



Friday 9th February 2024

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have reached another break in our busy schedule. It appears that many of you have lots of plans lined up with visits to France and opportunities to visit families.

We have had another good week with Explorers Amazon World Trip, swimming, Skateboard Club, ICT club, Gym club and Football club featuring highly.

The Explorers loved the animals as well as the soft play area. Red Pandas, Crocodiles, wallabies, anteaters and armadillos were particular favourites. Tilly has also enjoyed making snakes in class.

In Adventurers George has enjoyed measurement in science and Luke has enjoyed the pop art. The finished art work is displayed in the hall – and it looks great.

Some of the highlights in Discovers has been cave paintings, enjoyed by Cai-Wyn whilst Clara has enjoyed learning about the Stone Age.

In Pioneers Milly loved Darwin Day and Alba Music Day on Tuesday.

In assembly Evie shared her gymnastic talents with a solo performance and Noah his swimming certificates. Thanks to both.

A really good end to the week for all classes I'm sure you would agree.

It was pleasing to see a few new members of the FOSH attend the latest meeting this week. After I left, I understand that much was discussed and some great potential new ideas floated. Essentially it is important that a new committee is formed – preferably representatives of the whole school community – whose job is to ensure that all views are considered before decisions are made.

Well done to Blue house who narrowly won the house point trophy this week.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new members of the school governing body – Mark Andre and Sarah Searle.

I hope everyone enjoys the half term break and I look forward to welcoming back all pupils at 0840 on the 19<sup>th</sup> February. A gentle reminder to some parents that registration is at 0845.

**Have a great half term**

**Mr Wake**

**Attendance week from: 29/01/2024 to 02/02/2024**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Late Arrivals</b>	<b>Minutes Lost Through Lateness</b>	<b>Unauthorised Absences</b>	<b>Authorised Absences</b>
Explorers	79.2%	1	15	12	15
Adventurers	97.9%	0	0	2	4
Discoverers	91.6%	1	25	10	11
Pioneers	98.1%	1	40	0	5

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 93.6% 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](mailto: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**



<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Worker of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Star of The Week</u></b>
Explorers	Ronnie	Isabella
Adventurers	Margaux	George
Adventurers	Mabel	Lizzie
Discoverers	Finn	Luca
Discoverers	Clara	Georgie
Pioneers	Alexis	Alfie
Pioneers	Obie	Rowan



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

Logan age 9  
Mrs Anderson

**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.

**FROM WEEK COMMENCING 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, BAGUETTE DAYS WILL BE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. BAGETTES WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS.**

Following some feedback regarding the Beef, Chartwells have made the decision to replace this with Turkey on the following dates Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Chartwells		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza @ Served with Potato Wedges	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognaise @ Served with Wholesome Potatoes and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fillets Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Stir Fried Vegetable Rice @ @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Vegetarian Burger @ Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll @ Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognaise @ @ Served with Wholesome Potatoes and Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Omelette Muffin @ Served with Chips
	DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes @ @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salads, Mayonnaise	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 soups and beef mince with penne pasta @ @						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
		Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crumble Bar with Fruit @	Original Hot Jack	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream
<b>PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE</b> Ham, Cheese and Tuna Baguettes available daily withing sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day		<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit		Vegetarian Oily Fish Whole grain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice		

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

**AUTUMN/WINTER 2023**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chilli 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>	Sweet Potato Curry 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble 🥧 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🍲 Served with Chips
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>	Jackal Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jackal Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jackal Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jackal Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jackal Potatoes 🥔 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade breads and beef sauce with paneer pasta 🍝					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍏	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit 🍪	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake 🍰	Carrot Cake 🍰	Strawberry Ice Cream 🍓

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🍏 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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

**AUTUMN/WINTER 2023**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 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
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>	Chilli No Corns with Crispy Tortilla 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Cauliflower 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
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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade breads and beef sauce with paneer pasta 🍝					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake 🍏	Strawberry Jelly 🍓	Orange Shortbread with Fruit Slices 🍰	Banana and Carrot Cake 🍰	Chocolate Ice Cream with Shortbread Biscuit 🍪

