







Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by leaving just five more school days before the end of term. Year 6 have attended breakfast club on Monday to Thursday. Mr Booth shone in the kitchen with Mrs Maloney on serving duty. The choice of spread included a waffles, pancakes and toast with a multitude of toppings available. Friday will not be the same.

Thank you also to the team of governors who supported the process with their invigilation and support throughout the week.

The children did themselves proud and now we await the results in July. Of course not only year 6 were on exam alert. Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 also completed a number of non-statutory assessments this week. Year 4 MTC, Year 1 phonics and even Year R Early Learning goals assessments will follow.

Meanwhile in class Explorers have been enjoying nature. In particular develop their knowledge of spiders.





Mrs Callaghan with the class pet Amanda

Our friends from Explorers reliably informed us that spiders have eight legs, 48 knees, eight eyes as well as blue blood. However they do not have antennae like insects but even have fangs!

In Adventures, Rosie enjoyed the tests as did Barnaby in Discoverers and Alba in Pioneers. Taylor liked writing the dragon backstory and Ellie painting the clay horses.

Miles presented his range of swimming certificates in assembly including his 10m swim. Well done Miles. On a similar athletic theme, Alba, Blossom, Belle and Emily shared their Walk the Wight medals (and tee shirts and numbers). I was impressed that Emily's dog even received an award. Well done to all the participants. I believe Belle managed to walk 8 miles on this occasion!

Yellow House were finally defeated after three weeks as the house point victors. However they were a close second and will undoubtedly be looking forward to more success in the final week before half term.

It was great to see the sun shining again on Friday. Pioneers had a morning off timetable following the joys of SATs week.

I tasked them with considering ideas top expand our amazing environmental area. Raised platforms, display cabinets, bird baths, study areas, wildflower and wildlife sanctuaries areas, den building areas, work stations and additional seating were a few of the incredible ideas. Thank you Pioneers for your amazing suggestions.

Have a great weekend

Mr Wake

Sunhats & sunscreen

Please ensure that on sunny days children bring a sunhat to school and have sunscreen applied.

Attendance week from: 07/05/2024 to 10/05/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	97.9%	0	0	0	2
Adventurers	90.1%	0	0	18	5
Discoverers	94.3%	0	0	2	9
Pioneers	90.4%	2	100	3	17

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 93.2% 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	Lewis	Rowan
Adventurers	Margaux	Lila
Adventurers	Emily	Rosie
Discoverers	Ria	Finn
Discoverers	Thomas	Beauin
Pioneers	Sami	Alex
Pioneers	Josiah	James



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

Frazer age 8

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

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







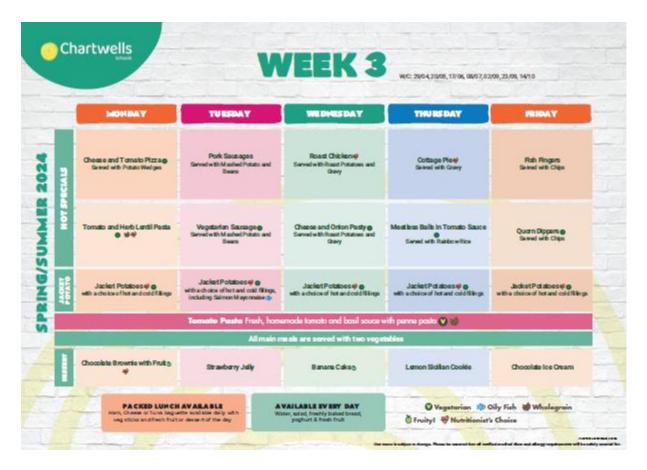
WEEK 1

	MOHDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	MIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizzage Served with Half a Jacket Putatio	Classic Bed Burger Served with Possib Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with lib set Proteio es	Chicken and Brookell Pasta Bake (4) 4	Rish Ringers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quom Fillet g · gi Sarved with Wholegran Fice	Vogetarian Burgarø Served with Poteb Wedges	CheesyPloughman'sPlanb Plate	Chilli No Came with Crispy Tortillag	Quarth Dippersig Sawed with Chips
# POTATO	Jacket Potatoes * • with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes # @ with a choice of he hand cold fillings, including Salman Mayonnaba ()	Jacket Potatoes * o with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potations (*) (*) with achoice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes () with a chalce of hot and cold filling
			emade tomato and basil sauce w		
		All main n	ne als are served with two veget	tables	
	Crispy Crackle Barwith Fruits	Respirary July	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Siloso #	Vanilla Ice Creem	Original Repjack
i			VAILABLE EVERY DAY ster, solad, froshly balead bread, yoghurt & feeth fruit	O Vegetarian 10 Oily Fish 10 Wholegrain	
				Fruity! W Nutritionist's Choice	

