ST HELENS PRIMARY

Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has reached its conclusion after another busy and enjoyable few weeks. Time has flown by but lots has been achieved.

The Gold Arts award was a particular feather thanks to the hard work of the teachers. The 50th Anniversary celebration was also very rewarding.

There have been multiple trips and visitors for the children, wellbeing days, swimming, the independent arts programme and much more.

Moreover the attitude of the children continues to stand out of course as highlighted during Friday's assemblies. This is what make St Helens such a great school to be involved with.

Parents evening has been well attended. On behalf of the staff, I would like to share my appreciation of the comments made by some of the parents.
Teaching is very rewarding but also challenging and I know it means a lot to staff when they receive recognition of the hard work they undertake.

As we celebrate the end of term we must also look forward to the forthcoming addition to the Gorman household. We wish Miss Gorman and family a relaxing extended 'break'

Mrs Cascarini will be covering the maternity period. She is an experienced teacher who I'm sure will make a good addition to the staff.

In addition Mrs Henry will be leading PE after Easter. Mrs Royal will be undertaking other duties for the next few weeks.

Thank you to FOSH for their continued hard work. The new committee has settled in very well and work extremely well in conjunction with the older members to support the children with extra-curricular events including todays Easter Egg Hunt of course.

Thank you to all volunteers who support the school with reading and extra- curricular clubs and of course thank you to the children, governors and staff who together make the school a good (with outstanding features) school.

In class, Pioneers have finished sewing their soft toys and created Floodland chapters in English, Discoverers have enjoyed reviews in Spellings, arithmetic and science.
Adventurers enjoyed adding 'ing' to words and continuing their bread experiment, and in Explorers, Easter has been the key theme with Easter wreaths and Easter cards.

Have a great Easter

Mr Wake

Attendance week from: 18/03/2024 to 22/03/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	74.6%	0	0	4	29
Adventurers	84.3%	0	0	10	37
Discoverers	84.4%	0	0	16	23
Pioneers	79.6%	0	0	18	35

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 81.7% 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

Class	Worker of the Week	Star of The Week
Explorers	Lewis	Marley
Adventurers	Ruby	Lila
Adventurers	Levi	Hollie
Discoverers	Lottie	Luca
Discoverers	Atticus	Thomas
Pioneers	Alexis	Tessa
Pioneers	Rowan	Pippa

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

Sam age 7
Taylor age 9
Mr Popple
Mr Hammerton
Alexis age 10
William age 7

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

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

Chartwells school

WEEK 1

W/C: 15/04,06/05,03/06, 24/06,15/07,09/09, 30/09

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Half a Jacket Potato	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake Served with Chips	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
HOT SPECIALS	BBQ Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon 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 tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit	Raspberry Jelly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Flapjack

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

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

Vegetarian · Oily Fish · Wholegrain · Fruity! · Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all certified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely sourced for.

Chartwells school

WEEK 2

W/C: 22/04,13/05, 10/06, 01/07,22/07, 16/09, 07/10

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
HOT SPECIALS	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle

