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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

**NEWSLETTER
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Manners and Sportsmanship

This week, we had an email celebrating the super work of the children as follows:

I always try to attend sports fixtures to support the school football team, this time playing an away match at Brighstone Primary School. Although the result wasn't one in our favour I would like to say how proud I was of the efforts they showed right up until the final whistle. Although a little deflated and disappointed the behaviour of the team was exemplary and very sporting towards their opponents, a very 'grown up' attitude.

How lovely to receive such positive feedback for the children and in turn the super work of the staff in coaching them to behave in this way. Mr Taylor puts a tremendous amount of work into sporting fixtures and for that we must say a huge Thank You. We really do have a good team of children and staff at Wroxall doing their very, very best for the children of the school community.

Y2 Fire Visit

I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the behaviour and enthusiasm shown by the yr2 class this morning during my visit. They have obviously put a lot of time and effort in covering the Great Fire of London and completing Fire Safety Booklets which is a credit to their teacher. Quite often I go into classes and its extremely hard work but today was a real pleasure. Please pass on my thanks to the class teacher and the pupils.

Another wonderful email to receive to celebrate the super hard working ethos of the children. Thank you very much. It is lovely for people take time too, to congratulate the children on their super work.

Clubs

Club allocations will be sent out via email today. Please take up the opportunity of a club after school. The more the merrier. Clubs will not run the week of parent's evenings, due to teachers other commitments that week. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



Grow £1

Good luck to the children that have signed up to grow £1 during half term. I am really, really, looking forward to seeing all your wonderful ideas after the half term break. Enjoy taking part with your families, brothers, sisters, mum and dads. We will celebrate all this wonderful work after the break.

Water Bottles

The school council have been working really hard this half term. They have been looking at single-use plastic and how this needs to be reduced, to improve our environment. They discussed the harmful effects of plastic with the rest of their class and investigated alternatives. The school council were quite shocked when they realised that some children used 3 cups per day! The School Council decided they wanted to try to eradicate this. One way forward, was to design and commission a Wroxall Primary School water bottle, to be made. The School Council decided to put the school logo onto a water bottle, we have had these made.

The School Council will be selling water bottles at £1 each for daily use as they have now arrived at school. They are all available to purchase from the school office. All children need a water bottle in school, either one that they can purchase or one from home. They must be labelled clearly with the child's name.

Single-use plastic cups will be shortly discontinued – thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Open Door Policy

Firstly, many thanks to the number of people who have come to meet with me face to face, to discuss any concerns or worries they have had, regarding their own child(ren) in recent weeks. The vast majority of the meetings have resulted in positive outcomes for the children, and successful intervention at many different levels. This is what we all, as stakeholders of the school, want for each and every child. I have had recent feedback that there are still some concerns discussed in the playground – so please, please, please if you have a concern or worry, do come and see me. I have an open door policy and I value your comments, feedback and will work in partnership. I cannot help to address concerns if I am not aware of them. If you would prefer to email, my email address is: r.day@stenburyfederation.co.uk. We also have a transparent complaints policy which is accessible on the school's website.

Facebook

Historically, the school has had a Facebook page to communicate with the school community. This has benefits for families who are regularly on social media however, not all parents and carers use this method of communication, therefore we are currently evaluating this. A school Facebook page will only be administrated during school opening hours, as with all other lines of communication. Other ways to communicate with the school are via telephone, email or through visiting the website.

Uniform

There are some items of non-uniform coming into school. Uniform is worn so all children have the same items of clothing and there are not barriers of social difference and equality and equity are adhered to. Please ensure your child has a full school uniform and PE Kit for school every day. Half term is a good time to check items you have, ensure your healthy growing children have not oversized items and consider where you have the uniform needed for the term ahead.

Pupil Premium Funding

It has come to our attention, that some families are unaware of additional funding that the school can receive to support you and your family, if you are on a low income. All schools plan to use this money in different ways. At Wroxall Primary, we use the funding for support towards the financial aspects of school life, such as trips and visits and also for breakfast club provision, as well as for additional learning needs, to support or challenge children. If your employment ever changes – either temporarily or permanently, we may be able to support you in applying for this funding stream.

