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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



Thursday is Christmas Lunch Day!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the Christmas Fayre

Thank you for your generosity last week. It really helped to make our Christmas Fayre a success. The PTFA made **£1400** which will be used for extra equipment in our new building. It was also a very enjoyable occasion.

Town Carol Service

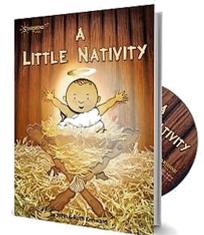
On Sunday 8th December there is a town carol service in St James' Church, East Cowes. If your child is taking part please make sure they are at the Church by 3.45 pm dressed in full school uniform and looking smart! They will be performing the song, "It's Christmas Time."

Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday 12th December we will be having our Christmas Dinner Day. If you have not booked a Christmas dinner please provide your child with a packed lunch. (Please see menu on page 4)

Reception Show - A Little Nativity

Our Reception classes will be performing their show which is called, "A Little Nativity" on Wednesday 18th December at 9.15 am. It is free to get in, but there will be a donations box. Reception will also be performing their show on Thursday 19th December to the rest of the school. Thank you for all your support getting costumes ready.



Discos!

On Wednesday 18th December there will be two discos run by the PTFA. Years R, 1 and 2 will have their disco from 5 pm – 6 pm. The cost is £1 each.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their disco between 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm. The cost is £1 each. All children will need bringing and picking up from the disco.

Please drop the children off at the front door and sign them in and then pick up from the back door of the hall which can be accessed through the carpark. Please note that Reception will be taken back to their classrooms at the end of the disco and parents/carers can pick up from the normal place.

Last Day of Term

The last day of term is Friday 20th December. We will hopefully be heading to St James' Church for our carol service. We will walk from school and arrive there at about 9.45 am. You are most welcome to join us although space in the balcony area is limited. The children will need to be in full school uniform.

In the afternoon the children will be off timetable having a party afternoon. The children may change into party clothes for this if they would like to. It will be normal 3pm pick-up.



What's for dinner next week?

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Christmas Lunch Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausage in a Hot Dog Roll with Potato Wedges	Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Chipolata sausage	Fish Fingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
Quorn Sausage in a Hot Dog Roll with Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Pizza Bread	Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato and gravy	Cheesy Parsnip & Sweet Potato Tart	Red Pepper and Cheese Frittata
Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Green Beans Carrots	Peas Cauliflower	Roast potatoes, Carrots, Sprouts, Peas	Baked Beans Peas
Orange Drizzle Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Yoghurt Station Fruit platter	Gingerbread Biscuit, Yule Log	Carrot and Courgette Cake

OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

Children going Out and About must have appropriate play clothes (which you don't mind getting dirty) unless specified differently below.

Tuesday morning - Year 4 (We will be visiting the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival. Please come to school in play clothes, warm hat, scarf, gloves and coat. Bring school clothes in to change into at lunchtime.)

Riley N, Logan P, Ashton W, Eron F-B, Joe B, Jake D, Archie F, Lilly-Rose K, Ben P, Taylor S, Joe B

Tuesday afternoon - Year 6 (We're off orienteering in the forest so please bring suitable play clothes to change into at lunchtime, a waterproof coat and wellies. It will be very muddy! Meet at the front door ready to leave at 1pm)

Joley AR, Isabel B, Kayla B, Ellenie P, Tara P, Ella L, Finnan H, Harry D, James B, Connor L, Ryleigh W, Bod P, Isaac YA

Wednesday morning - Year 3 (We will be going for a walk up to the Longstone at Mottistone. Please come to school wearing play clothes, warm coat and wellies and bring your school clothes to change into after lunch.)

Scarlett J, Kaydan J, Toby K, Leana M, Olivia P, Heaven-Lee E, Rachel F, Jada H, Alfie K, Henry M, Riley O'B

Wednesday afternoon - Year 2 (We will be having a tour of the aircraft hangar at Bembridge. Please bring play clothes, a waterproof coat and wellies to change into after you've eaten your lunch.)

Vincent B, Emily B, James D, Felicity H, James M, Phoenix R, Amber-May A, Toby H, Amelia P, Tommy-James R, Chloe S, Summer W



On Tuesday morning the **Year 4** Out and About group were asked to set up the school Christmas tree at Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival. The children enjoyed setting up the tree and admiring the others on display at the various locations around Brighstone. The decorations on our Queensgate tree were made by Year 3 led by Mrs Stagg, who designed them and came in especially to help. The tree will be on display until Monday 9th December in the Reading Room/ Social Club in Brighstone.



It is a free annual event and well worth visiting this weekend!



Children from **6LR** navigated their way around Firestone Copse, leading Mrs Piner and myself (Mrs Johnson) to selected orienteering posts. They demonstrated great teamwork and problem solving as they supported each other across streams and through muddy tracks. The children used their maps and compasses to decide how best to get to the next orienteering marker. We translated our compass directions into bearings when talking about our direction of travel.



