



Harvest Festival

Dear Families,

East Cowes Community Pantry Donations

Our Harvest Festival celebrations are coming up in a couple of weeks' time. Like last year we will be collecting donations for the East Cowes Community Pantry. Please send donations in on **Monday 16th September**. Donations can be taken to the hall. The community pantry is looking for non-perishable items, for example, cereal, soup, pasta, pot noodle, tinned food, tinned fruit, rice, jar sauces, baked beans, spaghetti, tea, coffee, biscuits and sugar. Any items that you may have in your cupboards at home.

Reception Photos

Just to let you know that I have been told by the County Press that the Reception children's class photographs will be in the paper today. Have a look!

PTFA Events

Please make sure you are signed up to Classlist.

Within this newsletter there are some adverts for upcoming PTFA events. Here is a summary!

On **Monday 16th October** please bring in any old Halloween costumes that your children have out grown or no longer use.

On **Tuesday 17th October** there will be a Neon themed disco. Here are the times and prices.

Year Group	Time	Cost
Reception	3:15 – 3:45	£2
Year 1, 2 and 3	4:00 - 5:15	£2.50
Year 4, 5 and 6	5:30 – 6:45	£2.50

Please note **all** children will need to be collected by and adult including Years 5 and 6.

On **Friday 20th October** there will be a sale at 3pm at the front of the school, so that you can get your child's Halloween costume for £1.

On **Friday 10th November** there will be a donut sale at 3pm at the front of the school. Please pre-book on Classlist.

On **Friday 1st December** the PTFA will be running the Queensgate Christmas Fair straight after school in the hall and training room.

For further events please see the calendar on Page 7.

Mokey joe promotions

Queensgate Primary School
Beatrice Avenue
East Cowes
PO32 6PA

October 2023

Dear Staff and Pupils,

Thank you yet again for another wonderful visit to your school. Three visits now and everyone a great experience. Queensgate pupils and staff are so friendly and accommodating...a very special school in all respects.

In return, I like to think that my books have inspired pupils to use their own imagination in creating exciting and well-written stories.

Always remember that the imagination is more powerful than any computer or other man-made technical device!

Isle of Wight residents are so lucky to live on an island with so much history, myth and legend. My advice is to explore the atmospheric nooks and crannies surrounding you, as I have done. There are so many ghost stories around and I will never run out of ideas for future books.

Hope you all enjoy Darker Side of Wight. Kath with a 'K' and myself will keep in touch.

Stay safe!

Peter J Murray

Update from Vectis Housing Association.

Vikki is the new Community Welfare Officer for Vectis Housing Association; she'll be working to provide financial and welfare support to residents of Vectis Housing, as well as helping residents to connect with local community activities and opportunities.

Vikki runs a drop-in at the East Side Curve between 10am-11am on the first and third Friday of the month, so if you have a question, or you'd like to have a chat, drop in to see her, no appointment is needed. Alternatively, you can contact her on 525985.





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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
Tomato Pasta Served with Two Vegetables	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese Served with two Vegetables	Roasted Vegetable Butterbean Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Vanilla Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Lemon Slice with Fruit	Crispy Crackle Bar

All main meals are served with two vegetables

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 96.16%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.28%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RBH with 96.58%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 98.67%

10 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 95%

20 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 90%

40 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 80%

If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as persistently absent

Sports Report

Year 6 girls Tag Rugby

Last week a team from Year 6 went along to a girl's tag rugby competition in Wootton. They played multiple teams from schools across the Island. This gave the girls vital experience of playing competitively as well meeting other children. The girl's progression across the competition was incredible, getting better and better with each match.

Year 6 boys Football

On Tuesday a team from Year 6 played a football match against The Bay Primary school. This team were difficult opponents; however, our boys showed more resilience than imaginable. They played their very best for the entire game, never giving up despite the overall loss at full time. The boys certainly did Queensgate proud with their inspiring sportsmanship.

Year 5 and 6 Mixed Tag Rugby

On Wednesday two teams represented Queensgate in tag rugby. The A team consisted of Year 6 boys whilst the B team was a mixed team of experienced Year 6 players and Year 5 players who were playing tag rugby matches for the first time. Both teams played really well in their five games with the A team playing confidently and consistently and the B team showing great improvement with each game they played. The A team finished joint first and will go on to represent Queensgate at the Island Tag finals on the 19th October. The B team finished joint 5th. As the tournament was held at Queensgate, it was great to see some of the younger pupils come out to show their support and hopefully be inspired by the older pupils.



