



## BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



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**NEWSLETTER.....ISSUE 02**

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Dear Parents

It's hard to think that we have already been back to school for a week! The children seem to have settled well and are adapting to changes in routines after the holidays. I am sure many of them were very tired after a few days back at school. It is lovely however, to see them happy in re-establishing friendships and making new friends. Reception class have been brilliant!

We welcomed all our new children and teachers in Collective Worship with Rev Amanda last Thursday where our theme was 'Welcome to Everyone'. At the end of each year we have a special leavers 'service for our year 6 pupils and this year we have decided to hold a special service in church to welcome our new Reception class to the school. We will be combining this with our Harvest service where the children will be presented with a special prayer book.

The County Press will be in next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to take photographs of our new Reception class. This will be published in the 'First Class' edition of the paper around half term in October.

### **Road Safety**

I attended a Road Safety and Security group meeting yesterday with Bembridge Parish Council where parking outside the school was discussed. I understand that there have been a number of complaints about the parking and traffic congestion in the roads around the school at drop off and pick up times.

I ask parents to be considerate of local residents' access to their properties, not to park on the pavements or on the zig zag lines outside the school gates. Please continue to support us by walking to school as much as possible and if this is not possible to park away from the surrounding roads or at Steyne Road carpark and to walk the remaining distance. **Sustrans** news will tell you more!

I also do need to remind parents that children must wear a cycle helmet if they are riding a bike to school. Bikes and scooters must be dismounted before entering the school gates and walked to the scooter stands and bike shed. This ensures that everyone can safely walk along the paths. Children will be reminded to do this in school.

### **Healthy Snacks/nuts**

A reminder that children may only bring in a healthy snack for morning break time. Fresh fruit is provided for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free of charge through a government funded programme.

Please make sure that a snack is a healthy choice of either: fruit, vegetables or cereal bar. No sweets or chocolate please or any products containing **nuts**. We have a few children in school with a serious allergy to nuts.

Please also be aware that packed lunches must not contain nut products which includes peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches.

### **Teeth Team**

This term will be piloting a new initiative on the island for our children to take part in the 'Teeth Team Tooth brushing and Fluoride Varnish Programme'. This aims to improve the dental health of all our children and involves them brushing their teeth every day at school. A leaflet and a consent form will be coming home today with your child informing you of what we plan to do. Please sign the form and return as soon as possible so that your child can be included in the dental health programme.

### **Mardi Gras**

Some of the Mardi Gras pupils took place in the three Ryde Carnivals in the Summer holidays. We were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Children's carnival and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Main and Illuminated. Well done to all children who took part. Special thanks to Mrs Bicknell who helped with all three carnivals, and to Mrs Pedley and Mrs Stapeley.

We have also been invited to the Isle of Wight Day Parade in Ryde on Saturday 23 September. The parade leaves Dover Street at 1pm if you would like to come and watch us.

Mrs Kurowski and Mrs Wilson

### **Breakfast Club**

A letter was sent out at the end of the summer term to gauge interest in a possible breakfast club being run by Windmills. Please return your slip asap if you are interested. Thank you.

### **Governors**

We have a space on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you would like to consider being a governor of our school or would like to know more please contact the school so that we can arrange for you to meet one of our current governors who can talk about their experiences. Further details will be sent shortly.

### **Sustrans**

As we start a new term, a reminder to everybody that we are working towards the gold Sustrans award and in order to achieve this we need to increase the percentage of children who are walking, scooting or cycling to school. The bike crew are introducing stamp cards for KS2. Every day the card will be stamped if your child has travelled to school in a sustainable way. Ten stamps equal a prize!! We will also continue to give out gold medals on Fridays to two lucky bike and scooter owners.

Mrs Stapeley

## **Sports News**

### **Danone Cup**

The Year 6 boy's team won their qualifying match beating Nettleston 1-0 and are now into the finals of the Danone cup.

Man of the match was Jake Whitely who was an excellent goal keeper.

## **Diary Dates**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** Reception Class photos – County Press

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** Isle of Wight Day Parade – Mardi Gras pupils

## **Secondary School Open Days and Evenings**

### **Medina College**

10 October – Open Evening

10 and 11 October Open Mornings

### **Portsmouth High School for Girls**

7 October – Open Morning 9 -12pm

### **Christ the King College**

21 September -Open Evening 6pm

## **Community News**

### **Junior Table Tennis Coaching**

This takes place on Saturday mornings for 10am-noon at Smallbrook Table Tennis Centre for just £3 a session. Enquiries to [mikeaprior@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeaprior@hotmail.com) or 07910251483

### **Rock Solid**

This will be returning this month and takes place at Bembridge Methodist Church. Suitable for Years 5, 6 and 7. 50p per person. Games, activities and fun on Wednesdays from 6.30-7.45pm. Further details contact Andy Hough 07729680735

### **Isle of Wight Day 2K Run – Sunday 24 September**

This is a run suitable for 4-13 year olds and takes place at The Fairway Sandown. See the poster by the office for more details.

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.

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Dates of Absence:.....

Reason for Absence:.....

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