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Queensgate needs a new Site Manager

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Site Manager

As you know Mr Cox, after many years' service to Queensgate and Whippingham and Osborne is hanging up his keys and retiring in January. We desperately need a new Site Manager who can unlock the site, liaise with contractors, ensure the site is neat and tidy and carry out general maintenance. We need someone who can keep our minibuses neat and tidy and has a clean driving licence, so they can learn to drive the minibus for us. The hours are 7:00 – 12:00 every day. Is this you? Do you know someone who would be interested in this role? Please call Mrs Sillito for a chat. Visits to the school are also welcome. You can find out more details about the vacancy on our website at <https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/our-school/staff-vacancies>

Covid Update

Following the announcements last weekend we have added to our Covid protection measures by requesting all staff and visitors to the school wear masks in communal areas. This is in addition to the measures outlined in last week's newsletter.

Christmas Events Update

At this time we have decided to go ahead with our **Reception Christmas Nativity at 9:30 on Wednesday 15th December**. The doors will be open so wrap up warm! Only two people per family please and we ask that you wear masks. The thinking behind this decision is that Reception children often work together as a year group and we are only inviting one year group of parents, so we are not mixing across the school.

Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch for the children will also go ahead. We think it is important for the children to have these celebrations and enjoy their Christmas lunch. Year groups will be kept on different tables – this is currently how lunchtimes are organised so it will not be too different from normal. Please remember the children can wear their Christmas jumper on this day **Thursday 16th December**.

Christmas Carol Service in the Church – we have decided **not** to go ahead with this event. The reason for this is that when the whole of our school goes to the Church it is a tight squeeze. The windows do not open and I do not feel that there will be adequate ventilation. In addition it would be mixing the whole school up together and we know that singing is a way of spreading Covid 19 due to more particles being in the air. I think this is too big a risk to take so close to Christmas. We do not want anyone to have Covid 19 over Christmas. Sorry for any disappointment caused.

Christmas Party day on Monday 20th December – we have decided to go ahead with this. The parties will be in the classrooms and therefore the children will not be mixing across the school.

Christmas Tree

Some of our Reception children went along with Mrs Johnson and Mr Palin to get our Christmas tree. They lent a hand choosing the tree, getting it wrapped up for transportation and getting it into the school. Great job!



Attendance

Our attendance currently stands at 93.9% which is very low indeed for us. I was interested to learn that the attendance for the Isle of Wight schools is currently 91% and nationally school attendance is at 89%. It is really important that your child attends school as much as possible. It is pleasing to see that Queensgate is above the Isle of Wight and National attendance rates. Many children have many gaps in their learning, so please send them to school unless they are unwell. Please remember to read with them every day, chat to them, play with them and practise their times tables.

Love reading?

Then try this....

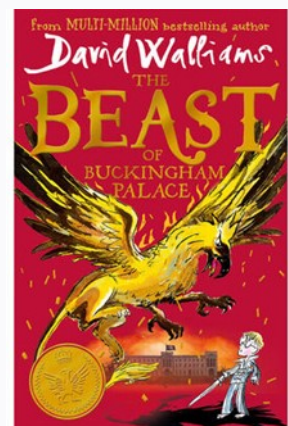
Felicity in 4AH was really excited to tell you all about what she's been reading this week! It's *The Beast of Buckingham Palace* by David Walliams.

This is one of David Walliams' latest books and Felicity has really enjoyed it. It is set in the future and there are some really odd people guarding the palace. They wear skull masks and are a little bit scary. The prince loses his parents and the story is about how he tries to get them back.

Felicity especially liked the secret passageways and the mystery in the book kept her guessing all the way through.

Don't forget to come and have a look for this and other David Walliams books in our brilliant school library.

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share them here.



