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Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter Fayre

Huge thanks go to the PTA for organising a wonderful Winter Fayre for everyone to enjoy. The school was a warm and vibrant place to be with a lot of family and community spirit. Thank you for supporting this event at school and engaging with the various stalls and events on offer. Children have been busy crafting in classrooms and preparing games to play. Thanks go to the children for their contributions. Naturally events like this do not happen without lots of hard work behind the scenes. This year it has been down to just a few people to organise and they have done a sterling job in making the event happen. However, we do need more volunteers to join the team to help to make events such as these successful. If everyone contributed just a little time it would lighten the load and bring even more festivities for everyone to enjoy. Please do consider being part of the team in the New Year.

There is a meeting this coming week – where the PTA will reflect on the event and start planning events for the term ahead. Please do see if you can pop along and offer a contribution. Thank you ☺



Comments Received:

“Thank you for providing Elfridges. It means as a parent I get a surprise on Christmas day that my child has chosen for me. It is a lovely way to support parents and thinks of everyone”

“It is so nice to be able to come into school and see what the children have hand-crafted for their stalls and be able to buy one”

“The snow globe is great in the hall – it is such a lovely atmosphere. I can have a drink and mince pie whilst my children have fun”

“The calm zone is a nice touch”

Christingle Church Service

It is getting close now...

Thursday evening, we will be holding our Christmas Christingle event. Each year group will be involved in the event. The Reception children will be the Nativity ensemble that will build during the service as well as classes offering their Christingles and entertaining us through song and readings depicting the First Christmas.

Children will be required to wear their **full school uniform** back to the church in the evening please.

We ask that children are returned to the church in the evening from 5:40pm, where they will register with their class teacher and you are welcome to find a seat, to enjoy the service. The service will start at 6pm and is expected to last for roughly 50 minutes.

Please do let your child's class teacher know if they will **not** be returning to the church in the evening and taking part in this event. Thank you.

This service has been carefully considered and to ensure there is a good viewing from seats of our youngest children the aisles will be used. Therefore in advance of the event, please can we politely request that all aisles of the church are kept clear for the children's safety. There will be staff on hand to guide you to spaces during the evening.

There will be a retiring collection at the end, which will be split between the church and the school, so please do consider giving generously and bringing a little cash to this event. Thank you ☺

Christmas Dinner and Party Lunch Days this week.

Bookings have now closed for both Christmas Dinner on Wednesday and Party Lunch on Friday. Lots of reminders have been sent. If a booking has not been made for your child for either day, please ensure they have a packed lunch on these days, as the kitchen is not serving alternatives.

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday

We're looking forward to seeing the children wearing their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday. The children can wear their jumper alongside their own choice of clothing, so no uniform is required.

Personal achievements:



Lorna entered the BBC 500 Words competition a little while ago with a super story about a spider who wanted to have less legs. In the end, the spider decided he had the perfect number of legs! Lorna's story talked about how everyone is different and how those differences make us who we are. Just this week, Lorna discovered her story and gone through the first round. She will find out in the New Year if her story has made the finals. If it has she could be off to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen! Good luck Lorna, we have everything crossed for you.

Arthur, Edith and Edgar worked hard making cakes and biscuits for their bake sale last Sunday at Waterside Pool. They raised over £90 to support the beach lifeguard service on Ryde seafront, helping to keep families safe at the beach. What a significant contribution to community. Well done.



Please keep sending in personal achievements, as it is lovely to celebrate the children's wider personal success. This really supports pupil wellbeing too. ☺

Wellies

Mermaid Class are hoping that we can build a class set of wellies to be able to utilise the outside grassed area for more time throughout the year. Please can we ask if you have any wellies at home that your children have outgrown they are brought into school and donated to reception class. Many thanks everyone for your ongoing support of the school. ☺

Mud Kitchens:

Both EYFS and Preschool have mud kitchens in their outside areas. At Christmas families sometimes receive new kitchen items as gifts. You might have new saucepans or baking trays.. if you have any old items that you would like to repurpose, the outdoor mud kitchens often require replacement items. Please think of us as a school before putting any items that could be utilised into the recycling bins please. Thank you ☺

School Uniform:

A polite reminder that the school has a uniform consisting of grey trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses. A yellow polo shirt and a green cardigan or jumper. Socks should be plain grey, black or white please and plain black shoes should be worn to school each day. Trainers are acceptable on PE days, where children wear the PE kit to school of the day. However, they are not suitable for every day. If you require any pre-loved school uniform to replenish your stock please see Miss Greenhalgh. Thank you for your understanding and ensuring your child wears full school uniform to school each day.

