



Author Peter Murray is Visiting

Dear Families,

There is a busy week coming up with lots of events.

Working with You

We want to engage with you because this shows the children that you value their education.

If you have a child in **5RA** please come into school at 2:15pm on Monday 25th September to meet the 5RA team and share a book with your child in the sensory area. (Plan B in the hall if it is raining!)

If you have a child in either of the **Reception** classes. Please come along just before 2:30pm on Wednesday 27th September to meet the teams and find out more about how we teach this age group and how you can support with the learning journey.

If you have a child in **5TS** please come into school at 2:15pm on Thursday 28th September to meet the 5TS team and share a book with your child in the sensory areas. (Plan B in the hall if it is raining!)

Other Events for Parents this coming week!

At **12:30pm on Thursday** in the training room, Penny Crossley will be offering cake and coffee and an introduction into Relax Kids. Please see more detail on Page 8 of this newsletter.

9 – 10:30 on Friday 29th September Dee Swallow will be in the Training Room offering a relaxed maths taster session which is open to all. The aim of the Multiply project is to help families understand how maths is taught in schools to enable you to be able to support your children with their maths better. This project ran last year and was well received by the people who took part. Please see page 13 of this newsletter for more details.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

This week Mrs Rowsell and I appointed seven further Anti-Bullying Ambassadors from Year 5 to work with the Year 6 team. The names of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are:

Sadie, Su, Zoe, Chloe Sta, James D, Sarah

Harry, Tyson, Grace, Maizy, Elsie-Mae, Elanor, Skyla

Congratulations to the Year 5 team on their new appointments.

Eco Committee

This week Mrs Selle and Mrs Tilling have been putting together the brand new Eco Committee. The names of the committee are:

Lilly B, Adeline B, Daniel G, Flynn W, Christopher B, Hannan L, Joshua D, Matthew F, Jamie L,

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New Chair of Governors

Having been on the Board of Governors for eight years Lucy Curran has stepped down. Huge thanks to Lucy for all of her hard work for Queensgate, both whilst her two children attended and subsequently.

Following a vote, it was decided that Peter Genari and Alison May would Co-Chair the Board of Governors. We are delighted to have them both. Here is a little piece written by Alison.

Alison May – Hello my name is Alison May. I moved to the Isle of Wight eight years ago and it is the best place I have ever lived. I have many years' experience in administration and accounting. I am currently self-employed and I work for a small company in Newport covering their office during the school holidays, which is always busy. I enjoy being busy so the job is good for me. When not working I enjoy crafting including sewing (rediscovered during lockdowns). I am very much looking forward to the challenge of being Co-Chair of Governors at Queensgate. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome.

Peter Genari – Hello! I have a son in Year 3 and a step daughter who previously attended Queensgate before moving to senior school. I have served on the Board for a couple of years now. I have experience of being on a Board of Directors establishing a new community through school in Zimbabwe as well as many years in business in the transport and motor industry. I have a passion for our school and am looking forward to the challenge of being Co-Chair of Governors at Queensgate, although it will be made easier by the fact that there is a great group of people on the Board to support myself and Alison. My family and I made our home on the island two and a half years ago and we are loving island life and the community.



Would you like to join the Governing Board at Queensgate?

Due to Lucy stepping down we have a parent Governor vacancy. Have a look below. Would you be able to take up this opportunity?

We have a vacancy for one **Parent Governor**. Queensgate Foundation Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor.

School Governing Boards are made up of people with a range of skills and experiences, who are all volunteers and work together for the benefit of the School.

We are currently looking for volunteers who have -

- a desire to contribute to the development of the school and its community
- an interest in the performance of the school
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- a willingness to listen, ask questions and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to help make a difference

The Governing Board's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Board is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

Whatever your level of knowledge, skills and experience – enthusiasm, interest and a desire to learn are the important factors. Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role.

Being a governor can give you:

- a chance to use and develop your own skills and experience
- the opportunity to work within a team and share your ideas and own skill sets
- experience in working in a strategic environment
- a sense of achievement

If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Friday 7th October.

Further information for prospective governors can be found on the <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-governors/> or, alternatively please make an appointment via the office to meet with me or Alison May or Peter Genari (contactable through the school).

