



Bembridge Church of England Primary School

'Learning to love God, one another and ourselves'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! The children have come back and settled in so quickly. We are very proud of how well our pupils behave and their love for learning. We have also had several new pupils join the school this week and we are delighted to see they have already made good relationships with their peers and staff.

As stated before Christmas, we are going to continue with our reducing risk contingency plan for this half term and review before Wednesday 16th February. This means that we will continue with the staggered starts and finishes for this term and keep in our "bubbles" to reduce social mixing.

Please can I remind you of the start and finish times:

Reception: 8:40am – 2:40pm

Year 1 and Year 2: 8:50am – 2:50pm

Year 3 and 4: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Year 5 and 6: 9:05am – 3:10pm

Please do not arrive before your time to ease congestion. I have had some concerns raised about the number of people congregating in the playground. Please arrive a few minutes before your time slot and help to keep a clear path through the playground at all times.

Snacks

Key Stage 2 pupils have a longer morning with the staggered lunch and so we are advising that all Key Stage 2 pupils come with a healthy snack to eat during the morning break. The snack can be a piece of fruit, fruit-based snacks or healthy snack bars. No chocolate, sweets or crisps please.

Key Stage 1 and Reception pupils continue to be provided fruit for snack.

Purple Mash and Educationcity

We are reviewing our remote learning procedures over the next week or so and want to ensure that pupils in Year 1 to 6 can access Purple Mash at home. Class teachers will send further details on how to access Purple Mash and Educationcity (Year 1 and 2 only) and set homework to be completed. Please can we request that you support your child to access and complete this homework – we hope they will be able to do most of the activity independently once logged on.

This will help the class teachers to identify those pupils who may require further assistance if working remotely. Please contact the office if your child does not have access to a tablet, laptop or PC to complete this work online so that we can discuss ways in which the school can support.

Uniform Reminder

Please could I remind children and parents that school shoes should we worn except on their PE day and our uniform does not include boots. Children are welcome to come in to school in their wellies/boots for outside and change to school shoes indoors. Black leggings can be worn on PE days but are not school uniform. Hair that can be tied back should be for health and safety reasons - we tend to advise shoulder length or longer.

Finally, I am sorry to say that we are saying goodbye to Karen Ward from our Midday Supervisory Team. I would like to thank her for all her help and support to the children. We will miss her.

If you know someone who would be interested in the midday supervisor position, please let them know that the details are on the school website.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Chambers
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Date	Event
10 th January	Y6 Residential Online Meeting – contact Mrs Yardley for further details
11 th January	Reception pupils visit Bembridge Library
14 th January	Year 3 swimming lessons begin
7 th – 13 th February	Place 2Be's Children's Mental Health Week – children will participate in a range of activities throughout the week.
8 th February	Safer Internet Day Children will learn about how to keep themselves safe online.
10 th February	MM Theatre Productions performing to the Year Group Bubbles across the day.
17 th February	Flower Power Mufti to raise funds for the School Garden – children to dress up in flower/gardening themed clothing and bring a donation.
18 th February	Last day of Spring Term 1

Awards and Special Mentions

Be The Best You Can Be



Year	Name	Comment
R	Mabel	For being a kind and caring friend to everyone.
1	Teddy	For coming back to school with a great attitude to learning and taking lots of care with his work.
2	Anya	For being ambitious in her writing and making excellent word choices.
3	Charlotte	For always putting her hand up to offer sensible, well thought out answers in all lessons.

4	Helena	For her hardworking attitude and eagerness to learn this week. Well done!
5	Blake	For always being polite, enthusiastic and working your hardest in all lessons. A great start to the New Year!
6	Rory	For reading every single day through the holidays: what an excellent attitude to learning!

Bembridge CE Primary Sports News

We have used some of our P.E Premium funding to purchase some new equipment for P.E lessons, after school clubs and school sports fixtures. This has included:

- Brand new sets of size 3 & 4 footballs.
- New playground footballs.
- Dodgeballs.
- Handballs.
- Basketballs.
- Rugby balls.
- Corner flags for the school football pitch.
- Two speed bounce mats.
- A standing long jump mat.
- A new basketball backboard and hoop.
- New basketball nets.

We look forward to using them!

I am in the process of arranging sports fixtures at the moment for this half-term with plenty of football league and cup matches coming up. I am also trying to arrange some more tag rugby fixtures for Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 boys and girls as well as some football friendly matches.