Out & About

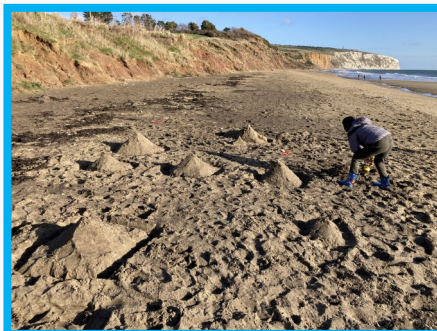
On Tuesday the **1CE** group of Out and About children had a very busy morning. They used their phonic knowledge to read and follow clues around Puckpool Park to find another lost teddy! The children worked well as a team and demonstrated confident reading skills. After finding Teddy, they had a play in the park, hot chocolate and stories. On our way back to school, we were honoured with the job of buying the school Christmas tree. The tree is now on display in the dining room for all children to see.



The Out and About team from **3BM** visited the Shipwreck Centre at Arretton Barns on Tuesday afternoon. The children continued their learning on the Stone Age as they learnt about Maritime Archaeology and the discovery of a Stone Age town under the sea at Bouldnor Cliffs, near Yarmouth. The children were able to handle and help categorize 6,000 year old artefacts that had been found off the coast of the Island.



On Wednesday morning the Out and About group from **4MC** went to Yaverland Beach. The children were challenged to design and create their own Egyptian themed sand sculptures. They looked at the work of artists Andy Goldsworthy and James Brunt for inspiration before they got creating. The children explained their knowledge of Ancient Egypt, choosing to make pyramids, Sphinx, the river Nile and using hieroglyphics within their work.



Working together for a successful future

Year 2 are currently learning about the history of flight. To support their topic, the **2KA** Out and About children visited the Wight Aviation Museum at Sandown Airport. The children learnt about the different types of aircraft, the very first aeroplanes invented, the Black Arrow R3 rocket launch and the life of Mary Ellis. They took part in activities and were given a tour of the museum by keen and knowledgeable volunteers. We even got to look at some real planes in one of the hangars, identifying the key parts of aeroplanes.



In Out and About Club after school, the children enjoyed making a fire on the Patch, toasting marshmallows and eating s'mores as well as creating some more Christmas tree decorations.



Out and About next week:

Please ensure your child is in suitable play clothes and brings a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Bring wellies in a named bag to change into. Many thanks in advance.

Year 1 - 1KS Tuesday am - Visiting Puckpool Park

Ellie, Ethan, Daisy, Lilly, Miller, Oliver, Max, Daniel, Samuel, Juniper, Corey, Eve and Chloe.

Year 3 - 3BM Tuesday pm - Shipwreck and Maritime Museum

School uniform (no play clothes) It's cold in the museum- warm coat, hat, scarves and gloves.

Guy, Emily, Levi, Brody, Harry, Rosie, George, Jamie, Parinith, Evie, Brooke, Riley, Elvis, Hayley and Amy.

Year 4 - 4MC Wednesday am - Going to the beach

Farah-Mai, Aribella, Amber-May, Gracie, Liana, Kiera, Summer, Evie, Olivia, Chloe Stay, Toby, Harrison, Jude, Oliver and Logan.

Year 2 - 2KA Wednesday pm - Visiting the airport

Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Harvey, Scarlett, Maisy, Ella L, Toby, Harley T, Leah, Flynn, James and Mirabelle.



What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Allegra's Garlicky Chicken Spanishy Spuds	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Sausages with Mash and Gravy	Allegra's Cheesy Peasey Risotto Bake	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice	Veggie Lasagne served with a Bread Wedge	Soft Taco with Chips
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffic	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

Head Lice

Please take time over the weekend to check your child's hair as we have a few cases of headlice at the moment. Remember a good nit comb and time is all it takes. Thank you

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https://www.shanklintheatre.com/events/theatretrain_presents_peter_pan_the_musical/details.aspx

Y1 Toy Museum Workshop

Estelle Baker from the Heritage Education Service (HES) came into school with her toy museum. She talked to us about toys in the past. She showed us how they worked and talked about the materials used to make them. Some of the toys were very old and some of them were replicas of old toys. We had great fun playing with the toys whilst exploring how they worked.



Here is a great website called, 'isle help' which is really useful as a starting point to access any support you might need:

<https://www.islehelp.me/>

On here you will find information including; 'help through crisis', COVID support, housing and debt, family and relationship problems.