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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

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	- School reopens at 8.45am for Spring term 2
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	- Adventurers trip to Wildheart Sanctuary
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	- Staff Development Day – school closed to children
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> /Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	- St Helens Primary 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	- School closes at 3.00pm for Easter holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	- School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	- Joanne Ryan Athlete Visit (with sponsored event)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	- May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	- KS2 SATs
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	- Class Photos with Cardwell & Simons
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	- School closes at 3.00pm for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- School reopens at 8.45am for Summer term 2
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	- RNLI Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	- Year 5/6 Residential trip
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	- School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays

## This Week's Class Updates

### Explorers

We've had a great week in Explorers!

The children were all fantastic on our trip to Amazon world this week and we all had a great time learning about the different animals they have there. I think a firm favourite was feeding the wallabies, as they came right up to the children and ate out of their hands!

It was great to hear some of the questions they were coming up with as we walked around the enclosures. And to see how kind and thoughtful they were towards the animals.

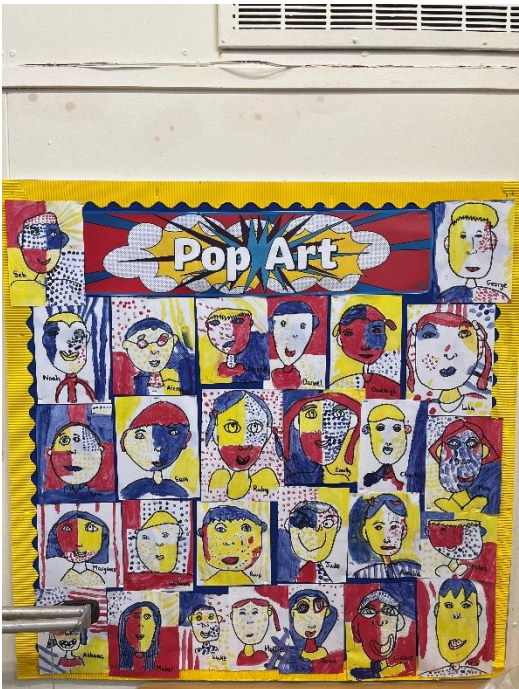
We hope you all have a lovely and safe half term!





## Adventurers

This week has been a blur! The class have had a very handwriting heavy week, with some really lovely writing coming from it.



At the start of the week they enjoyed an E-safety session reminding them of the ways to stay safe online.

They completed their gorgeous pop-art portraits in art. Towards the end of the week the class undertook a science experiment looking at the correlation between foot and hand size. They also had a Rosa Parks History afternoon and learnt about what life was like in 1950's southern America. Alongside who Rosa Parks was and why she was so important.

We've not set spellings or sent home reading books- please just enjoy your half term holiday!

If children would like to bring in photos of what they've been up to, we'd love to see it.

Have a fab week off!

## Discoverers

Discoverers have been finishing their diary writing for stone age boy and typing it up neatly. We had a History/art day on Thursday all about the stone age and created some cave paintings that Mr Popple has put on the class dojo page. Today we did a big spelling test with all the words we have learned in this half term. In PE we have been doing gymnastics and Hockey . In Science we have learnt how our bones and muscles work together to create movement.

by Emily Morling

## Pioneers

Hope everyone has a great and safe, half term break. Thank you parents and carers for your constant support ; always encouraging your children to read everyday and complete homework tasks. We are in partnership with the aim of providing your children the best primary education possible.



**LOOK HERE**

This week in Pioneers Class we were brushing up our Stop Motion Projects by adding music soundtracks . Please click on this link to see the completed animations.

<https://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk/pioneers-stop-motion-animation-projects/>

The groups were as follows, I am sure you will agree that the children have illustrated a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment to this project.