Year 6 Boys Football

Last Monday, the Year 6 boys travelled to Carisbrooke for their first league game of the year. The squad was rotated from their previous game and were hopeful to be as successful as last time out. The game kicked off and the boys unfortunately started slow. Despite this, the boys battled hard throughout the first half and went into the half time break with Carisbrooke leading 1-0. At half time we spoke as a team about being defensively stronger and using the width when going forward. As the second half begun, the boys seemed to come out much stronger, creating a few chances for themselves. However, this wasn't enough to secure any league points as the boys went on to lose the game 4-1. This wasn't the team's strongest performance but they will look to improve going into the next game.

Year 6 Girls Football

Last Friday, the Year 6 girls travelled away to face Gurnard. The girls were positive going into the game that they could secure some crucial league points. As the game begun the girls were second to the ball from the off, leading to Gurnard creating many chances. Just before the half time whistle blew, Gurnard scored to make it 1-0. At halftime we spoke as a team about are positioning and how we need to start trying to string a few passes together to progress up the pitch. The girls took the comments onboard and went into the second half positively. Even though the girls started to show slight signs of improvement, they lost the game 5-0. This was a difficult game for the team however they will come back stronger.

Out and About

This half term the children in **Year 2** have been sharing the story *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. The **2KG** Out and About group visited St Helens beach on Tuesday morning and were challenged to work together to create their own 'Dot' artwork on the beach using stones, shells and natural found objects. The children looked at some images of Jon Foreman's land art to inspire them and thought carefully about which items to select for their own creation.



On Tuesday afternoon the **3AH** Out and About team visited Niton recreation ground and play park. The children in **Year 3** have been learning about Forces in Science and were set the task of identifying forces in motion when using the play equipment. The children spoke confidently about whether a push or pull force was happening and explained that a force could make an object move, stop, speed up, slow down or change direction. The children all enjoyed exploring the playground together!



The final **Year 4** Out and About group visited The Needles Sweet Manufactory on Wednesday morning to tie into their topic on *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The children were mesmerised watching the demonstration on how sweets are made using traditional methods and machinery. This week's group saw pineapple and mango sweets being made and were able to take some home to taste. After they'd learnt all about the process of making sweets, the group walked down to Alum Bay to see the unusual colourful cliffs and the Needles Lighthouse.



Out and About

The children in **Year 1** have been learning about their local area as well as sharing the story *The Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson. On Tuesday morning the Out about group created their own chain of paper dolls and took them on an adventure around East Cowes. The children chatted away as they walked around the town, taking their paper dolls to the play parks, landmarks, shops and finishing their trail along the Esplanade.



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes, wellies and a waterproof coat. If your child doesn't have wellies, please get in touch before their session and we may be able to loan them a pair.

Tuesday am - 2KA *Clay creatures by the Dragon Tree, Brighstone*

Bella, Sophie, Figgy, Marleigh-Rose, Lacey, Mia, Arthur, Elijah, Riley, Jesse, Forest, Brody, Charlie, Tyler W and Tyler CK

Tuesday pm - 3PT *Longstone walk, Mottistone*

Leo, Bayley, Ralph, Samuel, Kamahlie, Corey, Ayrton, Daisy, Esmae, Lily, Lillie-May, Maddie, Eve and Darcie.

Wednesday am - 4MC *Nettlecombe Farm, Whitwell*

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

Wednesday pm - 1CE

Exploring seasons and senses, Borthwood Copse

Ellis, Roman, Matteo, Declan, Alfred, Daniel, Jake, Luke, Amelia, Imogen, Penny, Neahve, Lexi-Mai and Sophie.

Cookery Next Week:

These children in **Year 6** have a PPA cookery lesson on Monday afternoon please could they bring in a container to take their food home in; Logan, Harrison, Max, Freddie, Oli, Charlie S, George, Amber May, Emily, Lily, Chloe St, Bella WF, Grace, Lexie and Farrah.

