



BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning to love God, one another and ourselves.



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NEWSLETTER.....ISSUE 20

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Dear Parents

I have noticed recently that more and more children are bringing in very large backpacks into school on a daily basis. I have even seen trolleys on wheels which I have had to send home! Our cloakroom areas are very compact and the children are having difficulty hanging up their coats because of these very large bags which take up all the room and do not hang on the pegs provided. Children only need to bring in homework and reading books which very easily fit into their book bags. PE kit 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. 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.

Please can I remind parents to look in their children's book bags daily as letters are sent home regularly with vital information and these sometimes get missed.

This half term has flown by and we are already half way through the school year! School breaks up tomorrow at 3pm so we wish you all a lovely half term and we will be back for the second half of the Spring Term on Monday 19th February. It is staying lighter a little more each evening – not long until summer and warm weather again!

Assessments

In May Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be taking the statutory National Curriculum tests commonly called SATs. The tests are not qualifications and don't affect your child's future options in school. The results are an opportunity to compare pupils nationally to ensure schools are helping pupils to master the basics in English and Mathematics, and make progress. They are also an important tool to help teachers identify pupils who may need additional support, and make sure this is put in place as early as possible. It is important therefore that the children attend school and a reminder that requests for absence during this time will **not** be authorised. Pupils in Year 6 will be taking these tests during the week beginning Monday 14th May. For Year 2 pupils the tests can be taken any time during May. Most pupils won't know they are taking them as the teacher will incorporate them into everyday classroom practice.

Celebrations

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

Reception Class	Jasper
Year 1 Class	Thomas
Year 2 Class	Rosie-Mae
Year 3 Class	Samuel
Year 4 Class	Jamie
Year 5 Class	Daisy
Year 6 Class	Lucca P

Well done for your achievements!

Our house of the week was **Red House** with 633 team points. Well done to them!



Last Week's Attendance

Class Attendance - week ending February 2018	
Reception Class	96.0%
Year 1 Class	96.0%
Year 2 Class	92.5%
Year 3 Class	93.8%
Year 4 Class	93.5%
Year 5 Class	93.8%
Year 6 Class	94.3%
Whole School Attendance	94.3%

Free school meals

If you think that your child may be entitled to a free school meal, please ask at the school office.

Caterlink Information

Please note that when we return on Monday 19 February sausages will be on the menu instead of chicken

Diary Dates

School closes at 3pm on **Friday 9th February** for the half term break and re-opens on **Monday 19th February**.

Wednesday 21st February – Y4 Kingswood meeting 2:45pm

Friday 23rd February Y4 sharing assembly to parents/carers 2:30pm

Thursday 1st March World Book Day

A full list of dates is published on our school website under 'letters'. This gives you prior details on sharing assemblies to parents, parent/teacher meetings etc. We try to keep to these dates as much as possible and will advertise any changes in the newsletter. Please look under '**letters**' for details of class trips etc.

Sports News

Basketball

On Wednesday we went to the Island finals at West Wight Sports Centre. We played extremely well, reaching the semi-finals where we lost to Greenmount. Our team were Frederick, Samuel, Ethan, Mason, Rafe, Jack, Lara, Wilona, Primrose and Maddy.

Football

After what has been an amazing season, the Year 4 team were beaten 6 nil by Gurnard. We must now wait to see if we have qualified for the playoffs.

Shift-It

Ross will be in school this Friday doing cycling sessions for children who are less confident on a bike. Dr Bike is also in school so don't forget to put your bike in the shed if it needs repairing.

Walk the Wight

Registration forms are available from the office, so if you wish to register with the school please read the instructions and return the forms straight after half term. Walking to school week-Is the first week back. Children will receive a raffle ticket as they arrive at school (cycling and scooting also count). There will then be a draw and prizes will be awarded. On the Friday 23rd we are supporting the hospice "Wear a hat to school day" and the children can walk to school wearing their favourite hat in return for a donation to the hospice.

Mrs Stapeley

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 Josie on 01983 873575 or email 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).

Inset Days

The school will be closed on Monday 23rd July.

Community News

Half Term Events - Isle of Wight Hidden Heroes at Newport Roman Villa

Monday 12 February, 11-3pm Hidden Hero Craft Day

Wednesday 14 February, 11-3pm Hidden Hero Clay Day

Just drop-in no booking required £1 entry

Bembridge Library

Free Story and Rhyme Time for babies/toddlers and their carers @ Bembridge Library every Monday 10.30am to 11am in term time, come and join in the fun!

Wild About Wight–Clay Impressions 25th February. 2-4.30pm from Ryde Library

Join us on a fun art walk 'Down to the Town', through Ryde, making clay impressions of our built and natural environment. We will be exploring the textures all around us. Wellies recommended for the beach part of the walk.

This is a FREE event. To reserve your place email claire@vectishousing.co.uk or call 07710363446. For adults and children over 12 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Heroes Assemble

This year's Spring Litter Pick will be on Saturday 3rd March starting at Steyne Park 10.00am, supporting the Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean. Come along to join us, dress as a hero optional, followed by refreshments in the Community Centre. All welcome.



Brownies

Bembridge Brownies welcome girls aged 7 to 10 @ the Methodist Church hall, Forelands Road, Fridays 6pm to 7.30pm, come along to the hall for taster sessions; we play games, learn new skills and make friends in a safe and friendly environment! Term subs are usually £25 per term. Brownies funds subsidise lots of activities. Swimming at Whitecliff Bay pool and Paulton's Park trip planned for the near future! Just turn up or ring Brown Owl Jane Chubb on 07870533175

Trinity Church Mice Play and Pray

Getting to know each other and God. This will launch on 21st February and will take place in the cloisters from 10.15-11.45am. Come and enjoy a warm welcome at our family nurture group for pre-school children and their families... Rev Amanda, Sally and Caroline are looking forward to seeing you all.

Oklahoma

South Wight Youth Theatre Group will be performing their production of Oklahoma on 23rd and 24th February at Medina Theatre They are a registered charity who promote the arts, both onstage and backstage with members between 9-21 years old and aim to give member the opportunity to perform different styles of theatre, in different types of venues. See posters for further 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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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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