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It is great to see you all!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been really good to welcome all the children back to school this week. It has been great to see all of you at drop off and pick up too.

During our staff meeting this week we were thinking about some of the good things from the lock down that we will now incorporate into our school life. Google classroom has been successful and will continue to be used within school and to set homework, as well as give group work and set work if the teacher is off. We have also found many really useful resources that can be accessed online including some sports exercises. The work around mental health and well-being has also been well received and beneficial to the children.

Please remember to keep socially distanced at pick up and drop off and around the school gates and at the road crossing too.

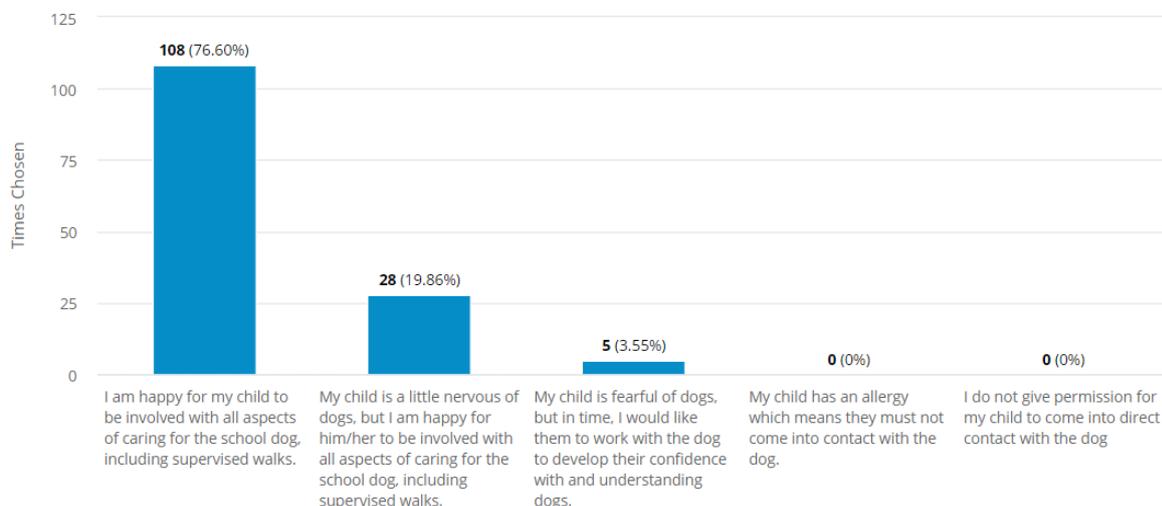
Benji Blog

Miss Radcliffe has gone to pick up Benji today and he will be in school from Monday. Thank you so much for filling in the survey regarding your child working with Benji. Here are the results and here are some of the comments. [I think this is a fantastic idea. Looking forward to hearing all about Benji from the kids.](#)

[I think this will be fantastic! Take their minds of the difficult times we have had this past year! I think having a school dog is a wonderful idea! Brilliant idea!!!! Welcome Benji!!!!](#) [Lovely idea, being dog owners ourselves we know how rewarding and valuable they are.](#)

Please chose the option which most applies to your child.

Number of responses: 141



Working together for a successful future

There is rising excitement in school and this week I received my first picture of Benji with some great writing from Malaika.

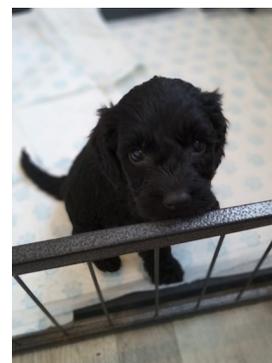


Welcome to school Benji.
I am looking forward to
meeting you.
Love from
Malaika. 🍀 🍀 🍀

Here is our code for the children working with Benji. We will go through this in school, but please go through with your children at home too.

Code of Conduct for working with Benji

- ◆ We only touch Benji with permission from an adult
- ◆ We are kind to Benji
- ◆ We always use quiet voices near Benji
- ◆ We walk or sit near Benji
- ◆ We keep our heads higher than Benji's head
- ◆ We make sure Benji has plenty of room to move around
- ◆ We give Benji clear, one word instructions e.g. 'sit', 'down', 'no'
- ◆ We wash our hands before and after touching Benji



In the early days, when Benji is a young puppy, he will spend most of his time in the office learning good manners! We will introduce staff and children slowly to him. There is a new section of the website click on school then Benji the school dog. Here you will find the code, the risk assessment and a Q and A.

Easter Holiday Challenge

Having worked so hard with home learning for so long we will not be setting homework at Easter, but we will be setting a reading challenge which we will tell you more about next week. This will feed into a book character day (in lieu of world book day) which will be on Friday 23rd April.

School Photos

Individual photos will be taken by Atlas Images on **Monday 26th April 2021**. Each child will have their photo taken but we will not be doing sibling or family groups this year due to Covid restrictions and not wanting to mix bubbles at this time.

