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## Filming on Tuesday



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Filming

We are aiming to launch a new website to coincide with our move into the new building in February. As part of this work we have invited a professional cameraman into school on Tuesday 12th November to capture the essence of life at Queensgate.

### Parents' Evenings

It's been a pleasure to meet with you all at parents' evenings this week. As we know a close working partnership is key to the children making good progress. Please work on the targets you were given with your children at home. Remember to read, play and chat; these are the ways that children pick up new language and vocabulary.

### Total from Fun Run

Thank you so much for all the sponsorship money you have sent in; so far we have collected £348.91. Please could you make sure all sponsor money is in by next Friday 15th November please?



Amazingly, Ella Lawson has also raised £455 thanks to the generosity of her Mum's work colleagues at Wight Shipyard Company. Wow! Thank you Wight Shipyard Company. Look out for Ella's photo in next

week's newsletter!

### Remembrance Day

School Council reps from Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Carisbrooke Castle with Mr Tilling and Mr Cox yesterday to attend a remembrance ceremony. The children were impeccably behaved and showed respect throughout the service. The rest of the school will be observing a minutes silence at 11am on Monday. The theme for next Monday's assembly will be around remembrance too.



### Odd Socks on Wednesday

As part of Anti-Bullying week next week we will showing support by joining in with Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Odd Socks Day at Queensgate will be on Wednesday 13th November. Just wear your odd socks and normal school uniform. No donations necessary. The focus this year is 'Change starts with us'.





# 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
Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Roast Chicken and Stuffing with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Pasta with Homemade Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
Soya Bolognese with Spaghetti	Shepherdess Pie with Gravy	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Chips
Peas Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Fresh Mixed Seasonal Vegetables	Peas Cauliflower	Baked Beans Peas
Pear Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries	Apple, Cheese and Biscuits	Yoghurt Station Fruit platter	Chocolate and Mandarin Sponge

## 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** (Please wear suitable play clothes, coat and wellies and bring school clothes to change into afterwards.) Jaiden D, Maisy G, Benjamin L, Buddy L, Summer S, Brogyn W, George B, Jake G, Rio M, Fraser P, Summer P)

**Tuesday afternoon - Year 6** (We're off orienteering in the forest so please bring suitable play clothes to change into at lunchtime and wellies/ old trainers. Meet at the front door ready to leave at 1pm. If you do not have wellies please let Mrs Johnson know first thing.) Joley A-R, Isabel B, Kayla B, Ellenie P, Tara P, Ella L, Finnan H, Harry D, James K, Connor L, Ryleigh W, William Pheasant, Isaac Y-A

**Wednesday morning - Year 3** (We will be walking up to the Longstone At Mottistone. Please wear suitable play clothes, coat and wellies and bring school clothes to change into afterwards.) Harry T, Thea T, Leo W, Rose C, Ellie S, Jack D, Leah M, Sofia M, Lacey S, Owen S, Poppy W-B, Ella Blockley

**Wednesday afternoon - Year 2** (Please bring in play clothes, wellies and a coat to change into after you've eaten your lunch.) Ryan B, Sadie B, Maya B, Max E, Lexie R-B, George T, Scarlett A, Liana J, Oliver M, James P, McKenzie R-S, Chloe S, Gracie T

On Tuesday morning the **Year 4** Out and About group visited Freshwater Bay. Each week the children will be exploring a different location on the Island to tie in with their Geography. They will also be designing a postcard to write to their teacher. The children enjoyed sketching the chalk cliffs and the waves in the bay. There were lots of surfers to watch and the group had great fun finding some interesting items when beach-combing.

"We went to Freshwater Bay and did some sketching, then we got to play on the beach it was fun!" Eron FB

"We watched the surfers and kayakers in the water. We found some fossils and saw a huge white rock with crystals. It was brilliant." Ashton W

**Year 6** Out and About children visited Parkhurst Forest on Tuesday afternoon. They used their compasses and maps to find lots of orienteering posts. We talked about bearing and what degrees we needed to travel in. Grace, Charlie R, Hannah F and Jake were great leaders! The children spotted lots of carved pumpkins hidden in the forest for Halloween as well as lots of interesting fungi. The children had quite a brisk walk to complete the challenge before heading back to school.

“We read our map to find orienteering posts. I really enjoyed it. It was a long walk, when I got home I was so tired!” Hannah F- 6LR



**Year 3** had a super morning on Wednesday, learning all about the prehistory of the Isle of Wight with visiting historian, Simon Cooper. Simon brought lots of artefacts to share with the children including Stone Age flint axes and arrows, Bronze Age jewellery and Iron Age swords. All of the children in Year 3 got involved in a variety of hands on activities to find out how people lived from the Stone Age to Iron Age. It was great to see the children so engaged and excited about their learning!

“I liked seeing the bow and arrows and all of the weapons. Shay dressed up as Otzi the iceman. He was murdered over 5,000 years ago and buried in the ice!” Owen S- 3PT

On Wednesday afternoon the **Year 2** Out and About group visited Borthwood Copse, Alverstone. The children enjoyed a colourful Autumn walk, gathering acorns, identifying different leaves, clambering on branches and climbing on trees. They all enjoyed exploring paths around the forest and discovering a variety of species of trees.



### Help with New Build

As you will know school budgets are extremely tight. The school has raised money from commercial lettings (of the hall and school fields), the PTFA have raised money and the Local Authority has agreed that Capital Budget can be spent on new furniture. However, this pot is still not enough to completely purchase everything new. Therefore, we are asking whether anyone in our community either owns, works for or knows any companies that provide things such as school furniture, sheds and school equipment that may be able provide us with some special deals?! 😊 Alternatively, if there are any companies that feel able to make a contribution to the school fund (however small) towards our ever growing list of furniture needs that would be amazing and much appreciated.



### New Build Update

The new school is really taking shape and the outside is getting close to completion. The insulation has now been 'wrapped' ready for the next layer! Work continues at a pace inside. Unfortunately, the planned School Council visit to the new school on Monday had to be postponed as John, the project manager, said that due to all the rain the site was very muddy and he couldn't provide a clean or safe route to the building. A new date is being discussed.



### Foodbank Feedback

We have received a thank you letter from the Food bank for all of the donations that you provided at Harvest last term. Together you donated an amazing **229.10KG** of produce. Thank you all. The food bank is continuing to make a big difference to people in need on the Island and from April to October this year they fed 1,681 adults and 978 children. The island foodbank continues to provide food for families in crisis and they would not have been able to do this without your support.

### Positive Quote

Following on from some training that staff have been on, we have decided to drop in a positive quote in every newsletter. This week it's:

***Don't miss out on something that could be great just because it may also be difficult.***

### Cashless School

In our bid to go cashless we are moving to using Scopay to pay for everything. This will be for lunches, snacks, school trips, uniform and breakfast club. Please ensure you have set up your account. Please also note that KS2 tuck should also be paid for online. For any assistance please see the Admin team. As from January 2020 we will no longer be able to accept cash.

**Whole school attendance 96.5%.**

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

**This week 1KS achieved 100% attendance! Well done.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**

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