Dancing Toot	Ellie	Lottie	Milly
Paul vs Snowball	Pippa	Hannah	
Penguino	Katy	Millie S	Ellena
CG the Seagull	Jarryd	Alfie	Alex
Bob's Skiing Adventure	Millie-Jay	Alba	James
Killer Whale Kills Again	Obie	Liam	George
Pingu Snowball	Blossom	Tessa	Jessica
Party in Antarctica	Alexis	Evie	Sophia
How to catch a Seal	Sami	Josiah	Lylah

# Pioneers Class Take Home Task

## Spring term February 2024

Hello Parents, Grandparents, Siblings and carers,

Next half term in our geography lessons we are going to be looking at Volcanoes and earthquakes.

For our Take Home Task I would like the children to research and create a fact file for an allocated volcano.

Please could ask that this should not be a copy and paste exercise, but something that should incorporate a 3d model, drawing or diagram of their volcano. The following details should be included

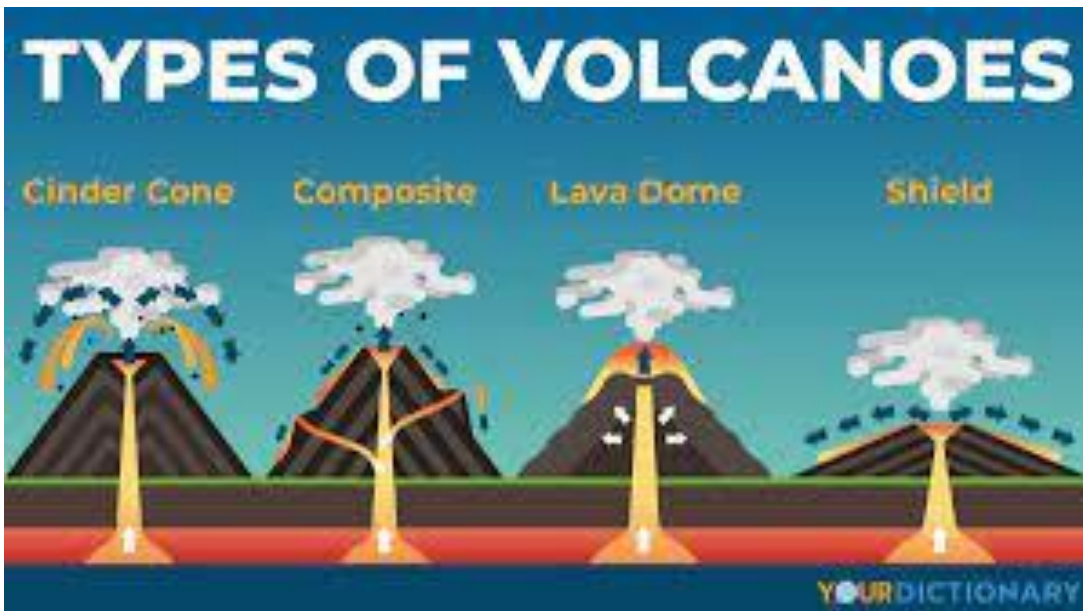


**Name of Volcano**  
**Country and the country's flag**  
**Specific Location: latitude and longitude**  
**Date of last eruption**  
**Loss of life**  
**Type of volcano**

Models can be created out of anything you choose clay , paper mache, junk modelling, minecraft, cake, drawings and diagrams should be colourful and detailed.

Date of hand in is, Wednesday 21st February, ( homework may be emailed to me to be printed at school if required)

Thank you  
Sarah Maloney





## 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](http://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk)

*Coffee Morning Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> February 10:30 to  
13:30*

*The Pavilion on The Green St Helens*

*In Aid of St Helens  
Village Fayre*

*Tea/Coffee £1*

*Cakes 50p - £1.50 per  
slice*

*Also raffle*

*Donations are always welcome.*



Give us a follow St Helens Village Fayre - IoW  
[StHelensVillageFayre.iow@gmail.com](mailto:StHelensVillageFayre.iow@gmail.com)



**THE DAISY BUS BINGO**

**2ND MARCH  
4.30-5.30PM  
AT THE VINE PUB**

All money raised goes to the Daisy Bus, provided by Wessex Cancer Trust. It is a free minibus service that collects cancer patients travelling from Southsea Hoverport to the QA Hospital. A much needed service.