Chartwells



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	PRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizzage Sa wid with Polato Widges	Beef Bolognæen) of Served with Vifociov/best Press	Road Pork Served with float Potetoes and Glavy	Butter Chicken Curry 🐞 💝 Served with Wholegran Ros	Southern Ried Chicken Sewed with Chips
HOTSP	Vegetarian Bolognoze g 성 수 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggle Buritio g ⊕ ⊕	Quarm Roast g Served with floast Potetose and Gravy	Macarani Cheasege	Veggle Ringuisie Sawed with Chips
# PAGE	Jacket Potatoes (*) (*) with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes + 6 with a choice of hot and out filtings, including Salmon Mayonswise - 6	Jacket Potatoes (*) & with a chalce of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potaboss 🍎 😝 with achsics of hot and cold fillings	Judget Polisions (Fig. with a chalce of hot and cold filling
			emade tomato and basil sauce v		
		All main n	ne als are served with two vege	tables	
ı	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Siloe ⊕ #	Orango Jolly	Chocolate Shortbreed with Fruit 6	Orange Drizzle
d	PACKED LUNCE		VAILABLE EVERY DAY	O Vegetarian 100	Dily Fish Wholegrain
	veg sticks and fresh fruit or decay roof the day		yoghurt & fresh fruit	Ö 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 20th May

av

- Class Photos with Cardwell & Simons

Wednesday 22nd May Friday 24th May

- Discoverers trip to Independent Arts/Guildhall, Newport

School closes at 3.00pm for half termSchool reopens at 8.45am for Summer term 2

Monday 3rd June - School reopens at 8 Wednesday 5th June - KS1 Beach School

Wednesday 5th June - Reception '24 Par

- Reception '24 Parents Meeting 6.00-7.00pm

Monday 17th June - RNLI Day

Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June – Year 5/6 Residential trip Thursday 20th June – Sight for Wight Hat & Sunglasses Day

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Days

Friday 12th July - FOSH Summer Fayre

Tuesday 23rd July - Sports Day 9.30am-12.00pm

Wednesday 24th July - Back-up sports day (in case of rain) 9.30am-12.00pm

Friday 26th July - Leavers Assembly 11.00am-12.00pm

Friday 26th July - Whole school picnic & leavers races 12.00-3.00pm - School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays

This Week's Class Updates

Explorers

We have continued to enjoy our Minibeast topic this week with our bug of the week being spiders.

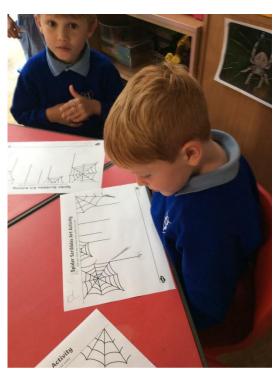
The children have been learning lots of different facts about spiders including that they have 8 legs and their blood is blue! The children have enjoyed lots of different fiction and non-fiction books about spiders as well as watching some short episodes of 'Spider!' which they all really loved watching.

In maths this week we have been practicing our counting skills.

The children enjoyed a count and colour game where they had to count the different amounts of spiders hidden on the page and colour them in the colour of that amount.

We all enjoyed show and tell this week. Tilly brought in her photo of her family and her meeting Santa and showed us the husky she helped to find at Tapnell. While Arabella enjoyed showing us her skateboard and telling us about the skateboard club she goes to. The class all loved the videos of her going on the ramps!

Have a lovely weekend





Adventurers

It has had to be a much quieter week this week in Adventurers, with the older children completing their assessments! Adventurers adapted well, and worked hard even though we couldn't leave the room or make much noise, well done!

In English we have now started reading Mrs Noah's pockets and we are finding out if our predictions from last week were correct! We have also discussed and written about 'troublesome creatures/characters' from stories/films/programmes we know. We have discovered that a 'troublesome character' isn't necessarily a mean one; they could be silly, clumsy, and clever.

In maths we have been working on place value; year 1 have showed how great they are at marking numbers on a blank number line, whilst year 2 have showed us how well they can use part-part whole models to partition numbers into 10s and 1s.

We have been continuing our work on habitats in science; this week we created either pictograms (year 1) or bar charts (year 2) to present our data collected from tallying minibeasts last week.