THE INFORMATION AND ADVICE PORTAL FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT Search

Free Advice Line: 0800 144 8848 - Mon to Fri 9am - 5pm

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Progress Meetings

Next week Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and I will be having progress meetings with every teacher in the school where we will discuss the progress of each child in the school.



We will be identifying what is going well for each child and what they need to do to progress better.

Whole school attendance 93.66%.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

This week 4AH achieved 99.26% attendance!

Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



ROUND TABLE
ISLE OF WIGHT 1277



SANTA SLEIGH

**FATHER CHRISTMAS IS TRAVELING AROUND ON HIS SLEIGH THIS DECEMBER
COME AND SEE HIM AS HE VISITS THE FOLLOWING TOWNS...**

Saturday 11th	West Wight
Sunday 12th	tbc
Monday 13th	Wootton
Tuesday 14th	Ryde & Binstead
Wednesday 15th	Nettlestone & Seaview
Thursday 16th	St Helens & Bembridge
Friday 17th	Sandown
Saturday 18th	Newport
Sunday 19th	East Cowes



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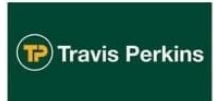
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Santa Dash with Mountbatten

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

AT VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDENS

Enjoy Mountbatten's Christmas themed family fun run with...
Christmas Village | Festive Fancy Dress | Santa Appearance
Local Christmas Gifts | Free Entry to the gardens
Chance to win tickets to Robin Hill's POLAR, VIP tickets to
Beauty and the Beast Pantomime and many many more.

FAMILY FUN TO
SUPPORT MOUNTBATTEN



Santa Dash with Mountbatten is back for 2021! We're delighted to let you now that Santa Dash is back this year and bigger than ever. One of Mountbatten's main fundraising events of the year, join us with your family and do the 'Santa Dash' in your festive fancy-dress, all in aid of Mountbatten. Entrants receive their own medal on completion and have the chance to be entered into an exclusive family prize draw where you could win tickets to POLAR, Beauty and the Beast at Shanklin Theatre, the IW Steam Railway and many more. You are all invited to join us at our Christmas Village following the dash, with festive appearances from Santa & other festive friends. The Christmas Village provides you and your family the chance to browse local stalls for Christmas goodies and make a full day of it. We can't wait to see you on Sunday 12th December at Ventnor Botanic Gardens and meet all the wonderful families supporting Mountbatten and remembering those once closest to us at Christmas.

The Holiday Activity Food programme is running this Xmas holiday. Though there is not HAF provision in East Cowes over Christmas, there will be free places for children who receive free school meals at the following provisions, please pass on the details to your eligible families –

Aspire, Ryde - Children's play session and healthy meal in the Kingdom play activity centre. Forty spaces available per day over the holidays. Email: info@aspireryde.org.uk or call (01983) 716020. Dates – 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 29th December

Theatre Educational - Theatre Educational is thrilled to offer an exciting creative programme within the Connect4communities project, for children between the ages of 5 years - 16 years.

We have two holiday programmes running during the Christmas Holidays. One at Barton Primary School, and one at Oakfield Primary School.

Places are available free to children on Free School Meals or @ £15 per day.

Dates and programme as follows.

Oakfield Primary School.

10:00 – 3:00 daily. 5 years – 16 years.

LUNCH INCLUDED

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December

Barton Primary School.

10:00 – 3:00 daily. 5 years – 16 years.

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Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December

To book email study@theatreeducationl.co.uk or call 07984 170014

Ventnor Community Early Years –

Ventnor Community Early Years are providing sessions offering activities including gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts and sports. For five to ten year olds. Email: ventnorcommunityearlyyears@gmail.com or call (01983) 856868.

Dates – Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December.

Island Riding - Riding sessions with a healthy lunch provided for ages six to 14. Bookings: (01983) 214000 or go to <https://www.islandriding.com/riding-activities/> to register on their booking app. Dates – 23rd, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th December. Two sessions available a day, 9am – 1pm and 12.30pm - 4.30pm.



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Sunday 5th December

Riverside Centre - 2pm to 4pm

Free Christmas party for children with SEN and/or disabilities. Free Food and Dancing.

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For any further information or to book a place please email.....

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