



BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning to love God, one another and ourselves.



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NEWSLETTER.....ISSUE 05

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Dear Parents

Today is National Poetry Day and so we have been exploring a whole range of poetry in classes. Children recited poems in assembly and shared their favourites. It was fantastic to hear such a range of poems that the children had chosen themselves and even written themselves! It is great to see how poetry's power brings people together.

I shared a book with the children which was presented to our school entitled '**The Lost Words**'. This book by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris is a book about nature and is illustrated with a gallery of beautiful images of plants and creatures, many of which live on the island. The book is particularly special because it includes words that have been part of 'stories, poems and dreams of children for hundreds of years', but words that are somehow lost today or rarely used. Did you know that *gallybagger* is an island word for scarecrow?

This week the **Rotary** charity have been in to school to talk to all our pupils about the Shoebox scheme. If you have not previously been involved, please consider joining as it brings joy and pleasure to many disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. We always support this worthwhile scheme as we know that it does make a difference to children who have very little. This year the shoeboxes will be going to Moldova.

The scheme teaches children to give and share with others, especially children less fortunate than themselves. Children have all been given a leaflet from Rotary which gives all the details such as what to put in a shoebox and what not to include. If you have not received or have mislaid your leaflet a copy can be obtained from the school office. We are asking that as many of our pupils as possible be involved in this scheme; as individuals or in groups. Completed shoe boxes need to be brought to the school office by **Friday 2nd November**.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 10:00 am on **Friday 19th October**. The children will be singing hymns and bringing harvest gifts to the church.

Last year we supported the Newport Salvation Army by providing them with our harvest gifts which went towards food hampers and Christmas day dinner for those in need. As predicted numbers of people in need rose last year and the Salvation Army supplied 140 families with food hampers and had 144 people attend the Christmas Day dinner. In all, they fed over 500 people. We have therefore decided once again that all harvest gifts will go towards this cause. It is important that we support local charities and especially those in need in our island community.

As part of the Harvest celebration we are asking that pupils bring in donations of food products to support those in need. Children may bring in a gift of tins, packets or fresh fruit and vegetables. Thank you for your kindness in this matter. All products need to be brought into school on **Wednesday 17th October**.

During our church service we welcome our New Reception children and we would love as many of you as possible to join us in this celebration, where we give thanks for God's generosity and welcome our pupils. The Reception class children will be presented with a special book of prayers as a welcome gift and to show that they belong to the family of our school. These have again very kindly been sponsored by the PTA.

I have again noticed that more and more children are bringing in very large bags into school on a daily basis. Our cloakroom areas are very compact. Now that children need to bring in coats we are finding that the children are having difficulty hanging up their coats because of large bags which take up all the room and do not hang on the pegs provided. Can I remind parents please that children only need to bring in homework and reading books which very easily fit into their book bags and which keep them from being damaged. Only children in Year 6, are able to bring in their own pencil cases to school.

PE kit which needs to be in school every day, should be in a drawstring bag that can hang easily on their peg. Lunch boxes are placed immediately on trollies as the children come into school. Water bottles are kept in the classroom. There really is no need for additional bags which can be a trip hazard in our cloakrooms and we have limited space.

Please help us to keep our cloakrooms tidy and safe and only bring in these bags when it is necessary, i.e. a school trip or sporting event.

Last Friday the PTA held a Teddy Bear's Picnic for the Reception Class as part of their welcome to school life. It was lovely to see all the parents who came along for the party and all the wonderful teddy bears! Thank you so much for the support of the PTA and in particular Cheryl Milne who led the event splendidly.



Parent/Teacher Meetings

From Monday 8th October parents/carers will be able to sign up on Teachers to Parents for the Pupil Progress Meetings with their child's class teacher. These will be held during the following week with the late appointments held on Thursday 18th October. Please sign up as soon as you can.

Keeping Children Safe

We are proud at Bembridge Primary that we have a dedicated and supportive school community. We expect our school community to respect our school ethos and set a good example. We also expect our parents, carers and visitors to keep our children safe by adhering to the school's request to park safely outside the school gates.

Please do not park or pull in or drop of on the zig-zag yellow lines as this area **must** be kept clear.

Celebrations

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

Year 1 Class Rex
Year 2 Class Lucy
Year 3 Class Eradin
Year 4 Class Max
Year 5 Class Hannah
Year 6 Class Sophie



Well done for your achievements!

Our house of the week was Red House with 859 team points. Well done to them!

Last Week's Attendance

Class Attendance - week ending 28 September 2018	
Reception Class	91.8%
Year 1 Class	97.9%
Year 2 Class	97.5%
Year 3 Class	99.7%
Year 4 Class	93.4%
Year 5 Class	95.6%
Year 6 Class	96.8%
Whole School Attendance	96.2%

The Education Welfare Officer comes in to school on a regular basis and monitors attendance and lateness to school. You may have seen two officers on the gate **yesterday** but I am pleased to say that there were no children late for school.