These children in **Year 5** have a PPA cookery lesson on Tuesday afternoon please could they bring in a container to take their food home in; Ryan, Matthew, Brody, Harry, Tom, Jamie, Leon, Artem, Archie, Emily B, Eliana, Maizy, Florence, Rosie and Sophia.

These children in **Year 4** have a PPA cookery lesson on Wednesday morning please could they bring in a container suitable to take soup home in please; Christopher, Tyler, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan E, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella, Freddie, Ella Sch, Alfie, Rory, Tallulah and Keian.

These children in **Year 1** have a PPA cookery lesson on Wednesday afternoon please could they bring in a container to take their food home in; George, Jacob, Louis, Jack, Max, Jaxson, Archie, Arthur, Freya, Vienna, Holly, Olivia, Elsie-Mae and Poppy.

Thank You!

Sports For Champions Visit

Next week we will be welcoming Jordan Catchpole in on Thursday 12th October. Jordan is a Paralympic swimmer who will be aiming to represent GB in the Paris Paralympics.

He will lead a whole school assembly and then run a fitness session for each class.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kits that day.

Please find his bio here :

<https://sportsforchampions.com/athletes/jordan-catchpole/>



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OCTOBER 17TH

HALLOWEEN COSTUME COLLECTION BIN



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FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

£1 PER
COSTUME



PLEASE DONATE YOUR OLD HALLOWEEN COSTUMES
VIA THE COLLECTION BIN AT THE OFFICE

Pre-order on Classlist

Donut Sale

10th
November



PTFA News

Below is the calendar of PTFA events for this academic year. Please do offer your help for any of the events - it will be much appreciated!

PTFA CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

SEPTEMBER

11th Meet & Greet
18th PTFA Elections

OCTOBER

5th Meet & Greet
17th Neon Disco
20th Halloween Sale

NOVEMBER

10th Donut Cake Sale
24th Mufti Day

DECEMBER

1st Christmas Fair



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

9th 'Wear What You Love'



9th Rainbow Raffle

MARCH

8th Wonderful
Women Shop



28th Bunny Hop



APRIL

Dance Live!

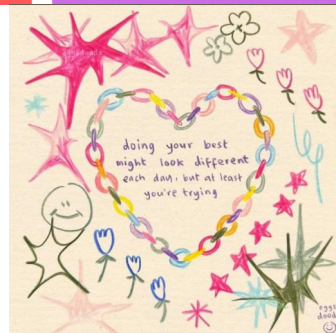


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And Finally...

Enjoy what looks to be a very warm weekend. Please remember to Read, Chat and Play with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe:
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and viewing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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FOR AGES 5-8

THURSDAYS 5PM - 5.30/6PM
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Shorwell Netball Club are offering a new netball session for ages 5-8 years old!

Sessions will take place every Thursday at Christ the King Sports Hall in Newport from 5pm. Most sessions will be an hour long but due to bookings there will be some that are only 30mins long.

Come along and have a go! First session is FREE and then £3 thereafter for an hour.



Contact Ann Selby: easelby47@gmail.com, 07785750266



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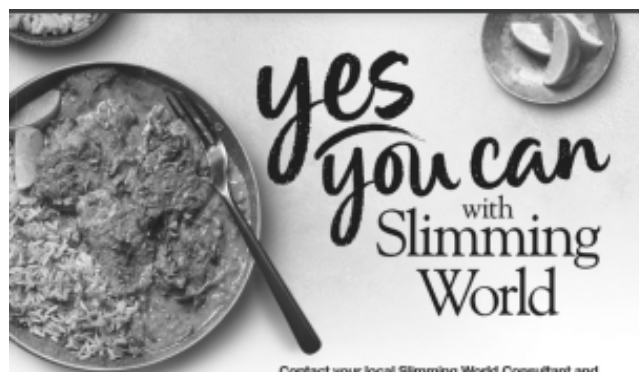
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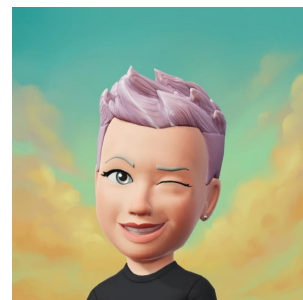
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