At the moment we are only taking part in outdoor fixtures, but we hope to be able to take part in indoor athletics and basketball competitions later this half-term if appropriate.

Mr. Collings

Upcoming Fixtures:

- Monday 10th January, Year 3/4 Boys Tag Rugby fixture vs. Haylands (away)
- Wednesday 12th January, U-9 Girls Football fixture vs. The Bay (home)
- Monday 17th January, U-11 Girls Football League fixture vs. Northwood (away)
- Monday 24th January, U-9 Boys Football League fixture vs. Northwood (home)
- Monday 31st January, U -11 Girls Football League fixture vs. St. Thomas (away)
- U-11 Boys Football League fixture vs. Newchurch (TBC)
- U-11 Boys Football Cup fixture vs. Gatten & Lake (TBC)
- U-9 Girls Football League fixture vs. Newchurch (TBC)
- Year 5/6 Boys Tag Rugby Fixture (TBC)
- Year 5/6 Girls Tag Rugby Fixture (TBC)
- Year 3/4 Girls Tag Rugby match (TBC)

HOUSE POINTS

Our House of the week was **Green**



House with 210 points!

Attendance

Class Attendance - week ending 17 December 2021	
Reception Class	98.4%
Year 1 Class	91.4%
Year 2 Class	94.4%
Year 3 Class	87.7%
Year 4 Class	98.5%
Year 5 Class	95.2%
Year 6 Class	91.7%
Whole School Attendance	93.7%

Holidays in term time

Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absence from school due to holidays in term time.

Reporting pupil absence

If your child is unwell and will not be at school it is essential you phone the school by 9:30am to inform us of their absence and the reason why, to record in our registers. If we do not hear by 9.30am we will try and contact you or another person on your list of contacts. If we cannot get contact we will then inform the Police and the Education Welfare Officer to report a Child Missing in Education. We have a duty of care to make sure all of our children are safe and follow current safeguarding procedures.

Absences from school will only be authorised when supported by an acceptable written explanation from a parent within 3 days of the child's return to school. To make this easier we have attached a pro forma to the end of this newsletter, which you may choose to use. Alternatively, you can email office@bembridgeceprimary.co.uk giving the dates, reason for absence and whether medical advice was sought.



Should your child go to school or nursery today?

The NHS has put together a useful guide to help parents and carers work out what to do if their child is poorly and whether they should go to school.

Get all the information on this website:

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool-1>

Music Lessons in School

We have two music teachers who come in to school who can offer drums, brass, piano, ukulele and guitar. Details are available on the following link <https://iwmt.org.uk>. This gives details of prices, terms and conditions and how to sign children up for lessons.

My name is John Sharpe and I work with the IWMT , teaching the guitar and ukulele in the island's schools. If any of your pupils would like to learn either of these instruments, in either a small group or individual lesson, I'd be delighted to help.

Please email Sammi Vine, our administrator at www.iwmt.org.uk if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely,
John Sharpe MA (IWMT)

Breakfast Club at Windmills

Our Breakfast Club is fully operational again for Year R to Year 6! 5 days a week 07:45-08:45 £5 per session for advanced block bookings, £6 for adhoc bookings.

Fun activities, help with homework plus a healthy breakfast including toast, cereal, porridge & Ewa's legendary homemade pancakes once a week all included.

For more information, contact Rachel in the office on the Windmills preschool site 01983 873575, email windmillspreschooltd@btconnect.com, or via FB messenger

@WindmillsBembridge. Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. A registration form needs to be completed for each child attending.





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Is your child due to start school in September 2022?

See how Bembridge CE Primary is the right provision for your child.

Please call to book on one of our tours. Tel: 01983 872668

**Please contact the office for further
Details and available dates.**

Rated Good by Ofsted in December 2019 with "outstanding" Behaviour and Attitudes

Key Stage 2 results in 2019 were in the top 1 percent of primary schools in the country.

"I love everything about the school from the smart uniforms to the lovely teachers and office workers. I am so happy my daughter is part of Bembridge CE. " Parent survey- October 2021



Community Events

Girls beginner cricket sessions

Sunday's 16:00-17:00, starting on 23/01/22 at Ryde School. The cost is £2 per session.

For more information or to sign up, please contact cdm@isleofwightcricket.co.uk

RYA and Yachts & Yachting Club of the Year Award across the UK

Please give us your vote!