I asked the children if habitats ever change, these were some of their ideas:

Trees being cut Things can grow There might be wind down by humans! and that changes that blows the leaves Alfred things. off the trees. Or Miles earthquakes! Luke The trees can change The river. If because of the seasons. there's lightning it Emily could hit a tree and knock it down! Raif

Discoverers

This week, we have been busy doing Nfers every morning up until Thursday. On Monday and Tuesday were grammar/punctuation and reading tests, and wednesday and Thursday were maths and arithmetics. That is 5 tests!

But we have also been learning about viking long boats, That were used by many vikings to raid other countries, and we have drawn our own fierce longships!

And nearing the end of our English journey of Tell me a dragon by Jackie Morris, The class have been writing their own back stories for the dragons we all created.

Now, something important. We have been practicing our multiplication, for the MTC- Multiplication Times Tables Check soon.

By Clara

Pioneers

Hello, this week, was for our Year 6 pupils one of their rites of passage in their final year at primary school: it was of course SATS week. All the children were all brilliant. They had a great attitude and were very diligently checking their answers and all remained calm and focused. Good job Year 6, I am so proud of you all.





Thank you to the governors who helped tremendously by serving breakfast and being exam invigilators. Gary Booth, Matthew Searle, Peta Rainford, Sarah Searle, Christine Westmore and Mark Andre (for sorting out tables.)

We will find out the results on Tuesday 9th July.

Additionally, a big Well done to Year 5 for supporting the Year 6 children and also sitting a series of NFER tests this week (NFER- which is short for- National Foundation for Educational Research, tests are a reliable formative assessment tool.



Residential Avon Tyrell Monday 17th June - Wednesday 19th June

There will be a Parents Meeting on Monday directly after school to discuss the residential and answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend the meeting please do contact me with any questions you may have (by email on sarah.maloney@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk). I would also be very grateful if you could please ensure that you have completed the medical form for your child by then, as I need to send details to Avon Tyrell.

Following on from last week's black and white shot here is a photo of the recently painted horse heads.









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

Scallywags Holiday Club

Open for lots of fun & games at

Held at our wonderful home at

Winchester House, Sandown Road, Shanklin, PO37 6HT









OPEN TUESDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 31ST MAY

TIMES 8am-6pm / Places are limited Children aged 3-18 years welcome / Ofsted registered

Please text / ring Sarah Wherry on 07977709088



Let's shape the future of the Family Hubs together.

Your feedback is essential for us to make positive changes to the services we provide.

Please scan the QR code below to give us your thoughts in our latest survey.



Sign up to our mailing list to be kept informed on upcoming drop-in sessions, please use the contact details below. All new sign ups receive a free family soft play session at Aspire Kingdom Play.





07362473208



IWfamilyinfohub





AGED 10-18 AND LOOKING FOR A NEW ADVENTURE?

We are actively recruiting 10 to 18 year olds who are looking for a new challenge. Meeting every Monday and Thursday 1845 - 2100 at Cowes Unit, Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG.

Sea Cadets helps young people towards adulthood by encouraging valuable personal attributes and high standards of conduct using the customs of the Royal Navy.

Young people learn and gain skills and qualifications both on and off the water giving them a break from screen time and the pressures of Social Media.

Standing out from others, knowing how to listen, speak and present yourslef with confidence in new situations, leadership skills, motivation and composure is what equips our Cadets for life today.

If you would like to know more about how you can be involved with Cowes Sea Cadets please contact us via email or telephone.

T: 01983 289880 (machine) E: TSOsborne@cowesseacadets.onmicrosoft.com

facebook.com/CowesSeaCadets/ sea-cadets.org/cowes







Isle of Wight Library Service

MAY HALF TERM EVENTS

Ryde Library

Elmer Day - story and craft 25

10.30am to 12.00pm

Lord Louis Library

TUE Sandown Library Fun with Cats Protection 28 10.30am to 11.30am

Pirate Tales 10.00am

Cowes Library Chess club 2.00pm to 5.00pm Make a pirate hat 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Ventnor Library

Snake craft activity

10.30am to 11.30am

WED Freshwater Library

29

SAT

Froggie craft 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Lord Louis Library THU Make a parrot on a stick 30 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Lord Louis Library FRI Wooden spoon pirates 2.30pm to 3.30pm

> **Lord Louis Library** Make a treasure map and fancy dress competition 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Sandown Library & craft

Puppet show story time 10.30am to 11.30am



• Adult £1 Child 50p Guildhall, High Street, 01983 823433

iow.gov.uk/museums Newport, IW, PO30 1TY

Isle of Wight Council

IW, PO30 1HA museums@iow.gov.uk Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

Cypress Road,