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
Week 7			
Mon 16 th Dec	Christmas Christingle Service rehearsal only	Whole school	Children will go All Saint's Church to practice for the Christingle Service
Wed 18 th Dec	Jumpers!	YR – Y6	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 18 th Dec	Dinner	YR – Y6	Christmas Dinner Day –pre-ordered only
Thur 19 th Dec	Christingle Service	Whole school	All Saint's Church 6-7pm
Fri 20 th Dec	Whole school cinema	YR – Y6	Vintage Cinema
Fri 20 th Dec	Party Lunch	Whole School	Christmas Party Lunch – pre-ordered only
Fri 20 th Dec	Parties	Whole School	Christmas Party Afternoon – wear party clothes to school
Fri 20 th Dec	Term ends	Everyone ☺	Last Day of the term – happy holidays ☺
Winter break – Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January			
Week 1			
Mon 6 th Jan	Term starts	Everyone ☺	We look forward to seeing everyone for the start of the Spring Term in school.
Week 2			
Wed 15 th Jan	Primary school application deadline	Anyone with children due to start school in September	Application deadline closes at midnight. Please do let any families know about us and encourage visits to the school.
Wed 15 th Jan	Y6 SATs meeting	Year 6	This is a meeting for parents about the SATs in May
Thurs 16 th Jan	Science Day 1	Everyone ☺	Science Day 1 – more information to follow
Fri 17 th Jan	Science Day 2	Everyone ☺	Science Day 2 – come to school dressed up as someone from the field of science – a doctor, dentist, paleontologist, mad scientist... Ready for a fun day of experiments and investigations.



CHRISTMAS BARN

14th, 15th, 19th, 21st,
22th Dec'

Adult entry
£5 - includes
mulled apple
juice and mince
pie

Gifts and
cards and
art
flapjacks

19th - Mulled apple
juice, mince pies and
Carols

KIDZONE

Track down the 10 snowmen to
claim your chocolate

Make a tree decoration £5

Please book this activity on our website
before 8.30am of the day



MORE INFO'
www.naturezones.org.uk
BLACKWATER

Christmas Sports Activity Days



Premier School Sport Coaching

Greenmount Primary School

St. Vincents Road, Ryde, PO33 3PT

Booking is Essential please Email: psscld@gmail.com

**Monday 23rd December
Tuesday 24th December**

**Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January**

Cost: £FREE – LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

(if on income related Free School meals) Funded by the Department of Education



9.00am till 3.00pm each day.



The activity days are for children aged 5-11 years old to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment.

The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.

Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.

There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax.

Staffing:

All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding training,

What to Bring:

Plenty to drink

Wear suitable clothing for physical activity.

Warm Clothing for outside activities



For more information and to book
Email Andy Day – psscld@gmail.com or
phone/text 07970009509



The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for nasal flu vaccinations. If your child missed this but you would like them to receive it the Team will be returning on

Wednesday 15th January 2025

To access the consent form please use the link:

<https://bit.ly/3C4vuwR> or QR code:



Your school code is: **118177**

PLEASE NOTE:

If you would like your child to have the flu vaccine before that date, there are community clinics available through until the end of December.

Clinics available are:

Saturday 7 th December	Enterprise House, Monks Brook, Newport	09.00 - 12.30
Monday 16 th December	East Cowes Medical Centre (next to Waitrose)	14:30 - 16.25
Tuesday 17 th December	Cowes Family Centre, Love Lane	14.50 - 16.20
Thursday 19 th December	Sandown Family Centre, The Fairway	13.50 - 16.20
Friday 20 th December	Ryde Family Centre, George Street	09.20 - 11.20

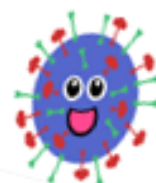
Please complete a consent form to book in. If the clinic does not appear as an option, it is full.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, 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: iow.sai@solent.nhs.uk or Tel: 0300 123 5074

**Prevent the
spread
of flu this
winter**



**Protect your
family**

SPOTLIGHT IOW
PRESENTS

Sleeping Beauty

THE SPELLBINDING
FAMILY PANTOMIME



SHANKLIN THEATRE

DECEMBER

2pm: 21st-24th, 26th-28th, 30th & 31st
3pm: 29th 6pm: 21st-23rd, 27th, 28th & 30th

JANUARY

2pm: 1st

TICKETS Age 2-4 £17 | Under 16's £19 | Seniors £21 | Adults £24
Party Rates available | Discounts for blue light card holders

Relaxed performance December 29th at 11am

Adapted to create a welcoming and accessible environment for our customers with sensory needs and disabilities

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