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## Book Character Day Next Friday

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back

It has been good to welcome all our staff and children back. Please find key dates for the summer term towards the end of this newsletter.

### Staffing News

We are pleased to welcome back both Mr Tilling and Mrs Arnell to their classes. Mr Millwood has also re-joined our Year 5 team.

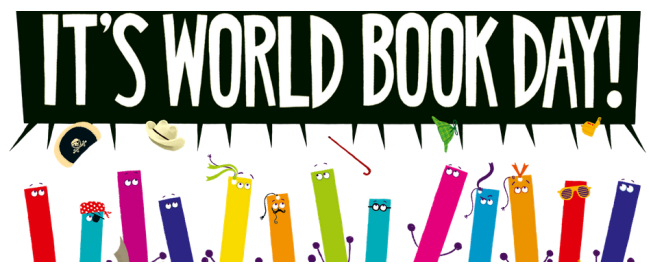
We welcome four new trainees to our team. Miss Hendy has joined the RAS team. Miss Downer has joined the Year 3 team. Miss Spiers has joined the 4 MC team and Miss Palmer has joined the 4AH team. Miss Wood is also a trainee and has been with us since before Easter. She is working in the 2GC team.

### Teaching and Learning Drop Ins

Mr Chubb and I have re-started dropping into lessons this week. We were delighted with the quality of the lessons and the children's engagement and hard work.

### Book Character Day and Sponsored Read

World book day happened during lockdown so we have decided to have a book character day next Friday. The children are welcome to choose one of their favourite book characters and dress up as them. There will be prizes! I hope that the children managed to read a lot over the Easter break. Please make sure all the sponsor money is in by next Friday. Remember the money will go towards buying books for the school library.



### Class email accounts

During Lockdown we set up all teachers with a class email account. We will continue with these, however teachers will not be able to access them on a regular basis so if your enquiry is urgent please call the school to arrange a face to face appointment, or have a message passed onto the teacher.

## Benji Blog

Benji's progress has been mixed! He can usually sit and he has learnt to tap his paw on us for a small treat, which is very impressive at thirteen weeks old! He also learnt to jump out of his playpen in the office this week! We have had to invest in a taller one.

Benji has enjoyed seeing children who have worked hard this week and he likes to look at their work. He did, unfortunately, take a chunk out of a book that a child was reading to him, but we decided that was him signing the book! Here are some photos of Benji carrying out his work this week.



Working together for a successful future



## Out & About

On Tuesday morning **Year 3** had their first trip to the Waterside Swimming pool in Ryde. We had some children who had never been swimming before and others who were feeling a bit nervous about getting back in the water after Lockdown. All of the children tried so hard and came away feeling very proud of themselves. Well done Year 3!



**Year 5** are learning about Space this half term. The 5RA Out and About group visited Bonchurch and walked to Ventnor and back on Tuesday afternoon, following the solar system trail. The children learnt about the order of the planets, their distance from the sun and their comparable size using sports balls.



**Year 4** have just begun their topic on electricity. We talked about different types of renewable energy whilst on The Patch. Some of the children told us about Vestas and how their parents / relatives help to make the turbine blades. The children were challenged to make their own mini wind turbines using paper, straws and cocktail sticks.



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The **6LR** Out and About group had a great time orienteering in Firestone Copse on Wednesday. They practised using compasses and planned a route around the forest, hunting for orienteering markers. We couldn't find number 5 or 13 so they've been challenged to see if they can return with their families to hunt for them.



**Out and About next week...**

**Tuesday am:** Year 3 Swimming

Please come to school with swimwear under school clothes and bring a towel, underwear and goggles in a named bag. The coach is due to leave by 9am prompt.

**Tuesday pm:** 5RA Out and About

Please wear play clothes, comfortable trainers or walking shoes and bring a coat.

Kai, Blayze, Jaiden, Owen, Lilly-May H, Alfie, Logan, Summer S, Ashton, Brogyn, Keyanna, Rebecca, Matthew.