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a DBS check. If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and parents will be sent a voting paper.



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 |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges | Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice | See Special Menu below | Beef Bolognese Served with Pasta | Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips |
| Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Potato Wedges | Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables | See Special Menu below | Vegetable Bolognese Served with Pasta | Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips |
| Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta |
| Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit | Orange Jelly | See Special Menu below | Flapjack with Fruit | Strawberry Ice Cream |

All main meals are served with two vegetables

BEE THANKFUL FOR BEES

Celebration of Harvest
Wednesday 27th September 2023

MAINS
Roast Gammon or
Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast

SIDES
Seasonal Vegetables
Roast Potatoes and Gravy

DESSERT
Magic Apple & Cinnamon Bake

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Celebration of Harvest
Wednesday 27th September 2023
Allergy Aware

MAINS
Roast Gammon or
Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast

SIDES
Seasonal Vegetables
Roast Potatoes and Gravy

DESSERT
Orange Jelly



**Is your child due to start
school in September 2024?**

Join us for our
New Intake Morning



Tuesday 5th October 2023




9.15 - 10.30am

We would be delighted if you could join us to meet the Headteacher, Reception Class teachers and Team and tour our school!

This is not a drop-in session; there will be a short talk at 9.15am followed by the tour

Refreshments will be available.

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Out and About

The children in Year 2 have been sharing the story *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. On Tuesday morning the **2KG** Out and About group were challenged to create their own land art inspired by the story. The children looked at images of Jon Foreman's land art across UK beaches then worked in small groups to make their own dot artwork on the sand. It was fantastic to see how well the children worked together, listening to each other and combining ideas.



On Tuesday afternoon the **3PT** Out and About team explored forces in the Rainbow Park on Sandown seafront. The children have been learning about forces in Science so were asked to identify which force was in action when using the play equipment. The children loved exploring the parks and thinking about whether a push or pull force was needed.



The children in **Year 4** are studying *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. As part of their topic, the Out and About group visited the Sweet Manufactory at The Needles on Wednesday morning. The children watched a demonstration on how sweets were made nearly a hundred years ago, using traditional machinery. The group were fascinated at each process of creating the sweets from cooling the sugar and glucose to aerating, stretching and cutting the sweets. This week's group were able to take some Banana Split flavoured sweets home to try! They also had a very blustery walk down to Alum Bay to see the Needles.



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The children in Year 1 have been sharing the story *The Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson as well as learning about their local area. On Wednesday afternoon the **1CE** Out and About group created their own paper doll chain representing the group and took them on adventures around East Cowes. They followed a photo trail around the town and enjoyed playing together at the different play parks. The group weren't put off by the heavy rain and loved zooming down the slides in their waterproof trousers!



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes and brings a water bottle and a sun hat/raincoat (depending on the forecast).

Tuesday am - 2KA - *Beach sculptures inspired by 'The Dot'*

Kendall, Pippa, Deva-Mae, Ava, Hannah, Clara, Freddie, Harry D, Charlie, Henry, Lorenzo, Edward, AJ and Logan.

Tuesday pm - 3AH - *Identifying forces within play parks*

Ethan, Harlan, Miller, Freddie, Riley, Arlo, Johnny, George, Ellie, Lilly, Evie and Annie.

Wednesday am - 4BM - *Sweet making demo at The Needles*

Christopher, Tyler, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella R, Freddie, Ella S, Alfie, Rory and Tallulah.

*Please note - the children will be given a few sample sweets to bring home at the end of the day.

Wednesday pm - 1SM - *East Cowes photo trail*

George, Jacob, Louis, Jack, Max, Jaxson, Archie, Arthur, Sadie, Freya, Vienna, Holly, Olivia, Elsie-Mai and Poppy.

Cooking next week:

Year 6 - Your child has cookery on Monday please can they bring in a empty container for their food.

Kahlel, Sophie, Jude D, Toby B, Wynter, Su, Felicity, Jack M, Elsie, Harrison, Sadie, Jacob, Alayna, Olivia, Amelia.

Year 5 - Your child has cookery on Tuesday please can they bring in a empty container for their food.