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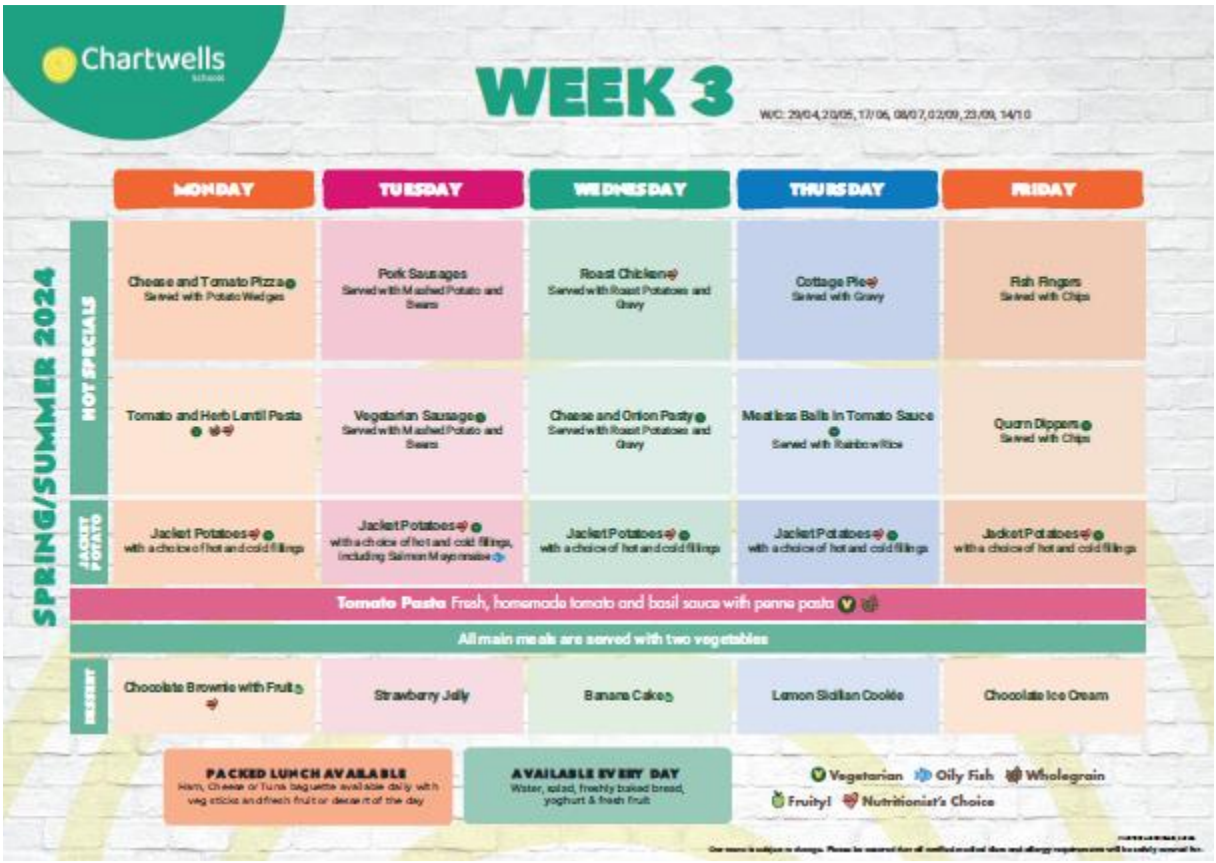

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WEEK 3

W/C: 29/04,20/05, 17/06, 08/07,02/09, 23/09, 14/10

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cottage Pie Served with Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pasty Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbow Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
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	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream

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Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice

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 15th April - School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer term
Monday 22nd April - Joanne Ryan Athlete Visit (with sponsored event)
Tuesday 23rd April - Year 5 sailing at Seaview starts for 10 weeks
Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs
Monday 20th May - Class Photos with Cardwell & Simons
Friday 24th May - FOSH Colour Run (details to follow)
Friday 24th May - School closes at 3.00pm for half term
Monday 3rd June - School reopens at 8.45am for Summer term 2
Monday 17th June - RNLI Day
Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June – Year 5/6 Residential trip
Friday 12th July - FOSH Summer Fayre
Friday 26th July - School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays

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St Helens Village Fayre

Congratulations to Lila, Seb and runner-up Emily for their colourful entries into the competition to design the front and back covers of the Village Fayre programme. The committee chose Lila's for the front cover and Seb's for the back cover. Emily was chosen as runner-up and her design will also feature in the inside back cover of the programme.
The children were awarded £10 book tokens and after Easter will receive their entries back, framed, with a copy of the programme to keep.

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

Online registrations for postal packs close on April 18th.

Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER
at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4–11

Week 1
Tuesday–Friday (2nd–5th April)
Week 2
Monday–Friday (8th–12th April)

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a **fun** and **enjoyable** environment whilst **developing** and **improving** players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM

- FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!

SANDOWN SOCCER

Player of the day!

Win Player Of The Day trophies and t-shirts!

5 hours of fun EVERY day!
10am - 3pm
Inclusive football for ALL abilities!

Only £14 a day
Special Discounts!
Week 1: 4 days only £52
Week 2: 5 days only £65
Sibling Discount available!

