



## **BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Saturday we had our Summer Celebration. It was a fantastic community event and there was such a lovely feel to the whole day. We had everything: dances, entertainment, steam engine, fire engine, barbecue, bar, vintage tea room, games, ponies, stalls and lots of happy people! Thank you to everyone who came along to make it such a special day. Thank you to our children who ran stalls, danced country dances and those who brought the Mardi Gras to our school! Thank you to all the school staff who helped in so many different ways and a HUGE thank you to the PTA who organised everything!

Well done to everyone in making it such a successful day. We were so lucky also to have been blessed with beautiful weather too!

### **Year 5 and 6 End of Term Performance – ‘Oliver’ Thursday & Friday**

The doors will open at 5:30pm. If you are dropping children off and staying to watch the performance please enter the hall through the main school entrance and have tickets ready!

Programmes will be available on the door. We do not ask for payment for the tickets or the programmes but hope that ticket holders will make donations.

There will be a short break in the middle of the performance when the Friends will serve refreshments at a small cost.

Whilst we understand it is lovely for you to take photographs of your own children on occasions such as performances, could we please remind parents that these are for your own use and that photos of other pupils are not put on to social media sites. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Every year, Isle of Wight Libraries run a Summer Reading Challenge to inspire children to keep reading for pleasure over the summer break. National research has shown that children who take part in the challenge are much less likely to suffer a “summer dip” in literacy levels, and a lot of island parents have reported that the challenge makes a real difference to their child’s enthusiasm for reading.

Today we had visitors from the library who came and presented an assembly to the children on this year’s challenge. This year’s challenge is called ‘Animal Agents’, and starts on Saturday 15 July, although there’s no cut-off period for joining, and children can enrol at any point from that date.

Children will receive stickers and other goodies when they read books, and when they have read 6, they get a medal and a certificate. The children will be coming home with a postcard which gives all the information they need.

Here's to a summer of reading for pleasure!

**The End of Year reports** will be coming home with all children this Friday. Please could I ask that all reply slips are returned as acknowledgement of receipt by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. There is also a space for comments to be made if you so wish.

### **Attendance – School target is 96.7%**

Class Attendance - week ending 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	
Reception Class	89.7%
Year 1 Class	97.6%
Year 2 Class	91.8%
Year 3 Class	96.9%
Year 4 Class	98.4%
Year 5 Class	97.5%
Year 6 Class	98.6%
Whole School Attendance	95.9%

### **Celebrations**

Celebrating the children's personal successes and achievements in class.

Be the Best You Can Be pupils were:

Reception Class – Mason and Lewan  
Year 1 Class – Lhasa  
Year 2 Class – Ellis  
Year 3 Class – Oliver  
Year 4 Class – Ava and Amalie  
Year 5 Class – Maddie and Wilona  
Year 6 Class – Ryan and Harry



Well done for your achievements!

Our house of the week was **Blue House** with 553 team points. Well done to them!

### **Diary Date Reminders:**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Year 2 to St Catherine's Lighthouse**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Tactile Trip Year R Robin Hill trip**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July Leavers Service at 10am at Holy Trinity**

At this service there will be a book presentation for each child. The presentation will take place in the Lady Chapel (which is at the front of the far side when you enter the church through the main door). Whilst everyone is welcome to attend, as this service is dedicated to our Year 6 pupils I am sure parents will support our families with Year 6 pupils by leaving the nearest pews to the presentation free for them.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July School finishes at 3pm for school holidays.**

**Wednesday 6 September – Return to school**

## **Friends of Bembridge Primary School**

### **The Friends of Bembridge Primary School**

A **MASSIVE** thank you to everyone who supported this event. Thanks to everyone who helped, performed and who came. Although we do not have the final total yet it will be over £1500, £647 of that is from the sale of raffle tickets alone. Hopefully we will be able to let you know the exact amount next week. We will also be selling refreshments at the performances of Oliver tonight and tomorrow evening so bring plenty of pennies with you, as well as tea and coffee, beer and prosecco will be available.

## **Community News**

### **Sandown Bay Academy**

The Isle of Wight Council and the Governing Board of the Cornerstone Federation (consisting of The Bay Church of England Primary and Niton Primary School) are consulting on two options for the future of Sandown Bay secondary education: another academy sponsor or the creation of an all through, 4-16 (or 18) school for Sandown, with secondary education continuing on the Sandown Bay secondary site. This would be done through a change of age range for The Bay CE Primary School to make it a 4-16 (or 18) school under the current Headteacher's and Governors' leadership.

Please find below a link to a consultation that starts today, Monday 12 June 2017 and closes on 24th July 2017.

Full details, including the consultation document, consultation meetings and a survey/response form can be found at the following website:

<https://www.iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/Schools/Sandown-Secondary-School-Consultation>

### **Andrew Simpson Foundation an International Sailing Charity based in Weymouth**

The Foundation is honoured to have been appointed as the official charity of Lendy Cowes Week 2017. We wanted to let you know that during the week, the foundation we will be offering free sailing taster sessions to young people (8 to 14yrs) and we thought that some of your students might be interested. The sessions will be on a first come first serve basis. We will also be delivering various activities off the water during the week, with all donations directed towards inspiring sailing initiatives that improve the lives of young people both in the UK and around the world.

We are inspired by the memory of Olympic Gold and Silver medallist Andrew 'Bart' Simpson MBE, a man who was passionate about encouraging and helping others fulfil their aims. In following Bart's values and goals, we honour him by helping to motivate the next generation. Our fundamental ethos is to facilitate a wider participation in sailing, and to optimise the benefits that the sport can deliver to young people and ultimately to society at large. The Foundation is providing the challenges of a sailing environment to promote health and wellbeing, and to develop personal skills that will improve a young person's ability to succeed in life and work. See poster for further details.

## Short Breaks Fun

We are holding our annual Short Breaks Fun and Information Day on 28 July at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport between 10am and 4pm.

Short Breaks fun day for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs for more information please check out our web page at: [www.wight.com/shortbreaks](http://www.wight.com/shortbreaks).

All children and families are welcome to attend the free event, there is free refreshments, parking, raffle and activities such as face painting, bouncy castles, games, skate boarding and arts and crafts.

## Open Studios

Charlotte Hodge Thomas, (mum to Rafe in Y5) will be opening her art studio to the public. Parents and children are welcome to 24 Walls Road, on Thursday 20 July 6pm-9pm, (launch party), Friday 21 - Monday 24 July from 10am-5pm daily. Pick up a booklet from Reception giving details about this and other open studios.

Yours sincerely

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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.