Sports News

Tennis

We took two teams to the School's Tennis Tournament at Ventnor Tennis Club. Our B team came 8th and our A team came 1st. The winning team were Fenella, Ida, Jack and Ollie. The runners up were Charlie, Aaron, Frey and Robyn. All the children played extremely well and a special mention to Fenella who has recently been selected to play for the county.

Mrs Stapeley

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Friday 5th October

Friends AGM at 3pm

Friday 19th October

Harvest and Welcome Service in church

Monday 29th October – Inset Day

Whole staff training on Safeguarding.

Friends of Bembridge Primary School News

School Disco – Friday 12th October

Back by popular demand. A red letter has gone out this week. Pop into the office if you have not received one.

Secondary School Open Days and Evenings

Medina College - Tuesday 9th October 6-8.30pm

There will be a Theatre presentation at 7pm and they will also be holding two Open Mornings on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October. To book a place call 526523.

Ryde Academy Open Evening- Thursday 4th October

This takes place between 4-7pm, with talks by the Principal at 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

The Bay CE School Y7 Open Evening

Wednesday 10 October from 5.30-8.00pm with presentation at 5.30 and 6.30 followed by tours of the school.

There will be open mornings on Thursday 11 October and Tuesday 16 October from 9.30-11am. Please call 01983 403284 for an appointment.

Ryde School

Opening morning on Saturday 6 October 10-12.30pm and sixth form open evening on Thursday 29 November 7-9pm

Cowes Enterprise College

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 statutory 'Schools Admissions Code' guidance the Local Governing Body of Cowes Enterprise College is consulting on the Admissions Arrangements for September 2020 because changes are proposed. The amendments are:

To reduce the Published Admission Number at Cowes Enterprise College from 270 to 210 places in Year 7 with effect from September 2020. This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2020 and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts will be 210.

For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no proposed change. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria, all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, as well as the rationale behind them, is available to view on the academy website www.cowesec.org or hard copy from the school office. Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be sent to the clerk to governor's jwareham@cowesec.org or by post to Jill Wareham, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes, PO31 8HB by 12 noon on 12th November 2018.

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Yellow Slip

Please return your yellow reply slips to the office asap. There are lots of small ways parents can help out this term.

Breakfast Club at Windmills

Breakfast Club on site is fully operational. Ad hoc bookings can be taken subject to availability at £4 per child per session. Call 01983 873575 or email windmillspreschooltd@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).

After School Care Club

Our After School Care Club is now in operation and runs from Monday to Fridays 3pm – 6pm in the school.

A Registration and Booking form together with a signed Terms and Conditions form must be completed prior to attendance at the club. For more details contact the school office.

.Yours sincerely

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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 / A & E

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DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2018

Please note 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

SEPTEMBER

Mon 3 rd Sept	START OF TERM - INSET
Tues 4 th Sept	INSET – School closed
Wed 5 th Sept	Pupils return to school/ Rec class Home visits
Mon 10 th Sept	Rec class in school until 12pm
Mon 17 th Sept	After School Clubs start Reception in until 1pm
Weds 19 th Sept	Yr 2 trip to Tapnell Farm
Fri 21 st September	Teeth Team visit
Mon 24 th Sep	Reception class in full time
Fri 28 th September	Whole School poetry Homework

OCTOBER

Mon 1 st Oct	Year 1 Sandown Zoo
Thurs 4 th Oct	National Poetry Day
Fri 5 th Oct	Friends of Bembridge Primary AGM
Fri 12 th Oct	10 am Harvest and Welcome Service in church <i>to be confirmed</i>
	School Disco
Mon 15 th Oct	Parent/teacher meetings this week Later appointments Thursday 18th Oct
Weds 17 th October	10:45 Author Assembly E.R Riley all classes
Thurs 18 th Oct	Year 5 visit to Cowes Enterprise College - Physics
22nd – 26th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 29 th Oct	SAFEGUARDING INSET – school closed

NOVEMBER

TBA	School Photographs – individual and siblings
Fri 9 th Nov	Year 5 Sharing Assembly to parents
Thurs 15 th Nov	Online Safety Alter Ego Play – Yrs 4/5/6 at Gatten & Lake Time to be arranged
TBA	Year 6 Sharing Assembly to parents
Mon 26 th Nov	MATHS WEEK

DECEMBER

Wed 12 th Dec	1:30pm Years R - 4 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal to parents.
Thurs 13 th Dec	1:30pm Years R - 4 Christmas Production to parents
Fri 14 th Dec	6:00pm Years R -4 Christmas Production to parents
Mon 17 th Dec	Christmas Activities – Around the World theme

	Reception parents invited in to classroom for songs and activities.
Wed 19 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Class based parties
Fri 21 st Dec	10:00 am Nativity service at Holy Trinity Church 3:00pm END OF TERM