Guy, Levi, George, Logan, Elvis, Zachary, Jack, Emily Briggenshaw, Elsie-Mae, Evie Mannix, Brooke, Emily Taylor, Emmie, Acacia Taylor, Lexie Marie King.

Cookery Club – If your child attends cookery club on either a Monday or Tuesday after school please could they bring an empty container for their food each week thank you!

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Licensed Thrive Practitioner & Course Leader
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Relax Kids



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2023-2024

Queensgate Primary School

Autumn Term

Thursday afternoons

12:30-15:00

Parents & Pupils Together



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professionals and parents

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A course targeted at parents universally in primary schools to improve confidence & knowledge of children's mental & emotional health and well-being.

Programme to give parents simple & practical strategies to help them confidently practice skills to support building their children's confidence, self-esteem and resilience as well as to manage their children's emotional behaviour, prevent behavioural, social or emotional problems developing, and build strong healthy relationships.

- * **BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM**
[understanding & managing strong emotions like stress & anxiety]
- * **TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER**
[the theory and process for adults to successfully support children with practical proven strategies]
- * **SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES**
[understanding about sensory triggers & how senses affect our behaviour]
- * **RELAXING OUR KIDS**
[building confidence & resilience through relaxation]
- * **BUILDING RESILIENCE, CONFIDENCE & SELF-ESTEEM**
[understanding emotional intelligence, motivation, empathy]

FLLT with Relax Kids

In a Relax Kids class we take children through seven steps to relaxation:

We start from a high energy state using games and dance, encouraging social interaction - through to stretching, to warm up and relax their muscles - helping them to feel quieter and still. We move them on through self-massage to remove any remaining tension and to increase a sense of self-care then onto slow, mindful breathing exercises. As we near the end of the session the children use positive affirmations to foster self-belief and build



relax Kids



The 6 weekly sessions include some focused time for parents to discuss & reflect as well as time to work on practical activities that are fun, varied & enjoyable with their children. A wide range of tips, techniques and strategies are provided for parents to try at home in partnership with their school.

Parents, Teachers and Pupils are required to complete an Emotional Literacy Checklist at the beginning and end of the programme to measure impact.

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Music Tuition at Queensgate

At Queensgate we are aiming to give as many children as possible the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. This year we are able to offer piano, ukulele and guitar lessons to all children from Year 1 to Year 6.



Totally Rad Music

Totally Rad Music provide our piano and ukulele lessons at really reasonable rates:



- a) £5 + VAT per week for a 20 min lesson with a maximum of 3 in a group
- b) £9 + VAT per week for a 15 min individual lesson
- c) £12 + VAT per week for a 20 min individual lesson

If you are interested in your child having music lessons with Totally Rad, please sign them up online using this link: [SIGN ME UP](#)



Wight Music Tuition Service

Guitar lessons are provided by Wight Music Tuition Service and are available for £8 per 20 minute group lesson (maximum of 4 per group).

We have a lovely set of new guitars with carry cases available for free loan to any child taking up these lessons.

To sign your child up for guitar lessons please follow this link:

<https://iwmt.org.uk/apply-online/>

Please do sign up for lessons as soon as possible to make the most of the year. When you do sign up, please also email Mrs Webb to let her know and include your child's name, class and chosen instrument. This helps us to work out timetables. Thank you.

webb@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 96.9%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.29%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RBH with 97.44%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 99.63%

10 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 95%

20 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 90%

40 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 80%

If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as persistently absent

Dance Live

We are delighted to announce that Wight Aid are supporting our Dance Live event with a massive donation of £500.

Huge thanks to Wight Aid for their very generous donation.

Here are some of the Year 5 Dance Live team and Mrs Bradbury accepting the cheque from Steve Porter of Wight Aid.



Hangers Needed!

Dance Live are in need of about 40 hangers like this. If you have any spare in your wardrobes please can you bring them in. A text will be sent out if and when we receive the required amount.

Thank you for your support.