On Wednesday morning, **Year 3** walked up to the Longstone at Mottistone. It was a beautiful, sunny morning and the children loved hiking up the hill to the 6,000 year old Neolithic burial ground. We recapped what they had learnt during their topic on the Stone Age and how people would have lived.



The children used charcoal and chalk to sketch the stones and surrounding countryside. They enjoyed a hot chocolate to warm up before racing each other back down the hill through the woodland.



In **Year 2** the children have been learning about the history of aviation. During Out and About this week Neil and Paul gave the group a tour of the Air Traffic Control office and aircraft hangar at Bembridge Airport. We listened to radio communications whilst we were in the office and watched some planes take off and land. The children were able to look closely at the different private planes in the hangar and even got to have a go using the controls in one. We talked about the different designs of

the planes; how many seats they had, where their wings were mounted and where they were built. The children were very excited and eager to ask lots of questions.



QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Just the one match this week.



Under Nine Girls

The team returned to Niton for a correctly aged football match. Niton took the lead in the first half kicking down the slope. The second half was much better from Queensgate as the team quickly equalised at 1-1 before scoring twice more to secure a good 3-1 win. The team is now top of their section following two successive wins.

There is just one more football match this term – Year 4 playing at Holy Cross on Tuesday.

Please can anyone who has played for any of the five teams this term (U-11 Boys, U-11 Girls, Year 5, Year 4 and U-9 Girls), return their kit (shirts, socks etc) by the end of next week so we can keep all the kit up together.

Thank you.



Christmas Menu



Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Chipolata Sausage

or

Cheesy Parsnip & Sweet Potato Tart

Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Sprouts

Peas

Gingerbread Biscuit

Yule Log



Advance Warning

As we prepare to move into our new building we are reviewing many of our systems. Currently we have space to hold school uniform on site. As from January 1st 2020 we will no longer have any uniform on site. You will be able to purchase it on line through Big Wight T-shirt (www.bigwight.com) or at The Big Wight T-shirt shop, which is situated on Dodnor Industrial Estate, Daish Way, Newport.

If you need uniform come and see us before Christmas!



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Focus Learner Procedures

When your child is a focus learner you are entitled to come in to school and work with your child for ONE session only (this is to minimise disruption to classes). You may join them for lunch too if you wish, but will not be allowed to go outside at lunch time break. Please ensure that you arrange, in advance, with your child's class teacher a convenient day and time. Please also remember to complete an evaluation sheet after your visit.

Parents in Classrooms

If your child attends an early morning club, please do not enter a classroom that is not occupied by a member of staff. If your child needs to drop anything off they can do so on their own or leave their items on their peg outside of the classroom. Many thanks for your support.

NHS Drink Well Recommendations

We are seeing an increased amount of juice and, in some cases, fizzy drinks in water bottles that children can access during the day. Here are some guidelines from the NHS

The [Eatwell Guide](#) says we should drink 6 to 8 glasses of fluid a day. Water is a healthy and cheap choice for quenching your thirst at any time. It has no calories and contains no sugars that can damage teeth. If you do not like the taste of plain water, try adding a slice of lemon or lime. Fizzy drinks, squashes and juice drinks can contain lots of added sugar and very few nutrients, so keep them to a minimum. **Children should avoid them completely.** Please provide your child with water to drink throughout the day. Thank you.

School Council Visit to the New School

The School Council managed to visit the new build on Monday and had a great time. They were impressed by the size of the classrooms and how the building was looking already. They will be leading the assembly on Monday and talking to the rest of the children about their experience.



Positive Quote

Life doesn't require that we be the best - only that we try our best!

Whole school attendance 96.28%.

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

This week 4LM achieved 98.77% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sillito'.

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



FIRST CONTACT APPOINTMENTS FOR PARENTS/CARERS/YOUNG PEOPLE

SEND IASS are now holding 30 minute face-to-face meetings on a Thursday morning to give advice or to set up a plan of action around your concerns.

During this time you will be able to speak to either one of our advisors or one of our qualified volunteers. These face-to-face meetings will be confidential and all advice offered will remain impartial on all matters relating to SEN.

If you would like to book a 30 minute slot please phone the SEND IASS office on (01983) 825548 or email sendiass@iow.uk



The Wight Brainsy Bunch Christmas Market at Ryde Fire Station

Saturday 7th December 10am - 4pm

**Magical Grotto • Kids Craft Corner
Inflatable Snow Globe**

Turning on of Ryde Fire's Christmas Lights at 4pm

**Live Entertainment
Seasonal Stalls
Festive Refreshments**



ENGLISH
HERITAGE

Christmas Craft Evenings at Carisbrooke Castle

This December, come and join us for some 'create and take' craft evenings and learn how to make some simple gift bags, decorations and unique gift labels that everyone will love.

Each week you will have the chance to make something individual.

You can come as a family - children are welcome (max of 2 children per adult).

Cost : £1.50 per week per person to cover materials.

To register your place please e-mail Laura.Bosworth@english-heritage.org.uk



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8am - 6pm Monday to Friday

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