool. The link below takes you to the 'Island Divers' website and the specific page about the 'Discover Scuba Diving' course (age 10+) which some pupils may be interested in.

https://iowdivers.co.uk/content/15/PADI_Discover_Scuba_Diving_Experience10yrs/

The children were having great fun this week in computing with their Stop go motion projects. They were really understanding the process of small movements and as a result were able to create some great short stories on the first attempt. I am looking forward to sharing some finished projects with you in future weeks ... Watch this space.



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

Wightblues OSC presents 



Five Trophies and Legend's Visit

Thursday 25th Jan 2024
The Town Club, Ryde

Free photos with all five trophies

Photocall 4pm to 8pm | Charity Raffle

Entrance charge: £10 (Pay on door)
Wightblues & Ryde Town Club Members: £5
(U18s free with paying adult before 6pm)

Andy Morrison Q&A from 8pm



Come along to the Town Club, Star Street, Ryde and see the FA Cup, the Premiership Trophy, Champions League Cup, Super Cup and Club World Cup!

In Aid of Island Charities

THE WIGHT
STROLLERS
panto

Snow White

10TH, 11TH & 17TH
FEBRUARY 2024

Medina Theatre

ADULTS - £14* | UNDER 14S - £10*

BOX OFFICE: 01983 823884

WWW.MEDINATHEATRE.CO.UK

*price includes £1 booking fee



January Newsletter 2024

Hurrah to a new year! We hope you had a great winter holiday and new year celebrations.

We enter 2024 with workshops for Professionals. These are designed to give you an insight into our Parenting Puzzle and Language Builders courses. These are online and available for you to book your space now.

Professionals Workshops!

Parenting Puzzle

- Tuesday 16/01/2024 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 23/01/2024 at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday 30/01/2024 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Language Builders

- Monday 15/01/2024 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Monday 22/01/2024 at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Monday 29/01/2024 at 6.00 pm to 7.00pm

Click the link to book your place on the workshops

[Workshops for Professionals | Eventbrite](#)

Early Years Drop-in

Our drop-in sessions are an opportunity for you and your setting staff to find out more about the Family Hubs services and to ask any questions you may have.

Each drop in is led by our Community Early Help Liaison Practitioners and will have a topic of discussion, followed by time for questions.

Tue, 20th Feb 2024 12:00 until 13:00 GMT

Click the link to book onto the Peer Support Drop-in

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barnardos-early-years-setting-drop-in-tickets-793120473687>



Early Years Champions



Thank you very much to our Early Years Champions, we hope you have had a well-deserved winter break. Please keep a look out in your emails as we will be contacting you soon for a get together.

- ❖ Little Acres Childcare Centre
- ❖ Brightsparks
- ❖ Brighstone
- ❖ Fun to Learn
- ❖ Freshwater Early Years
- ❖ Seashells

- ❖ Wonder House ELC
- ❖ Windmills
- ❖ Berry Hill
- ❖ Gatten and Lake
- ❖ Furzehill
- ❖ Ventnor Community Early Years Centre

- ❖ St Helens
- ❖ Cheeky Chimps
- ❖ Binstead Stepping Stones
- ❖ Blackberry Lane





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New to January!

Welcome To The World! As part of our Start for Life Offer 0-2 years, Welcome To The World is an 8-week programme for parents from 22 weeks of pregnancy. Delivered at our Family Hubs it helps to improve parents' knowledge and skills in caring for baby, learning the importance of their wellbeing, develop the skills to help with bonding and reflect their hopes for the future.

[Welcome to the World : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

Up and coming courses in January and February (get your families booked on quickly!)

Toddler Talk

11th January 9:30am to 11:30am or 20th February 9:30am to 11:30am. An online workshop via Eventbrite. For parents and carers of children between 18 months to 3 years.

[Toddler Talk : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

Building Blocks

22nd January 9:30am to 12 noon. This Online course runs for two consecutive sessions face to face. For parents and carers of children between 9 months to 3 years.

[Building Blocks for Toddlers : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

Getting Ready for School Workshop

6th Feb 6pm to 8pm and 7th Feb 10am to 12 noon. This is an online workshop via Eventbrite.

[Getting Ready for School : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

Family Links

15th Jan 10am to 12 noon. For parents and carers of children between 3 years to 12 years in person at our East Newport Family Hub. [Family Links Nurture Programme : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

Family Links workshop

18th Jan 9:30am to 11:30 am This Online via Zoom. [Family Links Nurture Programme : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

To request for one of your families to access our courses please complete this form:

[Application for Evidence Based Parenting Courses : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

A big **THANK YOU** to those signposting families for our language and communication offer. Please continue to encourage parents/carers to complete the ELIM (Language Measure), this is for all children age between 2-3 year. [2 Year Language Check : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

REGISTERING FAMILIES

To ensure Barnardo's have all the correct information for your families, please could we ask you to encourage your families to visit our website and click on 'Register with Us'. This will also allow them to update any details if they have already registered. 😊

Registration is valuable in helping us provide evidence to our commissioners which in turn enables us to continue the delivery of our free parenting courses.

[Website - Welcome To Isle of Wight Family Centres: Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)



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