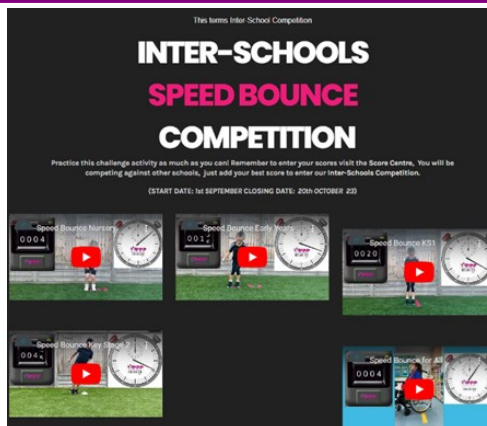


PE News

This term all classes are working on developing their basic multi-skills which can then be applied to all sports. These key skills are agility, balance and co-ordination. We would also like all of the children (and parents if they want) to take part in a challenge this half term – how many jumps can you do in 20 seconds? More information can be found on this site:

<https://primarypeplanning.com/ppp-interschool-competition/>

Our school code is [archer-hitter-vaulting](#) if you wish to add your child's score at home but we will do this in class too.



Big news: We're a **Kick On** team!



Team kit: We have been lucky to be awarded a new set of team kit for the Year 5/6 girls football team sponsored by Starling Bank which should be arriving in the next few weeks. The focus of the "Kick on Team" at the moment is to ensure that girls have the same access to football as the boys. This kit also comes with some new footballs which will be available for the girls to use at break and lunchtime.

PE kit: Please can children wear the correct PE kit when they have PE lessons and when they attend sports clubs. If your child wears earrings, they must either be able to remove them or tape them over for clubs and lessons. As the weather is getting cooler, children are welcome to bring a spare **plain** sweatshirt to wear for their PE lessons but they should still be wearing their uniform sweatshirt/fleece inside. **Plain** dark leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be worn instead of shorts for outdoor lessons.

Team selection: over the year we will try to involve as many pupils as possible in sport competitions for a range of sports. Unfortunately, the number of children in each team is restricted so not all children may get selected to represent the school even if they wish to be in the team. For fixtures such as football and cricket, where there are a number of different matches, we will try to ensure that every child who wants to be in the team gets the opportunity to do so at some point during the season. Other teams will be selected on performance in PE lessons, general attitude towards sport, teacher recommendations and also the requirements of the competitions (some fixtures are aimed at the gifted and talented sports people, some are aimed at encouraging more people to participate or as an introduction to competitive sports).

Physical activity: As a school we hope to encourage all children to be physically active inline with the governments recommendation that all children should be participating in at least one hour of physical activity each day - this does not include their PE lessons. To help children achieve this, particularly as the darker evenings are coming, we will try to include activities for active breaktimes, active lunchtimes as well as encouraging activity breaks between lessons which may include going for a run, doing some exercises in class or going on the equipment.

Match Report

On Thursday, the Year 4 girls played their first game of the year vs The Bay. For some of the girls this was the first time they had represented the school in a sports fixture and were very much looking forward to it. As the rain started to fall, the first half begun and the girls got stuck in from the off. The girls created some good goal scoring opportunities throughout the first half. Even with plenty of chances created in the first half, the score remained 0-0 going into the half time break. At half time we decided to experiment and change a few of the girls positions going into the second half. This threw some of the girls during the first few minutes of the second half, however they all adapted well and started to produce signs of possibly scoring a goal. The girls improved throughout the second half, but unfortunately ran out of time before they could score. The game finished 0-0.

Peter J Murray

Our favourite author and friend of the school, Peter Murray, is back next week to speak to children in Year's 4, 5 and 6 to talk about his new book - The Darker Side of Wight - scary stories all based on the Isle of Wight! He will talk to the children on Thursday 28th September and there will be an opportunity to order this new book at a discounted price of £10. He will then return to school on Friday morning to bring the copies of books and sign them for the children. See the flyer for more information.

PTFA Neon Disco

We also have a new committee for the PTFA. Alison is the Chair. Dave is Vice Chair. Diane is treasurer and Luisa remains as secretary. The committee are Nicola, Carly, John, Holly, Sarah, Kaleigh, Miss Croutear and Mrs Sillito.

The PTFA will be running a Neon Disco with AJ as the DJ. The date is **Tuesday 17th October** and the cost of the event will be £2.50 per child. If you are able to help at the event please let a member of the PTFA know.