School Meals: Menu for the first week back to school

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Beef Burger in a Bun with New Potatoes, Mixed Salad & Peas	Quorn Burger in a Bun with New Potatoes, Mixed Salad & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Apple & Strawberry Pie with Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Salad		
Tuesday	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Creamy Broccoli Pasta Bake Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Pear Crumble & Custard/ Yogurt/ Fruit Salad		
Wednesday	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Swede and Gravy	Cheese & Pepper Whirl with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Swede and Gravy	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Oaty Cookie/ Yoghurt / Fruit Salad		
Thursday	Sweet & Sour Pork with Rice Sweetcorn & Mixed Peppers	Vegetable Noodles Sweetcorn & Mixed Peppers	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard / Yoghurt / Fruit Salad		
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Glamorgan Sausage with Chips Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Yoghurt / Fruit Station		

School meals cost **£1.95** a day or **£9.75** a week. All payments for meals from Y3 to Y6 via school money please and **MUST** be ahead of the meals purchased. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free school meal every day.

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE PLEASE VIA SCHOOL MONEY

Dates for the Diary for the term ahead –

	Grow £1 Challenge – How much can you raise for the school using your ideas?
Monday 18 th February	Newport Roman Villa – Knucklebones – Make a Roman Game £1 entry. (10am-3pm)
Wednesday 20 th February	Newport Roman Villa – Clay day – Make Roman Coins £1 entry. (10am-3pm)
Week 1	
Monday 25 th February	Open School Event to find out about school proposal plans. Open school to meet the Headteacher, Chair of Governors, Architect and Local Authority. 3-7pm.
Wednesday 27 th February	NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme) YR & Y6 School Nurse visits
Wednesday 27 th February	U11 Girls Football home playoff
Friday 1 st March	U9 Semi final v Arreton at home
	Pupils reports to be sent home today. Please read the report in preparation for seeing your child's class teacher in week 3. Thank you.
Week 2	
Monday 4 th March	Spelling Bee Team competition day with other Island schools (Y6 team)
Wednesday 6 th March	U11 mixed semi final v Godshill. Home match.
Wednesday 6 th March	PTA Film Night – rescheduled from before half term. Peter Rabbit Film £3.50 per child.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Dress up as a favourite book character
Friday 8 th March	Y3 PTA Cake Sale at the end of the day – cake donations to the office please.
Week 3	
Tuesday 12 th March	YR – Y6 Parents evenings 6-8pm – sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher
Wednesday 13 th March	YR – Y6 Parents evenings 3-5pm – sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher
Week 4	
Monday 18 th March	CSE DAY – Awareness session – information on this has been sent by email.
Monday 18 th March	Donations of toiletry gifts to be brought to the office from today as gifts for the Mother's Day / carer's day event on Fri 29 th March.
Friday 22 nd March	Y4 PTA Cake Sale at the end of the day – cake donations to the office please.
Week 5	

Tuesday 26 th March	Scholastic Book Fair in the hall – from today, for a week.
Friday 29 th March	PTA Mother's day / Carer's day – wrap a gift for your mum or carer. £2 donation to be brought to school to take part in this event.
Week 6	
Friday 5 th April	Y5 PTA Cake Sale at the end of the day – cake donations to the office please.

Enjoy the half term break. Finger's crossed for some weather that enables us all to get out and about to enjoy some of the natural environments across the Isle of Wight at this time of year. It is a time to rest, refresh and recharge batteries now we are half way through the academic year. An opportunity to take stock and think about the goals we have all set ourselves in and out of school and to think about the goals we are setting for the half term ahead.

Have a great half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school over the last half term. I look forward to working with you again after the break.

Rebecca Day – Interim Executive Headteacher

PTA News and Updates

Instead of a separate newsletter from the PTA it has been decided to have weekly updates on the school newsletter

PTA Facebook page

It has become necessary to close the PTA Facebook page from the end of today – Friday 15th February, as there has been some inappropriate use of this page. The PTA is a very hard working, dedicated group of parents or carers who volunteer to support the school by organizing fundraising events for the benefit of the children.

The PTA are not in a position to comment or advise on school or educational matters and have been put in some cases in very difficult situations.

For these reasons the PTA facebook page will discontinue as a temporary measure while the system is reviewed. If you ever have any queries please come to the office to discuss school matters or speak to Kate Smith, chair of the PTA, regarding PTA matters. Many thanks for your understanding, we do not wish for any adult to be put in a difficult position in their own time, outside of school hours.

Cake Sales

Cake sale dates have been added to the diary – there have been a few changes since the PTFA newsletter, so please see the weekly calendar for cake sale dates. Thank you for your donations for these events. It is very much appreciated.

Mother Day/ Carer's day

PTFA would like to run a Mother's day event. This is to allow children to select a gift to choose, wrap and give to their parent or carer for a £2 donation. All children who bring £2 to school on 29th March can participate.

Donations of toiletries, often unwanted (but unused) gifts or items, can be brought into school from Monday 18th March to help support this event. Thank you in advance for your donations to help make this a successful event.

The children really do enjoy taking part in this type of event.