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Dear Parents and Friends,

Friday 16th October 2015

On Wednesday, the children were surprised to find out that the normal school timetable



had been cancelled as we held our first BOOM DAY! We plan to hold one of these days each half term, but when they take place will remain a secret. The idea of the day is to give the whole school a theme to explore and share



learning. On Wednesday the focus was to combine Rugby with Dance. Mr King

led an assembly to share some traditional Haka dances and explained the

significance of the moves. He then challenged each class to investigate historical

and cultural features of different countries and to use this information to create a

series of moves to produce a Haka dance. In the afternoon the children returned

to the hall for the 'Strictly Come Hakaring' performance, where guest judges looked

for the unity of the team, the cultural significances and the WOW factor. All of the

classes really got into the spirit of the day and we were really impressed with their dances.



Our school was also represented at the Cowes Cluster Tag Rugby tournament this week at

Queensgate. Our children played against different schools from the cluster and showed great

determination and team spirit- they demonstrated that they really understood how to present

themselves in a respectful and sportsmanship way. Well done to them all for their great efforts.

A team of girls from years five and six participated in the Vestas Technology Challenge this week, competing against pupils from other schools. Miss McCormick said she felt very proud of our children, who worked well as a team. They enjoyed the competition and collaborated their ideas to complete the task. Well done to Tia Masterton, Bella Le Neve Foster, Phoebe Brown and Summer Greenslade.



Following the Open Day earlier in the week, I was delighted to receive a telephone call from a parent who had visited. It was fantastic to receive such positive feedback about our Year 6

Ambassadors who had shown the visitors around throughout the day. Well done and thank

you to: Rhiannen Dawkins, Charlotte Williams, Joe Farley and Matthew Benford for doing such a super job!

Next week we have a busy end to this half term. Parents are invited to come to school for an hour to observe a lesson- please sign up on the forms in the hall. I am sorry, but we cannot allow younger siblings to attend, as normal lessons will be in progress. Please be mindful that the children still need to follow the teachers' expectations, however, the teachers may ask parents join in!



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within a challenging, secure and happy environment for learning.*

On Wednesday evening we will be holding our Information evening for parents. We have still had a relatively small number of replies. As a result we will not be running a crèche, but if any other parents would like to attend, then please do let us know in advance as you will be very welcome. We do need to know numbers for ensuring sufficient copies of any materials that may be distributed on the night. Packs will only be made for those attending. Please try and come along if you can- we will be sharing information on: Growth Mindsets, Curriculum and Assessment and Literacy.



Our Harvest Festival is being held next week at St Marks Church on Thursday afternoon. Please send in a non-perishable item with your child on the day. The food items will then be collected by the Food Bank and distributed to help island families. Unfortunately, there is only just about room for the children and staff at the church. Please collect your child from St Mark's church in Station Road at 3pm. Any child who is due to attend Little Herons after School Club will be brought back with staff.

To end next week, First Officer Ditty (Joe Chambers) and Professor Poet (Andrew Crawford) as seen on CBEEBIES 'The Rhyme Rocket' will be visiting to perform for children from Reception and Key Stage 1. They'll be 'beaming down' for a live performance of rhyme, poetry, song and silliness. Their Mission; to collect rhymes from pupils, which they will use to power their rocket, in order to return home to Planet Rhyme! A separate letter will be sent to parents of children in R,1 and 2.



As we approach half term it is time to launch our Christmas tree decoration competition. Our Christmas tree always stands proudly in the hall adorned with home-made decorations made by children and parents- and grandparents too! There will be two prizes per class and an adult prize- the decorations need to be named and brought into school on Tuesday 1st December- not before please! It may be a little project that the children would like to start over the holiday?

Unfortunately, Mrs Yardley will be leaving at the end of the Autumn term. She has decided that she would like to work fewer days so that she has more time with her young family. We are disappointed that she is leaving, but wish her every success for the future. An advert has been placed in the County Press and we will begin the process of securing a teacher to start in year 1 in January. We will keep the parents of children in year 1 informed.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Peta Mather

REMINDER!

All long hair must be tied back, and fringes need to be out of eyes- for both girls and boys. Children are not allowed to wear items of jewellery other than one small pair of stud earrings. Please do not let your child wear bracelets of any description to school. Thank you.

Ruth

Attendance for week ending 9th October 2015

Year R 97%	Year 1 99%	Year 2 97%
Year 3 99%	Year 4 98%	Year 5 93%
Year 6 97%		

Total School weekly attendance – 97%**Total of 11 lates**

Our school target is 96.25%

Rolling Programme Report of attendance from 02.09.15 to 9.10.15 is 97.67%.**HOUSE POINTS**

This week Running total

Dragon	103	280
Phoenix:	103	288
Griffin:	79	243
Unicorn:	109	293

WANTED! CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently looking to further develop provision for the reception outside learning area. Commercial items are very expensive to buy and so if you have any of the following that you no longer use- please bring them in!

Ice cube trays
 Small metal bowls and mixing bowls
 Jugs- metal or plastic
 Baking tins
 Metal whisks
 Pastry cutters
 Measuring spoons
 Wooden spoons, labels, straining spoons, potato mashers etc
 Colanders
 Small plastic or metal plates



Please send in any items and we will put them to good use! Thank you

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LOCAL EVENTS/CLUBS ETC Please see School Hall window for any adverts for Local events etc.**LITTLE HERONS**

If you require child care during the October half term, please complete the form below and return to Little Herons by Friday 16th October.

October Half Term Holiday Club

Name of Child Date of Birth

	Monday 26 th October	Tuesday 27 th October	Wednesday 28 th October	Thursday 29 th October	Friday 30 th October
Hours Required					

**THE ISLAND FREE SCHOOL****Year 6 Open Day****Saturday 17th October 11am to 3pm****Headmaster talks: 12pm, 1pm, 2pm**