The annual award recognises the outstanding achievement of sailing clubs across the UK and promotes the hard work and dedication that goes into running a successful club. We are very much a local Club and all the support would be grateful received, we are flying the flag for the Island. We have won an award for being recognised for sustainability achievements.

Voting will close on Monday 24 January 2022. The winner will be announced at the RYA Dinghy & Watersports Show in February. Here is the link <https://awards.yachtsandyachting.co.uk/rya/>

Flu Immunisation

The School Aged Immunisation Team have added some additional community clinics for those children that missed the flu vaccination at the school session.

Tuesday 11th January - West Wight Barnardo's Family Centre PO40 9XH

Thursday 13th January - Cowes Barnardo's Family Centre PO31 7ET

Saturday 15th January - East Newport Barnardo's Family Centre PO30 2AR

Please find the link below which you will need to use to access the In-Health Care e-consent system:

<http://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-iow-flu>

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your internet web browser address bar (not through the search area).

Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School LEA Code which is 118181

If you have any queries please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team via snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net

Thank you.

Safeguarding

Phone the school office 01983 872668 and ask to speak to the **Designated Safeguarding Leads: Elizabeth Chambers or Clemma Yardley** if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding children.

For less urgent concerns, please email the office: office@bembridgeprimary.co.uk with a brief message for someone to contact you to discuss the concern as soon as is possible.

If your concern is URGENT, please contact the Hampshire MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) line on [0300 555 1384](tel:03005551384) during office hours, which are 8:30-5pm (Mon to Thurs) and 8:30-4:30pm (Fri)

At all other times please call the Out of Hours service on [0300 5551373](tel:03005551373)

Further information can be found on the website www.childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

COVID 19 CONTROL MEASURES

Overview of 'Reducing Risk' Action Plan

- We stagger the start and end of the day but remain dropping off in the playground

Year R	8:40 – 2:40
Year 1 and 2	8:50 – 2:50
Year 3 and 4	9:00 – 3:00
Year 5 and 6	9:05 – 3:10

- We have 4 'bubbles': Year R; Year 1 and 2; Year 3 and 4; Year 5 and 6.
- We stagger playtimes and lunchtimes and keep the bubbles distanced from each other both inside and outside the school building.
- We no longer have collective worship with all year groups in the hall.
- We only have essential visitors in school who will be requested to take an LFT; sanitise hands and wear a mask.
- We do not have any large crowd events inside or outside the school.

These are precautionary measures and are designed to maintain low numbers of cases and have the capacity to address an outbreak quickly with limited impact on the children's learning. We want to do all that we can to protect our pupils and staff to ensure a full school year as much as possible. Education is our highest priority after our first priority to keep everyone safe.

Our intention is to keep these procedures in place for the first half of the spring term and review the week before February Half Term, or sooner depending on government or local authority advice.

We have a simple directive to ensure the following 4 control measures:

- 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**
- 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.**
- 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.**
- 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19**

We will continue to direct children to sanitise and wash their hands throughout the day. We will continue to support children to follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' advice ensuring good hygiene for all children.

We will continue to have our cleaning regimes in place and continue to have windows and doors open to ventilate all spaces occupied by children or staff.

What should I do if my child is unwell and displaying symptoms of Covid-19?

Your child should not attend school. Please arrange to have a PCR test and follow the rules on self-isolation <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Please inform the office by telephone or email: office@bembridgeprimary.co.uk

If your child receives a positive test result, they must follow the rules on self-isolation.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

If your test is positive, you must complete a period of self-isolation. Read further guidance on what to do if you test positive. Your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days.

You may be able to end your self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days. You can take an LFD test from the sixth day of your self-isolation period, and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result. You should not take an LFD test before the sixth day of your self-isolation period, and you should only end your self-isolation following 2 consecutive negative LFD tests which should be taken at least 24 hours apart.

If you take an LFD test from the sixth day of your self-isolation period, and the test result is positive, wait 24 hours before you take the next test.

What should I do if my child was in close contact with a positive case?

If your child lives with someone who has tested positive, you should arrange for them to have a PCR test but they can continue to attend school whilst awaiting the results.

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the stay at home:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace, they will advise your child to have a PCR test and the child can continue to attend school whilst awaiting the results.

In both these cases, please inform the office by telephone or email:

01983 872668 office@bembridgeceprimary.co.uk



Absence Form

BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Signed: Parent / Carer