**Wednesday am:** 4AH Out and About

Please wear play clothes, comfortable trainers or walking shoes and bring a coat.

Henry, Toby, Charlie, Jaylen, Oliver, Roxy, Ellie, Lily, Kaydee, Olivia.

**Wednesday am:** 4AH PE

Please wear PE kits and trainers.

Shay, Leo, Jaydon, Jack D, Jamie, Jada, Emma, Millie, Poppy, Jazmine.

**Wednesday pm:** 6LR Out and About

Please wear play clothes and bring wellies or old trainers and a coat.

Logan, Neavie, Lexi, Mia, Finnley, Summer, Ethan, Olivia, Rio, Phoebe, Naomi, Bobby, Connor, Brooke.

### **A Cut Above the Rest**

Rosie J in 2KA has donated some of her hair, here is her story:

"I decided to cut 10 inches off of my hair and donate it to the Little Princess Trust Charity for little boys and girls who's hair has fallen out from having treatment for cancer."

Well done Rosie what a lovely act of kindness, we are very proud of you.



# 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
Sausage Roll with Wedges	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Red Pepper Pizza with Wedges	Fish in Batter with Chips
Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Five Bean Chilli with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Peas Carrots	Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Pear & Ginger Slice Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Orange & Lemon Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

## Can you help at all?

Do you have any time to help in school? We are looking for people to help us run Forest School sessions at the Patch. If you have time and are interested, please contact Miss Jenkins through the school office. We are also keen to welcome volunteers to hear readers. Please see me or contact the office if you are interested.

## Aerating plants for the front pond

We are gradually developing our new school site. We now have two ponds, one at The Patch and one at the front of the school. If you have any pond plants that we can take cuttings from etc, please let me know.

Please also let me know if you have an area of expertise that could support us with developing the site to enhance learning opportunities for children.



## Positive Quote:

**"No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you're still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying."**

**Whole school attendance 97.01%.**

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

**This week 2KA & 5PG achieved 100% attendance! Well done.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Best wishes,**

**Samantha Sillito  
Headteacher**

## Key Dates for the term

Monday 19.04.21	2.30 Jo Tuc from Medina College in to see Yr 6
Tuesday 20.04.21	AM Year 3 Swimming (2 of 7)
Friday 23.04.21	Queensgate Book Day in lieu of World Book Day
Monday 26.04.21	School photos (Portraits) in hall all day
Tuesday 27.04.21	AM Year 3 Swimming (3 of 7)
Monday 03.05.21	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 04.05.21	AM Year 3 Swimming (4 of 7)
Tuesday 11.05.21	AM Year 3 Swimming (5 of 7)
Tuesday 18.05.21	AM Year 3 Swimming (6 of 7) Sports for Champions Visit
Monday 24.05.21	10 – 2 Year 1 visit to Osborne House
Tuesday 25.05.21	AM Year 3 Swimming (7 of 7)
<b>Half Term 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
Monday 07.06.21	Start of Summer Term 2
Tuesday 08.06.21	Yr 6 CPR Training all day (TBC) AM Year 5 Swimming (1 of 7)
Friday 11.06.21	Cricket Coaching Y 3
Tuesday 15.06.21	AM Year 5 Swimming (2 of 7)
Friday 18.06.21	Cricket Coaching Y 3
Monday 21.06.21	INSET DAY 5
Tuesday 22.06.21	AM Year 5 Swimming (3 of 7)
Thursday 24.06.21	U11 Cricket final @ Arreton
Friday 25.06.21	Cricket Coaching Y 3
Monday 28.06.21	<b>Visit in school by Hampshire Inspectors</b>
Tuesday 29.06.21	Year 6 photoshoot day – Year books AM Year 5 Swimming (4 of 7)
Wednesday 30.06.21	<b>9.15 KS1 Sports Day</b>
Thursday 01.07.21	<b>9.15 KS2 Sports Day</b>
Friday 02.07.21	Cricket Coaching Y 3
Tuesday 06.07.21	AM Year 5 Swimming (5 of 7)
Wednesday 07.07.21	<b>9.15 KS1 Sports Day (Reserve)</b> Provisional Year 6 Show Day to Parents (AM and Evening)
Thursday 08.07.21	<b>9.15 KS2 Sports Day (Reserve)</b>
Friday 09.07.21	Cricket Coaching Y 3
Tuesday 13.07.21	Year 6 Transition Day AM Year 5 Swimming (6 of 7)



