



## BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning to love God, one another and ourselves.*



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Dear Parents

The children have all quickly got back in to school routines after the Christmas break. We began this week with an assembly all about 'seeing the good' – seeing the hidden beauty in people and situations. We talked about how learning to see the good in others is a habit we should all be building. In school children have been asked to think about looking at others that perhaps they don't always get on with and see the good things about them, which will benefit not only themselves, but others and the overall happiness of everyone. One smile can start a friendship...

As I mentioned last week the weather has turned much colder of late. Please ensure that children have coats, hats and gloves in school. As the weather gets colder there is always the possibility of snow which has been demonstrated this week in many areas.

The school would only be closed for the following reasons:

- School site is unsafe due to snow and ice
- Heating fails on a snowy day
- Not enough staff in school to run it safely

If a decision is made to close the school we would inform the Local Authority who would in turn advertise the closure on the Council website and IW Radio. We would inform parents by our text messaging service. Please ensure that the school office has an up to date mobile/contact number for you.

### **Free school meals**

If you think that your child may be entitled to a free school meal, please ask at the school office. If you are entitled then there is no shame in claiming for this. When a teacher calls the dinner register nobody knows who pays and who has a free meal. The school also receives extra funding for every child that is entitled to a free school meal. Even if your child does not eat the school meal but brings in a packed lunch the school still receives the funding which benefits your child.

### **Celebrations**

Celebrating the children's personal successes and achievements in class –  
Be the Best You Can Be pupils were:

Reception Class	Nikola
Year 1 Class	Lucy
Year 2 Class	Natalia
Year 3 Class	Lucy

Year 4 Class                      Lewis  
Year 5 Class                      Jacob  
Year 6 Class                      Eloise

Well done for your achievements!

Our house of the week was Green House with **653** team points. Well done to them!



### **Last Week's Attendance**

Class Attendance - week ending 12 January 2018	
Reception Class	97%
Year 1 Class	97.3%
Year 2 Class	95.4%
Year 3 Class	96.2%
Year 4 Class	98.6%
Year 5 Class	95.2%
Year 6 Class	99.6%
Whole School Attendance	97.1%

The Education Welfare Service are monitoring any pupil under 90% as this is considered to be Persistent Absence. Please be aware that we will need to ask for evidence, such as doctor appointment cards, to present to the EWS should medical advice be sought.

As far as possible please try to make medical/dental appointments after school or during the holidays. If you have to make a school day appointment it is really beneficial to make the appointment in the afternoon rather than the morning. Please note we are unable to release siblings at the same time, only the child who has the actual medical appointment.

If your child is unwell and off school you will need to phone school every morning by 9.30am to keep them updated as to your child's condition.

### **Admissions Arrangements**

The Isle of Wight Council is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for its Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2019/20 academic year.

The consultation will run for six weeks commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

The consultation documents can be accessed by:

<https://www.iwight.com/SchoolAdmissions>

### **Diary Dates**

Please see attached diary dates. Please note that we try our best to keep to planned dates but occasionally need to change them. Any date changes or additions are advertised in our weekly newsletters, as are full details of activities nearer the time. A full list is published on our website.

### **Breakfast Club at Windmills**

Breakfast Club on site is now fully operational! Ad hoc bookings can be taken subject to availability at £4 per child per session. Call Josie on 01983 873575 or email [windmillspreschoolltd@btconnect.com](mailto:windmillspreschoolltd@btconnect.com) for more details. (Please note a Registration and Booking Form plus signed Terms and Conditions MUST be completed for each child prior to them attending the Club thank you).

### **Sports News**

Our U11 football team were in action on Tuesday against Broadlea and sadly they were beaten 4 nil. The boys have played extremely well all term and did well to reach the final stages of the league. Our year 6 players have been George, Jake, Jack B, Jack M, David, Samuel, Ethan, Mason, Luca P Luca W and Douglas.

Shift-it-Ross Edmunds has been in school this Thursday giving cycling sessions to different classes. He will be returning later in the term and he will be specifically targeting children who cannot yet ride a bike or who do not own a bike. Ross will be bringing bikes into school. On this later visit Dr.Bike will also be in school for the day, servicing any bikes which are in need of attention.

This term we have a gymnastics coach, Karen Lakey, working with various classes. Karen runs a gymnastics club at Carisbrooke High School and if you would like further information you can find out more by contacting Karen at [carisbrookegymniow@googlemail](mailto:carisbrookegymniow@googlemail).

Mrs Stapeley

### **Inset Days**

**The school will be closed on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**

### **Community News**

#### **Young Archaeologists' Club – YAC**

Winter meetings will be held at Newport Methodist Church Hall, Quay Street from 5-6.30pm. Dates will be Wednesdays 17<sup>th</sup> January, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> April. This year's meetings will be based around the recent archaeological discoveries at Must Farm, an exciting Bronze Age village with many finds preserved by water and mud. For further details contact [iowyacs@gmail.com](mailto:iowyacs@gmail.com)

#### **Isle of Wight Octopush Club Juniors**

This takes place at the Waterside Pool Ryde every Sunday from 6-7.15pm for children aged 8-15. It is free for the first 3 weeks and is a small friendly club. Contact Phil on [phil.hagen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:phil.hagen@hotmail.co.uk) or Facebook @Isle OF Wight Octopush for more details.

#### **Rock Solid is back**

Suitable for School Years 5, 6 and 7. Activities, Games and Fun! 50p per evening on Wednesday from 6.30-7.45 at Bembridge Methodist Church. Come and give it a try! Call 07729 680735 for further details.



#### **Wild about Wight – Sun 28 January**

Come along to a free arts workshop. Meet at Brown Café and Golf on Culver Parade join artist Hannah George on a creative walk around the new Willow Walk in Sandown and after create artwork. For further details see the poster.

## **The Travelling Pop up Youth Club is back**

Starting on Mondays 29<sup>th</sup> January from 3.30-5.30pm at the Scout Hut, Mitten Road from age 9 upwards. Get arty and crafty, board games, meet friends, bring homework. Free hot chocolate and toast. See poster for further details.

Yours sincerely

*Sandra Grocock*

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We are regularly asked to distribute information or fliers to parents with information on a range of activities for children and parents and give these out in good faith for information purposes. Please note they are not personally recommended by the school and it is the responsibility of parents to decide which activities to take up.

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**Absence slip**

Name of Pupil: .....

Dates of Absence:

Reason for Absence:.....

Was medical advice sought for this absence? Yes / No

If yes GP appointment / phone contact / Beacon centre / A & E

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