**£5 FOR 5 GAMES**

www.wessexcancer.org.uk/support-services/daisybus/

Graphic Design www.sprinda.co.uk



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## COMPETITION!

We need YOU to create the covers of this year's Village Fayre programme!

The winning designs will appear as the front and back covers of the programme.

We will choose one design from KS1/EYFS and one from KS2. You can enter a design for each.

Front cover entries should include the words 'St Helens Village Fayre 2024'

## PRIZES!

Each winning artist will receive a £10 gift card, a copy of the programme to keep and a framed copy of their design.

All entries must be on A4 paper, portrait orientation only please

Closing date is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Winners will be announced on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**PLEASE RETURN ALL ENTRIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE F.A.O  
MRS TAYLOR & ENSURE YOUR NAME AND CLASS IS CLEARLY  
WRITTEN ON THE BACK**

## Competition!

St Helens Village Fayre takes place on the village greens on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

The organisers would like to invite the pupils of St Helens Primary to design the front and back covers of the Fayre programme. Flyers have been sent home with children today.

Children may enter either a front or a back cover, or both if they wish!

One winner will be chosen from KS1/EYFS and one from KS2.

All entries should be on A4 paper, portrait orientation and include 'St Helens Village Fayre 2024' wording if possible.

Please remember to put your name and class on the back!

The closing date for entries is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.** Please hand them in to the school office for Mrs Taylor's attention.

SMALL MUSEUMS · BIG ON HISTORY!

**HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES**  
NO NEED TO BOOK

NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

MUSEUM ISLAND HISTORY

CLAY DAYS  
MONSTER MATCH

RODEO RIDERS  
CRAFT ACTIVITY  
+ ENTRY TO THE MUSEUM

• 9.30am to 3pm  
• Wednesday 14 February  
• Friday 16 February  
• £1 per person

ALL-WEATHER ATTRACTIONS

• 10am to 1pm  
• Tuesday 13 February  
• Thursday 15 February  
• Adult £1 Child 50p

Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA | 01983 823433 | iow.gov.uk/museums | museums@iow.gov.uk

Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY | Isle of Wight Council

Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

## relax Kids



The next dates for the '90 Minutes to Family Calm' series of workshops as one-off's or as a course for the Spring Term 2024. The course is fully funded and is open to all parents and staff working with children.

As always, the topics focus on managing feelings & emotions and supporting us with our own and our children's self-regulation.

The workshops will be available to join on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 in February and March.

**PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO JOIN AND TO PASS THIS ON.**

If you would like to join any of these 90 minute zoom sessions all you need to do in the first instance is reply to this e mail [info@thecrossley.co.uk](mailto:info@thecrossley.co.uk) to express your interest, then I will send you a 'joining' pack with instructions on how to enrol.

- Brain Training for Calm - 21<sup>st</sup> February
  - How our brains work & how they affect our ability to achieve calm

- **Taming the Emotions Monster – 28<sup>th</sup> February**
  - How to avoid & manage meltdowns through becoming an 'Emotion Coach'
- **Sensible About Our Senses – 6<sup>th</sup> March**
  - Understanding about sensory triggers & how our senses affect our behaviour.
- **Bucket Filling for Self-Esteem – 13<sup>th</sup> March**
  - A fun perspective on how to feel good about ourselves & help our children to build self-esteem.
- **Relaxing our Kids – 20<sup>th</sup> March**
  - Building confidence & resilience through relaxation – steps to relaxing for children



## WE WANT YOU!

Looking for a friendly & fun club to play cricket?  
Just starting out and want to give it a go?

Everyone welcome age 5+

ECB trained coaches,  
equipment & great opportunities.







For more information please contact us at  
07837 664010  
[www.facebook.com/arretoncc](http://www.facebook.com/arretoncc)

All-stars age 5-8  
Dynamos age 8-11  
U11 teams, U13 teams,  
U15 teams, mens & womens