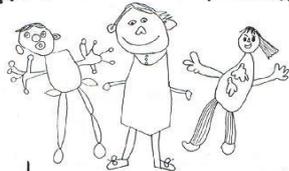


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**NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

### **Welcome back!**

A big warm welcome back to school, for everyone in the school community. It has been a very positive start to the new academic year with lots and lots of happy, smiling children engaged in teaching and learning (Y1-Y6). It is always a pleasure to see all the children back at school, getting on well with friends old and new and developing the social aspects of learning as well as the academic skills.

Next week, we will see another 22 children joining us, as our Reception children start school, following their home visits this week. Again, we welcome each and every one of you to the school community.

I know there will be lots of lessons, learning and laughter throughout the year, as children engage in their themes through the classroom and through wider school life. If there are any questions and/or concerns along the way, please do remember we have an open door policy and we welcome you to come in to speak with us at the earliest opportunity. We are really looking forward to lots of parental engagement throughout the year too.

We have also welcomed Mr Silk to our teaching team this week. Mr Silk is our new Year Five teacher. I am sure you will all make Mr Silk very welcome in the school community.

**Welcome back everyone.**

### **Curriculum News**

Next week each class will receive a copy of the Curriculum News for the Autumn first half term. Please do take the time to read, what your child will be learning and doing over the learning journey this half term and how you can support learning at home through activities, or through discussion to clarify thinking and learning.

### **Earrings**

We have been having many queries about earrings. The guidance for teaching staff states: that it is best practice to have earrings removed.

We therefore expect earrings to be removed for PE lessons or not worn to school on PE days. However, if there is no way this can happen the only alternative is flat backed earrings, similar to those shown in the picture. Taping ears is not advised at all. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure we minimise any accidents at school.



### **School Uniform**

Thank you so much for equipping your child so well with school uniform for the academic year. There are many, many smartly dressed children in school this week. If you are unsure about our uniform the following kit applies. The PE Kit is particularly important too. The school uniform consists of the following items:

### **Younger children in Reception and Years 1 and 2:**

- a white polo shirt
- a navy blue v-necked sweatshirt or cardigan

- grey pinafore dress or skirt
- grey or black shorts or trousers
- in the summer, or warm weather, children may wear blue gingham dresses
- white socks with pinafores, skirts or dresses
- tights may be black, grey or navy blue
- plain grey or black socks with shorts or trousers

#### **Older children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:**

- as above but with the addition of
- a white shirt or blouse with a collar
- a blue tie

#### **On the feet**

Children need two types of footwear for school, a pair of plain black sensible school shoes for everyday wear and a pair of plain black plimsolls or trainers of any colour for PE in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. Some younger children in EYFS or KS1 like to bring wellington boots to change into for messier outdoor activities which is great. But, please ensure all of this footwear is also labelled with their name.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, ENSURE EVERY ITEM IS CLEARLY NAMED WITH FORENAME AND SURNAME.**

#### **Pupil Premium Entitlement / Free School Meals**

I have noticed that some children who are usually entitled to free school meals are not on the list I have been given by the Local Authority. Please make sure you complete the forms even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as some of the funding we receive is linked to this and will benefit your child in school. I have attached a form as a separate document to the newsletter for families to complete and return to the office as qualifying for this generates additional benefits and support from school. Please remember Universal Infant Free School Meals stops at the End of Y2, so ALL children will need to pay £2.05 per meal from Y3 –or if you qualify meals will remain free of charge.

#### **IW Local Offer**

The Isle of Wight Council is committed to ensuring that all children and young people aged 0 to 25 have the best start in life.

All families need extra help from time to time. For children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), their differing needs mean varied levels of support are required at different times. Children and young people with the most complex needs and their parents and carers may need access to ongoing support and advice. We aim to provide a range of support so that children and young people with SEND can be educated and enjoy social opportunities alongside their peers, in their local community.

The Local Offer tells you what you can expect to be available for children and young people who have SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) on the Isle of Wight across education, health and social care services. There is a lot of help available and we aim to enable you to get the right support and advice when you need it most.

It is important to remember and acknowledge from the beginning that it is not just the professionals and specialist services that can help you and your family. For many people, it is the help of their family and friends, and the support of their community, that is most useful. Within the Local Offer website there are services that everybody can use, such as the Family Centres, schools, leisure centres and your doctor's surgery. There are also a range of services that can provide very specialist support at times when it is most needed. e.g. drug and alcohol services, mental health etc.

It is a combination of informal and formal support that can provide your family with the help you need most and your child with the best opportunity to realise their potential.

To visit our Local Offer please go to [www.iwight.com/localoffer](http://www.iwight.com/localoffer)

#### **School Money**

Please ensure you check your child's school Money account there are still some outstanding payments from the last academic year, which we need to ensure are cleared as soon as possible please. Thank you for logging on and checking at the start of the Autumn term.

## School Menu for this week:

Please remember school meals have increased very slightly in price. They now cost **£2.05** a day or **£10.25** a week. All payments for meals from Y3 to Y6 via school money please. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free school meal every day.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes Mixed Peppers & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous Mixed Peppers & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Eves Pudding with Custard		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Mixed Salad & Peas	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Mixed Salad & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Mandarins and Ice Cream		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cabbage & Carrots	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cabbage & Carrots	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Chocolate Shortbread		
<b>Thursday</b>	Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Yoghurt Station and Fruit platter		
<b>Friday</b>	Fish in Batter with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Vegetable Pasta Bake Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Banana Loaf		

## Guitar Lessons

We have a music teacher who comes in weekly to teach guitar lessons a Wednesday at 3pm. If your child is interested in taking this up – please see Miss Sayer at the office, who can put you in touch with the music service – these instrumental lessons are charged at £71 per term of 10 weeks lessons.



## Dates for the Diary for the half term ahead will be coming home early next week.

I'm sure after the first few days back at school getting into routine; the early starts again, the daily reading and work and family routines we all deserve a little down time this weekend! It looks like the weather is going to continue to be kind to us – every though a little on the chilly side.

Have an enjoyable weekend. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday for our first full week of the term! We also welcome all our new children and families to school from Monday – please help us in making everyone feel very welcome. Thank you.

Rebecca Day

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