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Last Newsletter this year!

Dear Families,

IMPORTANT NOTICE



You will soon be receiving an invite to join **Compass**. This is our new Management Information System (MIS). This will replace a lot of the individual apps that we currently use (Teachers to Parents text messages, Scopay, Clubbly etc) - it will bring all of this functionality under one program. You can access this through an App or via a website. It will be important for you to register as this will be the main communication tool between ourselves and you. You will be able to see an online calendar, any trips, any first aid administered and so much more.

Please create an account immediately after receiving your log in details (you will be sent a log in and password - you will need to change this password first thing). Our new Reception parents have already started this process. A help booklet will be emailed to help you with this.

Newsletter

This newsletter will be our last for this academic year. In September we will be writing a newsletter every other week, but will continue posting on Facebook and Instagram often so you can see what is going on in school. So please remember to follow us on socials:

https://www.instagram.com/queensgatefoundationprimary/

https://www.facebook.com/QueensgateFoundationPrimary

Keep the Children Safe

The Zig Zags outside our school are there to keep the children safe. **Please do not park on them!**Last week a coach with our Year 6 children on had no-where to park. This is not ok. If any vehicles are illegally parked we suggest you take photos of the offending cars and report it to Fix My Street (https://fms.islandroads.com/). There is more likelihood of something being done if more reports are submitted.

No Scootering or Cycling on the School Site

The reason we ask children not to cycle or scooter on the school site is because we have in excess of 400 children with all their families on site. We ask the children to walk their scooters and bikes to keep everyone safe and so that no accidents happen. Please re-iterate this to your child and support us when we do. Also please remember to leave school via the paths and not across the car park.

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly and Clapping Corridor

Our Year 6 children will be leading an assembly on **Friday 26th July** starting at 1:30 pm. Parents of our Year 6 children are welcome to join us at 1:20pm. After the assembly there will be a clapping corridor on the field. This is something we started in Covid times and have continued.

On the last day of term Year 6 are welcome to bring in an old shirt to get signed but will need a clean school uniform shirt for the assembly.

Sports Day

Although the KS2 event was slightly delayed, we had two successful Sports Days. The children were fantastic and both events were well attended by parents. Thank you again to Miss Radcliffe for all of the organising, her team for their support, Mr Giles who once again came out of retirement to join us! Miss Hunter for keeping us informed (and entertained!) on the PA system and all the adults who helped out over the two mornings. Below are the two winning teams - KS1 were Australia and KS2 were India. Congratulations to both teams.





Year 3 Recorder Concert

On Wednesday 10th July, Queensgate welcomed many families to enjoy a short concert showcasing the musical achievements of **Year 3** this year. Every child in Year 3 has been learning the recorder since September and many of them are now confidently able to read music and play a range of pieces including lots of dynamic contrast to add interest to their performances.

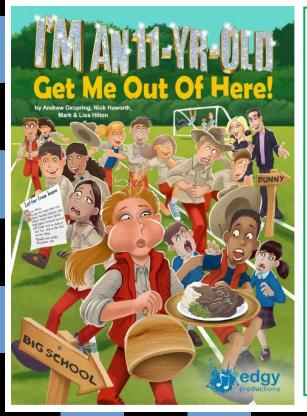
In addition to a varied repertoire including traditional folk tunes and dances, Ollie, Archie and Mia gave solo performances on guitar and piano, demonstrating the skills they had learned from their extra-curricular music lessons in school.

It was a wonderful time and there were many lovely comments afterwards from parents: "Great performance." "Amazing!" "The children worked so hard. Well done!"

Mrs Webb is really proud of everything Year 3 have achieved in music this year. Very well done!







Year 6 Production

Thank you to all the families that joined us to watch the Year 6 production, 'I'm an 11 Year old get me out of here!' I am sure you had a terrific time and were thoroughly entertained.

I thought the production was very well put on - a lot of work was carried out on the set and props and the children were very well rehearsed.

I was really impressed with their confidence and delivery of lines, especially as they had such a short time to practice this in.

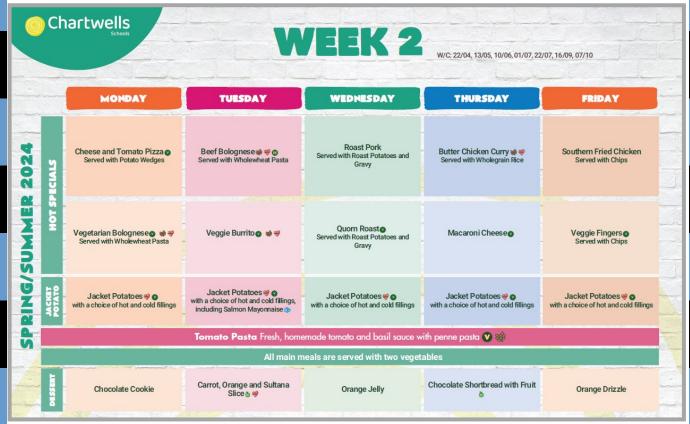
Well done Year 6 you did yourselves and everyone proud.