Wednesday 14.07.21	Move up Morning
Thursday 15.07.21	5 -6 Showcase Evening
Friday 16.07.21	Staffing structure released to parents in newsletter Reports out to Parents Cricket Coaching Y 3 U11 Beach Cricket @ Appley
Monday 19.07.21	U11 Incredible Finals @ Newclose Cricket Ground
Tuesday 20.07.21	AM Year 5 Swimming (7 of 7) U11 Incredible Finals @ Newclose Cricket Ground (Reserve)
Wednesday 21.07.21	Report comments back from parents
Friday 23.07.21	Last Day of term
Tuesday 31.08.21	INSET DAY 1
Wednesday 01.09.21	Term starts with children
Monday 20.09.21	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 04.01.22	INSET Day 3
	Other 2 INSETs to be confirmed.




**FREE ONLINE PRIMARY  
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As well as teaching fundamental movement skills and developing physical literacy, tennis is also a great way of developing personal and character skills and we have classroom materials to support.

Teachers who complete the course will receive a resource pack and a £250 voucher\* to spend on equipment, or ten hours of team teaching support from an LTA Accredited Coach!

Sign up to the online course and access all the resources at: [www.lta.org.uk/schools](http://www.lta.org.uk/schools)

\*limited to one per school  
The LTA Youth Schools programme has been granted Approved Provider Status by the Association for Physical Education's Professional Development Board. Supported by The Tennis Foundation.



## COMPETITION



Calling all budding artists in years 4-6 (aged 9-11 years)  
How would you like to design a brand new  
“ ← **TO THE SEAFRONT**”  
sign and mural showing some of the attractions on offer  
for display on the wall at the corner of Columbine Road  
and Maresfield Road, East Cowes ?

**WIN** Wight Card vouchers  
£100 for your school and £50 for yourself

Please send your entries to East Cowes Town Hall, York  
Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6RU by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**ALL STARS**  
cricket

# Big Moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!

**Northwood CC, IOW**  
Park Road, Cowes, PO31 7NN  
9:00am - 10:00am, Saturdays (July 3rd - August 21st)  
Contact: NorthwoodCricketClub@gmail.com  
Register at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

Includes Personalised Kit!



FUSION ARTS ACADEMY are bringing after school classes to Whippingham Community Hall. Due to current guidelines, spaces are strictly limited so early booking is advised. For the full timetable click here please:

<https://fusion-arts-academy.class4kids.co.uk>

**East Cowes Cricket Club** are delivering a **Dynamos Cricket** programme for boys and girls from 8-11 years old. The sessions start on **Tuesday 11th May 5-6pm** for 8 weeks. Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build their confidence and ability, before they take part in a 60-ball countdown cricket match.

Dynamos Cricket will help grow your child's love of the game and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

Dynamos Cricket is a game/play based programme for 8-11-year-old girls and boys as the next step from All Stars Cricket, or for those of this age group who are new to the game.

The programme costs £25 which includes 8 sessions, a Personalised New Balance playing shirt, Topps Cricket Attax cards + Exclusive access to the Dynamos Cricket app for every player!

**To book your place please use this link [ClubSpark / Dynamos / Course](#)** For more information please contact Annette Purser. T: 07970 824134 E: [eastcowescricketcolts@gmail.com](mailto:eastcowescricketcolts@gmail.com)