Have questions or would like more information?
Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com
07594 389531

SANDOWN SOCCER

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

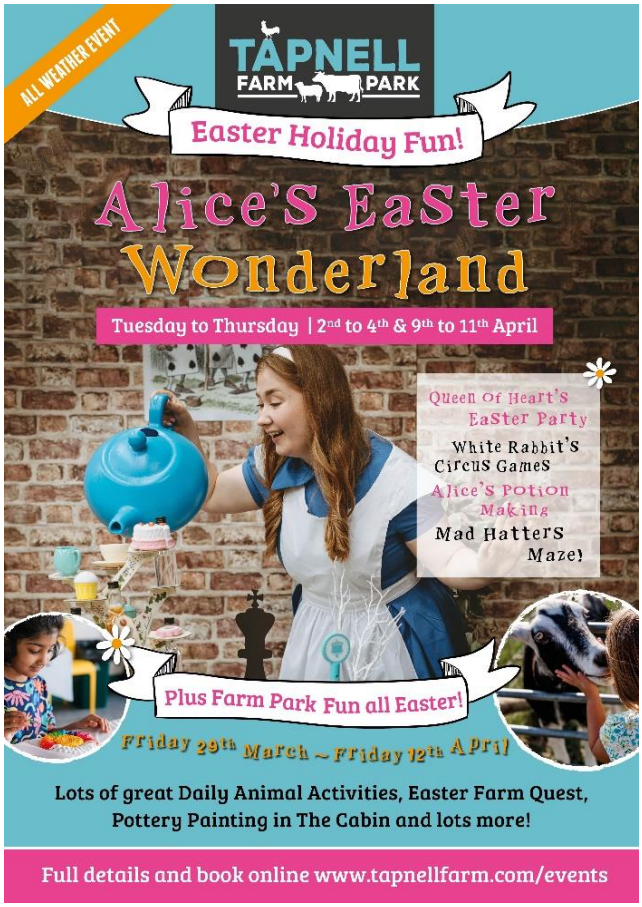
Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to 07594 389531

Under 11s Cricket fun day

Tuesday 9th April

- 10am - 3pm
- Ventnor Cricket Club
- Open to boys and girls Yrs 3-6
- ECB qualified coaches
- Please bring a packed lunch
- All equipment provided
- £10 per person
- Contact: 07917306984 to book



Easter Activities

29 March to 14 April

- Easter Trail
- Donkey Grooming
- Pamper a Donkey
- Pamper a Shetland
- Meet the Donkeys Free Guided Tours

www.iowdonkeysanctuary.org/whats-on

Book online now!

Isle of Wight Council

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Find out more about plans for Island education at public drop-in sessions

The Isle of Wight Council is holding a series of public drop-in sessions which will focus on improving education provision and how school place planning is undertaken.

The sessions will look at the high numbers of surplus places that currently exist across the primary sector and the further increase that is forecast for future years.

Council officers will discuss the significant impacts that not managing the surplus has on the schools themselves and children's education.

The events are taking place within the context of the development of a new Education Strategy for the Island which will address all aspects of the system and how we can improve the quality of education on the Isle of Wight.

These public events are open to everyone and offer valuable insights into the challenges faced by our local education system. The drop-ins are taking place across the Island as this is a 'whole Island' issue and potentially has an impact on all education providers.

Residents will hear about how data is collected and used to forecast pupil places, and also about how the shortfall in pupil places in schools affects academic outcomes, school budgets and recruitment.

These sessions are an information sharing opportunity to provide context and raise awareness about the local educational opportunities and challenges.

They will be open to discussion, ideas and suggestions. All who are interested in education on the Island are welcome and encouraged to attend and share their views. We expect there to be related formal consultations later in the year, after specific proposals have been developed.

People are asked to book in advance if they wish to attend one of the sessions and further information on how to do that can be found on the council's website.

Upcoming public drop-in sessions:

- Monday 15 April, Riverside Centre, Newport, PO30 2QR, 9am to 11am **and** 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
- Thursday 18 April, Freshwater Memorial Hall, PO40 9UU, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
- Monday 22 April, Ryde Academy, PO33 3LN, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 24 April, Cowes Enterprise College, PO31 8HB, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
- Thursday 25 April, The Bay CE School, PO36 9JH, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Wednesday 1 May, Wroxall Community Centre, PO38 3DP, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.