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Dear Parents,

3rd November 2017

What a busy first week back it has been - the children have returned to school enthused to learn and settled straight back to their learning. We welcomed two Hampshire inspectors to the school yesterday who spent time in classrooms and looking at children's work. They spoke very positively about the children's high level of engagement and learning behaviours, supporting my judgement that the school is moving forwards in the right direction. We still have work to do and staff will be continuing to attend courses and work in collaboration with other schools to ensure we are giving your children the very best teaching and opportunities that we can.

Bethlehem the musical!

Talking of performances, I am pleased to share the title of our Christmas performance this year - 'Bethlehem the musical!' All children will take part in the performance with the drama club taking the lead roles. There will be three performances open to parents, Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 13th December at 1:30 and 6pm. Due to fire safety requirements we are restricted to the number of seats we can have in the hall so can therefore only allow 2 tickets per family within the school in the first instance. These will be sold for £1 each. We are hoping there will be an opportunity to purchase additional tickets if we have some spare available - we will send more details nearer the time but thought you would like to know the dates to put in your diary!

Home/school agreement

Thank you to those of you for sending your signed home/school agreement back to school. If you have not done so, or would like to discuss this further, please bring this along to your child's parents evening next week.

CPR

Don't forget if you would like to come along and learn the CPR that the Key Stage 2 children are learning next Thursday, please join us at 3pm on Thursday 9th November.

Head lice!

Unfortunately we have had several cases of head lice reported from different classes across the school. Can I please remind you that long hair should be tied up when in school and head lice should be treated appropriately. If you need further advice I have attached a link to a helpful website www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx

Disco!

I look forward to seeing you all at the disco this evening Reception and Key Stage 1 children 5.30-6.30pm and Key Stage 2 6.45-8pm. Thank you in advance to Aaron and his team for organising this wonderful event.

Reading

During this week the Senior Leadership team have met with all the teachers to discuss the progress of all the children in their class. It has become apparent that reading is a cause of concern across the school and we want to ensure that we address this quickly as we talk to the children about reading being the 'Key' which unlocks all their learning. Children's progress is supported even more if they are listened to reading aloud so can we ask that you continue to do this with your child and comment how they are getting on in their reading record. Teachers' will continue to listen to your child read through Guided Reading sessions, where reading strategies and skills are developed. The class Teaching Assistant will endeavour to listen to children read during the week to enable them to rehearse their skills and if this can also be done at home we are confident that reading outcomes will improve across the school - Thank you for all the support that you are already giving to your child at home.

Lanterns at the Garlic Farm

It was a delight to see the lanterns the children in Calbourne class had created with the Carnival company at the lantern event last weekend. Thank you to all of you who attended either evening and celebrated the children's work. We will hope to reuse the lanterns the children made at lantern club at the Wootton lantern parade on Friday 15th December and will send out more details nearer the time. Thank you to Mrs Blake for overseeing this project and ensuring that all the lanterns were ready for the event. Next summer I would like Wootton Primary to be involved in the Mardi Gras parade, joining many of the other schools on the island. This is a great opportunity for children to have great fun performing in Ryde and making links to history and culture. I will be looking for a group of willing helpers to support me in making costumes and props so please start to think if this is something you would like to be involved with next year - I can assure you it really is great fun!



In the meantime, have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Wilford'.

Jane Wilford
Headteacher

	Attendance Last Week %	Lates
Year R	93.2	0
Year 1	98.3	0
Year 2	99.3	0
Year 3	96.3	2
Year 4	99.6	3
Year 5	100	0
Year 6	96.1	0
Whole School	97.7	5
Our school target is 95%		

Congratulations to Osborne Class!

Star Pupils

Year 1 Ethan Pye

Year 2 Stanley Waterhouse

Year 3 Jack Organ

Year 4 Dyllan Clark

Year 5 Jack Burley

Year 6 Phillip Wright

Star Pupil assembly is held on Friday mornings at 9am

Week 3

Menu for the week commencing 6th November

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £1.95

Out to LUNCH!

Monday	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Jacket Wedges Bean Vegetable Chilli with Rice Sweetcorn & Mixed Peppers	Pear Sponge with Custard Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Platter
Tuesday	Minced Beef & Onion Pie with Mashed Potato Vegetable Wholemeal Pasta Bake Green Beans & Glazed Carrots	Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Cheese, Apple & Biscuits Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Chunks
Thursday	Beef Lasagne (made with Organic Beef) Red Pepper Frittata with New Potatoes Broccoli & Tomato Salad	Apple & Raisin Strudel with Custard Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad
Friday	Breaded or Battered Fish with Chips Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips Garden Peas & Baked Beans	Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Platter

Jacket potatoes, sandwiches and baguettes available daily to order from the kitchen.

Dates for your diary

Tues 7th Nov:	Parents evening 3.00 - 6.30pm
Wed 8th Nov	Parents evening 3.00 - 6.30pm
Thurs 9th Nov	CPR training 3.15pm
Fri 10th Nov	School Council to war memorial for Remembrance service (more details to follow)
Thurs 16th Nov	Year 3 trip to Stonehenge
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need - wear something spotty to school
Tue 12th Dec	Christmas performance 1:30pm
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas performance 1:30pm & 6:00pm
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas dinner (more details to follow)
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas party (more details to follow)
Thurs 21st Dec	Last day of term, children return Thursday 4th January 2018
Feb half-term	Monday 12th - Friday 16th Feb 2018
Tues 27th Feb 2018	Book fair arrives
Fri 2nd March 2018	World Book day dress up
Thu 29th March 2018	Staff development day (<i>Children break up Wednesday 28th March, return 16th April</i>)
May half-term	Monday 28th - Friday 4th June 2018
Thu 28th & Fri 29th June	Transition days
Fri 20th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers assembly @ 10.30am, Family picnic @ 12pm, children finish at 2pm.
Mon 23rd July 2018	Staff Development Day

Carisbrooke College and Medina College

In accordance to 15(b) of the Schools Admissions Code the Governing Body of the Island Innovation Federation are consulting on the Admissions Arrangements for September 2019. As the admissions authority the governing body has amended the policy to include an additional admissions criterion to be used if there are more applications than there are available places. The additional criterion gives priority to children of staff who have (1) been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or (2) have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

The policies can be viewed on the websites for Carisbrooke College and Medina College. Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be sent to admissions.consultation@iif.org.uk. Consultation closes on 8th December 2017.

Your PTA needs you!

We are fast approaching the Christmas Fair on the 1st December. We are working hard to plan the stalls and source raffle prizes - but we need your help. When you come to parents evening next week there will be a PTA table with stall sheets. Please put yourself down to help on a stall.

We are asking for minimum of 30 minutes of your time (offers of more time are greatly received) so you can still enjoy the fair with your family. Without your help we cannot run the fair for the children.

We are also looking for raffle prizes. If you have a business and would like to donate a prize please contact us through the PTA Facebook page.