



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

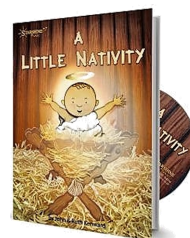
Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Assembly

On Monday we will be having an attendance assembly celebrating all the children that have achieved 100% this term. There are 165 altogether. Well done to those children and their families. The more the children attend school the more progress they make. Thank you for your support with our attendance policy.

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. This needs to be brought in a named carrier bag please and then hopefully the school uniform will come back to you in that named carrier bag!

Indoor Athletics



On Monday some year 6 pupils and a year 5 pupil went out to compete in the Cowes cluster indoor athletics. We had to do one field event each and then different races. My favourite race was the two by one. One person in the team had to run 2 laps and then other 1. I ran the 2 laps and Callum ran the one - we came first. Everyone in the team tried hard and enjoyed taking part in the competition.

By Ryleigh W Yr 6



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
INSET DAY	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
	Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges	Potato and Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes	Tomato & Veg Pasta With Garlic Bread	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips
	Cauliflower Broccoli	Carrots Green Beans	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

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.)

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, a waterproof coat and wellies. It will be very muddy! Meet at the front door ready to leave at 1pm)

Hannah B, Ashton B, Holly, Jessica, Frankie, Daisy, Chloe, James B, Ashton R, Tom E, Finley, Jacob, George T, Lily-May

Wednesday morning - Year 3 (We will be going to Bouldnor Bay led by Wildbeach officer, Kelly Wetherick. Please note it will be VERY muddy walking through the woods down to the beach. Please come to school wearing old play clothes, warm coat and wellies and bring your school clothes to change into after lunch.)

Jasmine B, Sophia B, Lottie R, Jamie W, Leo L, Bailey O, Cosmo LN-F, Chloe G, Emmi-Rose K, Jaymie S, Ollie B, Zak T

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.)

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 Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival. They enjoyed seeing all the decorated trees by charities and organisations in St Mary's Church, Brighstone Methodist Church and Isle of Wight Pearl. We talked about the Election Day on Thursday and the importance of voting. The children voted for their favourite trees. They spoke to



the group about why they'd chosen the tree and it's importance to them. The tree that got the most of our votes was representing The IOW NHS Trust Defibrillator Training and awareness, invaluable within our Queensgate community.



Harry, Isaac and Ryleigh demonstrated fantastic map reading skills on Tuesday afternoon, as they led the **Year 6** Out and About group around Firestone Copse. All of the children worked well as a team, supporting each other to cross waterways, up slippery, muddy banks and climb over fallen trees. They had to problem solve to work out the best route to get to the next orienteering post. The children all enjoyed getting muddy and successfully leading Mrs Jones and I to the orienteering markers then back to the minibus in time. Well done Year 6!



The final group of **Year 3** Out and About children hiked up to the Longstone at Mottistone on Wednesday morning. They managed to miss the rain



showers and got to sit and sketch by the Neolithic burial ground with a hot chocolate and beautiful blue sky! The children recapped what they have learnt this term about the Stone Age and how people would have lived over 6,000 years ago. They were an energetic group and practically ran back through the woodland to the mini bus.



On Tuesday afternoon the **Year 2** Out and About children had a very special visit to the Air Traffic Control Office and Aeroplane Hangars at Bembridge Airport. The children learnt about radio signals and why pilots



need to communicate with the airport before they land or take off. In the hangar the children enjoyed looking closely at five different aeroplanes. They even got to have a go at using the controls in one plane to move the elevator and aileron on the wings. The children asked some super questions to learn more about where the planes were manufactured, what certain lights mean and why the plane designs varied so much.



QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



The sporting term has now come to a close with just the three events to report upon; we would like to thank all the children who have taken part in a variety of events, representing the school so positively, and to the parental supporters who have come along in all weathers.



Under Ten Football; Queensgate 1 Haylands 2. The team slipped to a first defeat of the season despite taking an early lead. Haylands came back strongly in the second half and could have had further goals. The team can still qualify for the next stage with a win against St Marys.

Under Nine Boys; Holy Cross 1 Queensgate 3.

The team took on Holy Cross under rather gloomy wet conditions in their latest league match. Holy Cross took a first minute lead, using the wind and showers to their advantage. The second half saw Queensgate fight back to lead 2-1 before Holy Cross missed a penalty; the team continued to press and score a third goal which means they have won their section and move into the quarter finals.



