



Monday 9th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tell-Me Boxes and Ted Bears

We are delighted to introduce you to our new Classrooms assets, our bears and boxes! Let me tell you a little more about the new bears and boxes...

Here are our new Ted-W Bears. These are bears for pre-school, Reception class, Key Stage One classrooms and Greenhaven KS1 class.



TED – whilst is a common name for a bear it also represents the words **T**ell, **E**xplain, **D**escribe. These are key words that will be expanded on when asking children to tell us about situations that arise for them in school or elsewhere. It might be an incident with a peer at school and we need further insight to find out the facts, we need the children to **T**ell us, **E**xplain in their words what happened and **D**escribe how they felt.

The TEDs have a key prompt on their paws to help the conversation flow. They have an embroidered **W** on each paw. This represents the four questions children may be asked: **W**hat happened? **W**hen did this happen? **W**here did this happen? **W**ho was there?

This helps the children feel really listened to and helps staff to understand each incident with clarity, so it can be resolved. Holding a teddy bear whilst they have a discussion can also be really comforting to a child as well. The TED bears are now in the classrooms. I am sure the children will start to tell you about them.

Here are our Tell-Me Boxes. These are in each Key Stage Two class and are a progressive tool for Key Stage Two children. As children mature they become more discreet and may not want to always explain an incident in the way described above, but may feel more comfortable writing this down. Therefore we have Tell-Me Boxes and TED slips in Key Stage Two classrooms. The children can record their view of what has happened on a slip of paper and put this into the box. The class teacher regularly looks at any box contents and is then able to talk to individuals about the incident they have reported. The slip of paper records the child's initial voice before they are then spoken to. The dialogue that staff members have with children after the slip has gone into the box, is the same as that for younger children and centres around unpicking the four 'W' questions. On some occasions, given the nature of the child's concern, this may be passed to other staff members to discuss with them too.



I am sure your children will be keen to tell you about these new classroom systems.

Book Fair Success

Thank you to everyone that recently supported the Scholastic Book Fair in school. The support of three members of the PTA who helped run the stall after school raised a total of £537.15. This means that the school will be able to own £215 worth of free books for the school library. We are really grateful to children and families utilising the school book fair and helping make a contribution to the school in doing so. Thank you for your support.

Winter Fayre class stall items

This year the children will not be inviting parents/carers in for decorating afternoon, as instead the afternoon will be dedicated to making a decoration or item to sell at the Winter Fayre. Each class will have a stall that you will be welcome to peruse and purchase from. This way you have a keepsake memento from your child of an item they have made, that can be celebrated and kept for years to come.

Winter Fayre

The Winter Fayre takes place on Friday 13th December from 2pm until 5pm. Children can be collected at 2pm, from their external classroom door and will be signed over to the adult responsible that is collecting them. You are then able to re-enter school through the side entrance that will be clearly signposted on the day, to explore and enjoy the Winter Fayre. If a 2pm collection is not possible or you would prefer a 3pm collection then the children will remain in their classroom, helping on the Winter Fayre class stall until 3pm under the supervision of staff. Please ensure supervision of your children on the school site, once they have been collected. Many thanks.

The PTA have been working really, really hard to ensure it is a great fayre for everyone to enjoy. Please do support this school event. The enormous snow globe will be in the hall this year with various food and refreshment stalls. There is a raffle with some excellent prizes. Classroom stalls will be selling items the children are creating as well as having games to participate in. It will be lovely to welcome everyone to the fair. Please tell your friends and family to pop along too.

Mufti Day Donations

Thank you for the very generous donations on Friday towards the fair. The PTA have many different stalls to run. If you could spare a few hours on Friday to help run a stall please do let the office know. Events such as these rely on volunteers giving their time for the greater good. Please do consider helping at a stall. Thank you.

Christingle Church Service

Next 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 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.

Parental use of mobile phones on the school site

This is a reminder that when visiting the school site during the school day, adults' mobile phones should be away in pockets or bags please. There are safeguarding policies in place around mobile phone use in school and this extends to visitors onto the school site. Therefore, if engaging in a community of family event, mobile phone use is prohibited. In assemblies or events where memories are to be made a photo of your child will of course need to be captured. However generic use of cameras around the site is not acceptable. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Y6 School Bank:

This week is the last week of the school bank before the Christmas break. Please remember to send payments in to school, with the child's banking card. Thank you for all contributions so far. The children are enjoying the school bank and this is hopefully helping in managing the payments towards the residential trip.

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 6			
Fri 13 th Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre	Whole school	2-5pm in the main school
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 6-8pm
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	Deadline closes midnight
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

Winter Fayre **RAFFLE!**

PRIZES TO WIN!

**VICTORIOUS FESTIVAL DAY TICKETS,
STAY for 2 at the WELLINGTON HOTEL,
WORLD'S BIGGEST BOUNCY CASTLE
TICKETS, TAPNELL FARM PASS,
LIZ EARLE HAMPER,
STEAM RAILWAY TICKETS,
RED FUNNEL VOUCHERS,
CREAM TEA for 2,
GAME OF GOLF, GROUP SWIM,
RAPANUI VOUCHER,
ANIMAL CROSSING MONOPOLY,
STORE VOUCHERS, GIFTS and MORE!**

ONLY £1.00 per TICKET, CASH ONLY PLEASE,
DRAW TAKES PLACE DURING THE WINTER FAYRE ON 13th DEC

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

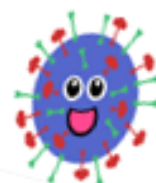
Please complete a consent form to book in. If the clinic does not appear as an option, it is full.

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**