What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)





Price Rise for lunches

Please note that the price of lunches will be £2.95 per day, payable in advance from September. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals - this is a great opportunity to all children in those year groups to have a FREE nutritious meal every day.



Please remember, that from Year 3 onwards lunches will only be free for those families entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), please speak to the office or Mrs Jeffers if you believe you are entitled to FSMs they will be happy to help.

Breakfast Club

We have kept breakfast club costs as low as possible so that all families can access it, however, it is now necessary to raise the cost to £2.50 to enable us to balance costs. This will come into effect in September.

Important - Due to the end of term, school year - **all** breakfast club and dinners for next week must be paid by Wednesday 24th July please.

Out & About

Our Reception children had a fantastic adventure on Tuesday, travelling over to Southsea on the hovercraft to visit the Blue Reef Aquarium! Earlier in the term, the children learnt all about different modes of transport and have more recently been learning about the seaside and sea creatures. The children enjoyed the hover journey and learnt lots in the aquarium too. They had a special talk, hosted by one of the Aquarists, all about sharks and rays, where they were able to handle shark skin, teeth, eggs and a stingray's barb! One of their favourite creatures were the Common Sting Rays, who seemed to wave at the children on the surface of the water. The children had a picnic lunch on Southsea Common and were then keen to return back into the aquarium to explore some more. The children were all fantastic ambassadors for the school. Well done Reception classes, what a super day out!



















Our **Year 6** Out and About team had fun on Ryde Beach on Wednesday afternoon. The group loved hunting for crabs in the shallow pools (finding eight in total), gathering cockles, building sandcastles, digging holes (and burying each other) and playing beach volleyball.







Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child has suncream applied before school, wears suitable play clothes, comfortable shoes and they bring a sunhat, raincoat and water bottle.

Tuesday am - Reception

Bembridge Lifeboat Station

Louie, Ananya, Charlie, Mia-Rose, Mayleigh, Thomas, Elizabeth, Owen, Freddie, Molly, Rhue, Lyla and Blake.

* The tour is free but the RNLI would be very grateful if you would like to make a small donation. Please bring in some loose change if possible.

Tuesday pm - Year 5

Wight Aviation Museum

David, Ava, Isabella, Sophia-Leigh, Grace, Riley, Harry, Jack, Emily B, Harley, Paranith, Adriana, Zachary, Léon and Marley.

Wednesday am - Year 4

Osborne House

Ashton, Annabelle, Toby, Maddie, Destiny-Grace, Hannah, Edward, Jack, Logan R, Jesse, Charley, Oscar S, Tommy, Elliot and Kyle.

*Yet to be confirmed, we are hoping that last week's group (that got cancelled due to Sports Day) might be able to visit.

Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Scarlett, Maisy, Toby, Harley T, Flynn, Mirabelle, Georgia, Logan F, Tula and Keian.

Wednesday pm - Year 6 (6TM)

Ryde Beach

Logan, Harrison B, Max, Freddie, Charlie S, George, Amber-May, Lilly, Chloe Stay, Bella WF, Grace and Robert.

Cookery Next Week

Please look out for text messages to advise what type of container your child will need if they are doing cooking next week.



Working Together to Improve School Attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This is why schools, and local councils in some cases, are committed to working together with families to solve problems and support your child's school attendance.

New guidance to school and local councils mean that students will be better supported to be in school and attend regularly. Schools with be supported to analyse their data and offer assistance to those families who need it quicker.

The Department for Education has amended the framework for the issuing of penalty notices in relation to unauthorised absence. Whilst it is expected that schools support families, if the support is not engaged with, schools will be able to apply for penalty notices to be issued to families for unauthorised absence. This may be due to students arriving significantly late to school, schools not being informed of the reasons for a student's being absent, or schools not agreeing with the reason for the absence. In the event of unauthorised holidays in term time, the support element would not be offered.

In addition, the cost of Truancy Penalty Notices is rising to £160 per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days for a first incidence). If a second penalty notice is issued within a rolling three-year period the notice will be at the £160 rate. No penalty notice will be issued for a third time. In that event the absence would be considered for prosecution.

For more details please click here.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.17%

Whole School Attendance this week is 95.28%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 98.21%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 4BM with 97.86%

And Finally...

Looks like a warm weekend - have safe fun in the sun and see you all on Monday for our final week of the Summer term!

Best wishes,



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Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Story Time Plus at East Cowes Community Library

Come and join us for stories, chat, activities and games. There will be activity ideas to take away.

East Side Curve on Tuesday afternoons at 3.30pm to 4.30 pm and then repeated

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WARNING: AS RHYME TIME IS CONTINUING FOR UNDER 5s ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 10.15am to 10.45am IT WILL NOT BE A GREAT TIME TO SELECT NEW READING CHALLENGE BOOKS.

As you can see above, the Summer Reading Challenge story, chat and games session happens on Tuesdays between 3.30pm and 4.30pm with volunteer Angie Mathews (from 30/7/24). Each session will be repeated on Saturdays between 11am and 12pm. This will be aimed at 3-7-year-olds, but all children are welcome. The starting story will be aimed at the younger children and the end book and discussion, aimed at the older ones. It will be adapted according to who is present. There may be some art activities or games and an ideas sheet to take away. See you there!