Indoor Cricket; a Year 5 and a Year 6 team took part in a round robin competition against Godshill and Carisbrooke at Medina. The team each played 4 games and the skills improved game by game – the most entertaining game being Queensgate v Queensgate. Carisbrooke qualified for the IOW finals.

And finally.....please can anyone who has played for any of the 5 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 term so we can keep all the kit up together. Thank you.

Queensgate Foundation Primary & Kynance & Independent Arts

Year 1 children were visited by Kerry from Independent Arts. She asked the children what helps people in their community. Hardly any of the children had been to or even heard of a residential care home before. We discussed about how some people when they get old find every day chores tricky. We played memory games, discussed photos and listened to stories.

Some pupils from Queensgate Foundation Primary school were chosen to take part in a 10 week art project with some of the elderly residents at Kynance. This has all been made possible by Independent Arts. Each week the 10 specially chosen Year 1 children participated in a variety of creative tasks that saw them work together with their residents partners. The children chosen showed they needed to develop their confidence, social, listen and in attention skills which they may not have fully done by the end of Reception class.

After the morning session, the children stayed to have lunch with the residents. They sat together and chatted about their families, homes and interests. Both the children and residents benefitted from this social interaction and they looked forward to seeing each other each week.

We have seen a great impact on the children's confidence and willingness to interact with more people. Their vocabulary has improved and they are now speaking much more clearly. The children have shown great resilience in trying new activities and encouraged the residents to take part. Most children have become more focused on tasks in school, have better perseverance and have gained confidence in their own abilities.

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!

Missing Uniform

James B in Year 6 has lost three school jumpers in 2 weeks, if found please return to the office or Year 6.

Finnley L in Year 6 has lost a pair of new Addidas trainers, if found please return to the office or Year 6



Message from NHS Childhood Flu Vaccination Team

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that free NHS childhood flu vaccinations are still available in selected Boots Pharmacies.

If a child in school years Reception through to Year 6 has not yet been vaccinated to protect them against flu and you would like them to be vaccinated, you can bring them into any of the stores below (subject to availability), or book an appointment in store for them to be vaccinated. (Eligibility criteria apply).

No Clubs Next Week

Please note there will be no clubs next week.

Staffing News

We are saying good-bye to two members of staff this Christmas. Miss Dawkins is leaving to take up a post as a nanny and follow her own business venture of horse grooming. We wish her well with her new ventures.

Mr Hayden is retiring. He has worked at Queensgate since we opened. He has been a fantastic cleaner and fully dependable locking up our school every evening. We wish him every happiness in the future.

Happy Christmas!

There won't be a newsletter next week so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support. Queensgate is a fabulous place to work. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful new year. Term re-starts on Tuesday 7th January at 8.40 am.

Positive Quote

You have 86 400 seconds today - have you used one to smile? :)

Whole school attendance 96.24%.

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

This week 1CE achieved 99.21% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Christmas Jumper – a jumper for life?
Support Children in Need with a jumper that's kinder to the planet

The facts revealed:
Did you know :

According to Environmental charity Hubbub we are set to buy **12 million** new Christmas jumpers this year, despite there already being 65 million stashed away in our wardrobes from previous years.

2 in 5 jumpers are **never** worn again in the festive season.

The textile industry and throwaway culture generates **greenhouse emissions of 1.2bn tonnes** a year – more than international flights and shipping combined

95% of jumpers surveyed by Hubbub have acrylic fibres. When washed these enter the Ocean through water treatment adding to **plastic pollution**.

Good news

You can have your Christmas jumper and be kind to your Planet here's how...
DIY

Upcycle an old jumper permanently or (even better) temporarily e.g
Thread through decorations/ribbons/tags
Check out this link for lots of good ideas:

<https://www.hubbub.org.uk/how-to-make-a-diy-christmas-jumper>

CHECK YOUR WARDROBE

See what you have already that you could use..

BUY SECOND HAND

Some jumpers will have made it to charity shops so grab a jumper from a local store

SWAP

Have a Christmas Jumper amnesty – arrange for all your friends/ colleagues to bring their jumpers in and have a swap around..

www.planetaware.co.uk <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

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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

