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## Raffle Tickets on Sale!

Dear Parents/carers,

### Christmas Raffle

Please buy your raffle tickets through Scopay - amazing prizes to be won! Please note that the raffle will close on Tuesday 15th December. Prizes include: Free MOT and Service - Crocker Street Garage Newport, Christmas Wax Melts Selection and Burner - Hollies Wax Melts Ryde, Day Return Travel - Red Funnel, £30 Voucher - Victoria Tavern East Cowes, £20 Voucher - Jade Garden Chinese East Cowes, Tropic Dream Team Set, Sweet Box - Isle Love Sweets, Voucher - Buds and Blooms Florist Ryde Wax Burner and Melts - Wight Scents Lake, Bath and Shower Sets - Regent Pharmacy East Cowes Solar Science Kit, DIY Bath Bomb Creator, Transformers and Hot Wheels DVDS, Unicorn Foot Warmer.

### Jolly Jumper Day

Thank you so much for sending the children in their jolly jumpers today, here are some photos. I will let you know next week how much money has been raised. Please put your donations on Scopay. All monies raised will go to Wessex Cancer Trust.



### Staffing News

We welcome Mrs Blanchflower to the teaching team in 2KA whilst Mrs Arnell is off work.



Hello, my name is Mrs Blanchflower and I am covering Mrs Arnell in 2KA. I am looking forward to getting to know the children, staff, parents and Queensgate community during my time here.

Out of school my interests include listening to music, gardening and walking my dogs. I also enjoy going to quizzes when I can too!

We have also had 14 applications for the new 1:1 teaching assistant position; we will be interviewing next week and will let you know the outcome in due course.

## Out and About

On Tuesday morning a small group of children from **1KS** were selected to choose the school Christmas tree. The children visited Radcliffe's Farm Shop in Blackwater. They carefully helped Mrs Jacobs, Mr Cox and I select the perfect tree, they enjoyed paying and helping to wrap it in netting. After we returned, all of 1KS had the opportunity to explore a variety of toys from the past as part of their topic on *Toys and Games*. Many of the toys were about 90 years old, belonging to my grandparents when they were little. The children looked at what the toys were made from, how toys have changed over the years and then sorted the toys into chronological order. They then had fun playing with the metal cars, 'wobble toys' and bagatelle.



**3PT** have been learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children have been finding out about how people lived during pre-history. There is new archaeological evidence which shows that people may have eaten bread (more like a pitta) as long ago as Neolithic times when they began farming and possibly began grinding grain. On Tuesday afternoon, the children enjoyed making a fire on the Patch and cooked pitta breads over the fire to eat.



**RAS** are continuing their topic on *People Who Help Us*. On Wednesday morning they welcomed dentist, Jo Thompson, into their class. Jo spoke to them about the importance of brushing your teeth twice a day, for two minutes each time. The children took part in a two minute teeth brushing dance, made play-dough teeth and learnt how to give the fillings, used toothbrushes and paste to clean 'teeth' and designed some super monsters with funny teeth! Jo was very impressed with how keen to learn and engaged in all the activities RAS were. Well done children!



**2KA** have been learning about the weather this week. On Wednesday afternoon they made their own 'weather wheels' as well as practising counting with money. The children had a great time on the Patch, creating their own woodland shop. They used coin number-lines to help them to work out how much change they should receive. The children were very confident at showing me the methods they'd been taught in Maths.



### **Out and About next week...**

If your child is on the Patch, please could they wear joggers/ suitable old trousers, bring a warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies to school in a named bag (waterproof trousers would be amazing too if possible). It is rather muddy on the Patch and gets very chilly too.

Thank you in advance, Mrs Johnson.

**Tuesday am - 1KS** group will be walking to Osborne House. Please wear normal school uniform and wrap up warm.

Cooper, Rueben, Jacob, Hannah, Teddy, Paloma, Logan, Harvey, Jesse, Fletcher, Oscar S, Marnie, Tula, Kaelan and Tommy

**Tuesday pm - 3PT on the Patch**

Whole class

**Wednesday am - RAS on the Patch**

Whole class

**Wednesday pm - 2KA on the Patch**

Whole class

### **Covid Rush**

One of our pupils, Ben Page, has made a fantastic board game called Covid Rush. He is selling them for donations of at least £2.50 each. The money will be going to buy presents for children who are in hospital over Christmas.

Here is the link <https://m.facebook.com/groups/480025822164525/permalink/1741626292671132/>



# What's for dinner next week?

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Beef Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Lentil & Basil Whirl with Roast Potatoes	Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Vegetable Pasty with Chips
Cauliflower Broccoli	Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Carrots Cabbage	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans Peas
Mixed Fruit Crumble with Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Lemon Drizzle Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Orange Cake with Choc Sauce Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

## Post Boxes

Many of you have asked about sending in Christmas cards. This year we will be having post boxes in the classrooms rather than a whole school one. The cards can be posted from the 1<sup>st</sup> December but will remain in the post box and will be handed out in the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



## Keep Reading!

Please, please, please make sure you are hearing your child read every day! Once again here are the ideas on how you can support your child.

# Love reading?

Then try this....



Jack P in 2GC has been reading The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl, at home with his family.

This story has made Jack laugh a lot. His best bit was when the girl with the magic finger gave her teacher wings and cat whiskers! Jack says he would like to do this to his teacher!

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share it here.

## Progress Meetings

Next week Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and I will be meeting every teacher in the school to discuss each child and the progress made this term; discussing how to continue to close the gaps from the time the children were not at school earlier on in the year.



## Phonics Screening

Miss Cordon will be working with Year 2 children next week as they complete their phonics screen that they missed at the end of Year 1 due to Covid-19.

## Christmas Filming

As you know the children are preparing a Christmas clip for you. These will be filmed next week and a link to these will be uploaded onto the school website on Friday 18th.

## Christmas Dinner Day



Just a reminder that Christmas dinner day is Thursday 17th December. We will also be calling the raffle that day too.

## Monday 21st December

Don't forget that the children are allowed into school in MUFTI on this day, as we are off timetable and doing fun activities including class parties.



## Tuesday 22nd December

Staff INSET day—children not at school.

## Monday 4th January 2021

This is another staff INSET day, We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th January, 2021!

## Positive Quote

*"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you did before."*

**Whole school attendance 96.01%.**

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

**This week RAS achieved 99.59% attendance!**

**Well done.**

Best wishes,

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**

### Christmas Offer at Dinosaur Isle

Here at Dinosaur Isle we know it's been a year when many children have missed out on their school trips.

We are going to be open Friday & Saturday for the 3 weekends before Christmas (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December)

We would like to offer all primary & pre school children entry for £1 when accompanied by a full paying adult. Just let us know the name of the school when paying.

Due to Covid restrictions we would ask that anyone wishing to come book first please.

Email [dinosaur@iow.gov.uk](mailto:dinosaur@iow.gov.uk) or message on our Facebook page.



### St Mildred's Christmas Tree Festival

This will be happening at St Mildred's Church, Whippingham between 17th - 20th December 2020.

The church will be open from 11am - 3pm on Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th and the 1pm to 3pm On Sunday 20th December. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available in the Church Centre by the church car park.

There will be an opportunity for visitors to make a donation with proceeds going to the Salvation Army and St Mildred's Church.

All usual social distancing measures are in place and numbers will be controlled.

There will be a one-way system, hand sanitizer available on entry and exit and we will ask everyone to wear a face covering.

Please do support this local church.