School Uniform and Presentation

I know it is difficult to source school uniform like shoes, however, I am concerned that many children are wearing non uniform items such as hoodies or different coloured polo shirts. Please, as much as you can, ensure children are looking smart and in school uniform - it helps our school community to pull together. We know that hairdressers are still closed but please can we ask that long haired is tied back. This is to keep things like head lice from spreading and helps with health and safety.

Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **Year 4** Out and About group enjoyed a long walk in the sunshine, looking out for different habitats. The children spotted a pheasant in the fields and had fun hunting for crabs under rocks by the river.



As part of **Year 3's** topic on plants, the children have been studying the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. This week's Out and About group walked to St. Mildred's church to sketch and paint flowers in the style of O'Keeffe.



Year 1 have been learning about birds this week. In Out and About the children built dens in the rain on the Patch followed by reading lots of bird stories and having hot chocolate to warm up! They enjoyed listening to Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and making their own little owls to take home.



Working together for a successful future

This half term **Year 5** are studying the Vikings. The children in 5RA visited the Patch on Wednesday afternoon. They learnt about Viking runestones and the runic alphabet then sheltered from the rain in the treehouse to have a go at making their own mini runestones using clay.



Out and About Next Week

Next week the children below will be going Out and About either in the local area or on The Patch. Please can they come to school in old, play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a waterproof coat. Bring wellies in a carrier bag to change into. They will be getting muddy!

Tuesday

4AH - Jack D, Ellie, Jamie, Jaylen, Kaydee, Malix and Millie.

4MC - Katie, Lottie, Leo L, Oliver, Freddie, Elise, Alfie K, Rose, Lacey.

3PT - Amber-May, Scarlet, Hollie, Wynter, Liana, Kahlel, Jack, Chloe, Gracie and Aribella.

3BM - Mason, Jacob, James, Alyanna, Max, Archie, Harrison, Zoe, Felicity and Freddie

Wednesday

1KS - Harry G, Oscar G, Destiny, Cooper, Ruben, Jacob, Teddy, Paloma, Logan and Harvey.

1CE - Lily, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan E, Keian-Lee, Tilly, Freddie, Leah and Flynn.

5PG - All children.

'Eggsciting' News!

After the Easter holidays Reception are going to start 'the hatching project'. This means they will have an incubator in the classroom and the children will be able to watch the process and journey of the chicks hatching (about 21 days).

A massive thank you to **Fort View Tyres, St Helens** who have donated the incubator and will also

rehome the chicks once they are born (because with Benji the dog arriving, having chickens in school is just a step too far!). We will keep you all updated and include photos in future newsletters.



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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 with coucous	Sausages / Vegetable Sausages with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	Fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit Salad

Wired: The Game

Well done to Crystal and Zach from 6TS who recently completed Wired: The Game, a video game developed by researchers at The University of Cambridge. The game is designed to teach young people about electricity – wiring circuits, creating energy by connecting fuel cells up and solving a whole host of other engineering problems. In completing the game successfully, they have demonstrated excellent problem solving skills, perseverance and determination.

Well done!



Unattended Children

I know that the staggered start and end of the day causes some problems with having to wait if you have children in different year groups. However, please can you ensure that your children stay with you, rather than run off around the playground or field as they should be looked after by you once we hand the children over.

Positive Quote

"The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog."

Whole school attendance 97.18%.

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

This week RSJ & 1CE achieved 100% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher



Chelsea Foundation IOW Soccer Schools (Easter)

Dear parent/guardian,

CFCF hope that this letter finds you well.

We are delighted to announce that inline with the ease of restrictions released by the UK Government, which includes the return of grassroots sport, our Chelsea Foundation Soccer Schools will be returning to Cowes Enterprise College in the Easter holidays. The Soccer Schools will be delivered Tuesday-Thursday on both weeks, starting at 9:00am and finishing at 3:00pm.

To register and be signed up for our Chelsea Foundation Easter Soccer Schools, parents/guardians can follow the link below:

- Week 1 (Tuesday 30/03 – Thursday 01/04): [To book, please click here.](#)
- Week 2 (Tuesday 06/04 – Thursday 08/04): [To book, please click here.](#)

To be able to take part in our Chelsea Foundation Soccer Schools, can parents/guardians please ensure that their child has the following:

- Suitable footwear and clothing for sports activity, (moulded/plastic studded) football boots or astro-turf trainers are essential for when we are on the 3G pitch.
- Shin pads must be worn, preferably with football socks, so that they remain covered.
- A clearly identifiable drinks bottle.
- All medication, that is clearly marked (this can then be provided to a member of CFCF staff).

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Kind regards,

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Little Paws



**Are you under 25, expecting a baby or
already have children?**

**Come and join Sammy and Lisa virtually Wednesday 10th
March then fortnightly**

10-11



**An informal group for parents under 25, an opportunity to
have fun together and make new friends. Advice and
information available on any issues affecting you.**

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07720063240 : 01983529208 : Facebook-Isle of Wight family centres

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