Reading Challenge Rewards will be available whenever you return books but please note it's hard to access the children's books on Wednesdays before 11am, as our popular Rhyme Time takes up so much room!

Please note the Saturday morning session is a repeat of the Tuesday afternoon session.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The Summer Reading Challenge is here! A fantastic, fun and <u>free</u> way to support your child's learning and pleasure, throughout the long summer break from school.

This year the national scheme is called "Marvellous Makers". The theme is creativity, craft, art, stories and poetry. It's <u>free</u> to join, and every child who joins gets a sticker collection poster. As they read books, they receive stickers for their collection and reward prizes. When they've read six books, they get a medal and certificate. Any child aged four to eleven can take part in the challenge. Younger brothers and sisters can join in, too, with a special mini-challenge sticker chart. (The prizes are not suitable for under 4s.)

Schools might ask children to show their medals or certificates after the holiday, to celebrate their achievement!

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are based in the East Side Curve, our community hub beside the Town Hall in York Avenue.

Do pop in to see us, use our facillities and meet the staff and volunteers.

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 1pm

- books for adults and children to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading, poetry and creative writing groups
- · weekly Story Time, games and Rhyme Time
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi, laptop computer access and charging points
- help with enquiries, information and onward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a 'Warm, Welcome and Safe Space'
- a cafe area with free coffee, tea, soup δ chilled water
 For more information go to:

www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk/community-events/#intro

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)



'Bonding with Bump & Baby' drop-in session



Monday 29th July 2024 10am-12pm **Newport Family Hub** Furrlongs, Newport, PO30 2AX

Find out about our services

Give us your views

Children welcome

We welcome anyone interested in knowing more about mental wellbeing in relation to pregnancy/parenting

Subject matter experts available to chat to on the day:

Lianne Santer & Sarah Goddard - Barnardos

Katie Jubb - NHS

Alison Griffiths - Home-Start Matt Foster & Harry - Dadzclub

Ginny Dupont & Charlotte Curley - Breastfeeding Network

Find out more or request transport using the details below



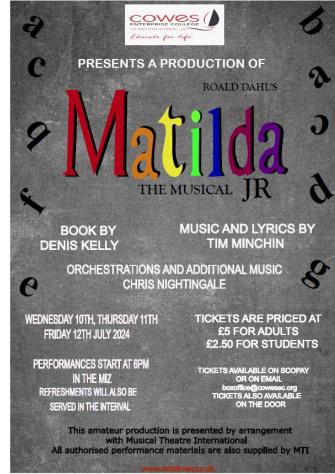




Sessions are available:

Book online now at; www.isleofwightpottery.com

10 - 12 & 2 - 4







SUMMER HOLIDAY

Football and Multi-sport Camps
Coming to COWES and RYDE

COWES - Westwood Park 10am - 2:45pm RYDE - St Marys School 10am - 2:45pm

Reception - Year 8

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Entitled to Free School Meals please use the following link to book https://forms.gle/Rvrh4CKeNBjiSDuo6 Limited to 12 sessions per child

£13 per child a day for those not Eligible for Free School Meals https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io









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10am -

2pm

MAD Games DAY



Free Entry

Board games, Retro video games, card games, whist, crib, etc

Bring your own games or play with ours!

All ages and abilities welcome! Hot & cold drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to support MAD-Aid - Charity No. 1150955

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

At Queensgate we are siming to give as many children as possible the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. From September 2024 we are able to offer 1:1 piano and violin lessons and small group guitar lessons for children in Years 1 to 6.



Shirley Camfield - Music Teacher

Shirley has been coming into Queensgate since October 2023 to give 1:1 piano lessons. From September 2024 she will be offering individual piano lessons and violin lessons.



Children will need access to an instrument to practise on at home. School may be able to help provide these.

To sign your child up for lessons in September 2024, please email Mrs Camfield direct at : shirleycamfield@yahoo.co.uk





Wight Music Tuition Service

Guitar lessons are provided by Wight Music Tuition Service and are available for £8 per 20 minute group lesson (maximum of 4 per group).

We have a lovely set of new guitars with carry cases available for free loan to any child taking up these lessons.

To sign your child up for guitar lessons please follow this link:

https://iw.mt.org.uk/a.pply-online/

WHEN YOU SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR ANY OF THESE LESSONS, PLEASE ALSO EMAIL MRS WEBB SO SHE IS AWARE AND CAN WORK OUT THE LESSON TIMETABLES. wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Remember to include your child's name, current class and the instrument they wish to learn

QUADKIDS AND SPORTSHALL STREET

Autumn Term Quadkids at the Ray Scovell Athletic Centre, Fairway, Sandown



From Monday 9th September the club will return to the Sportshall at The Bay CE School, Fairway, Sandown Every Monday 5:00pm – 5:50pm



Qualified UKA Coaches for running, jumping and throwing providing fun filled training and events.

Yrs 3, 4 and 5 welcome Membership £18 per year Junior Club operates term time only First taster session free - thereafter £2 per session

for application details contact iowathleticclubmembership@gmail.com