The times for the disco are as follows:

Reception: 3:15 – 3:45

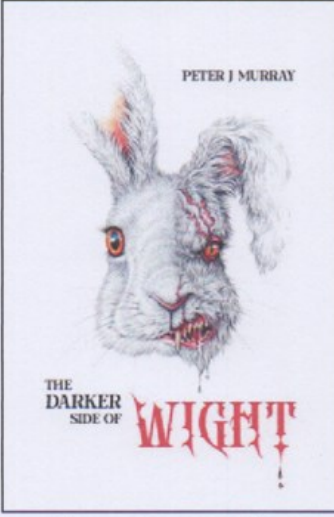
Years 1, 2 and 3: 4:00 – 5:15

Years 4, 5 and 6: 5:30 – 6:45

**PETER J MURRAY
DARKER SIDE OF WIGHT BOOK TOUR
2023/24**

Helping to inspire children and raise literacy across the Isle of Wight. This book is ideal for reading as a family...though adults might get a bit scared!


(Which one is Peter J Murray in the picture?)



THE DARKER SIDE OF WIGHT

Peter J Murray has realized his dream of moving to his favourite location and writing an Isle of Wight themed book.

There are twelve spooky stories set around the island, each one crafted to engage and inspire the reader to use their imagination and embark on a thrilling and adventurous encounter.



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www.peterjmurray.co.uk
*Download the above map for free!

The book is a beautifully bound hard-back book published on the island by Medina Publishers based in Cowes. These first edition books are priced at £12, but are offered in schools at a discount of £10. The author will sign and dedicate the book as required. Every child who purchases a book will also be given a free special Darker Side of Wight book mark to go with it.

*Please make any cheques to Mokee Joe Promotions.

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Multiply

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From the Isle of Wight
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Brush up on your maths skills and increase
your confidence

Support the kids with their homework

Meet new people and have fun!

**Why not drop in and find out more about how the
Multiply programme can help you?**

**Information/taster session on Friday 29th
September at 9:15am**

Tea/coffee & biscuits provided!

Please contact Miss Rorich at school,
or call Dee at Community Learning
(01983 817280) for more details.





September 2023

Newsletter

FACE THE NEW TERM!



FREE SESSION

Are they getting a good night?
insomnia, screens & energy drinks
Book Now - facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Thursday
14th Sep
18:30 - 20:30



Cannabis Awareness

Cannabis, how much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

Thursday
21st Sep
18:30 - 20:30



Anxiety Explained

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday
28th Sep
18:30 - 20:30



Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

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info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Why do I get so angry with you?



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Lead Facilitator at FACE



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18:30 - 20:30 £24



The Island Savoyards present


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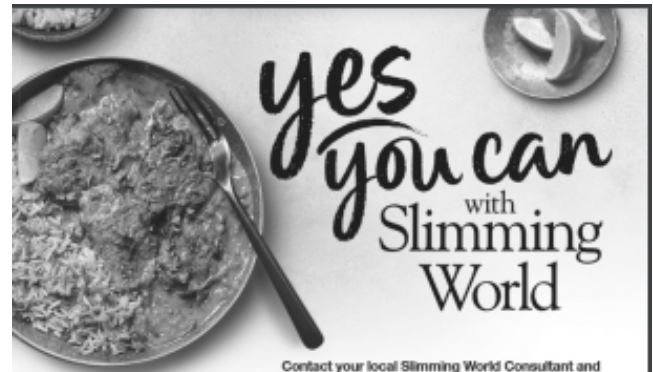
OCTOBER

25-28 | 7.30pm ★ 28 & 29 | 2.30pm

TICKETS | Adults £20 | Children £18

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
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eastcowesslimmingworld@gmail.com

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If you wish to try orienteering or would like to find out more about the sport, then please encourage your family and friends to join our **Autumn Events for 2023 – Registration opens at 10am. Starts from 10.30-12.00**

Sunday 29th October at Firestone Copse, Havenstreet (parking at main car park)

Sunday 17th December - a fun Christmas themed event will be organized at Borthwood Copse, Apse Heath.

Cost for adult non- members £5, family groups £6.00 and juniors just £1.00

Courses for all abilities with advice and training offered if required to new members. See website for parking details: www.wighto.org.uk

Permanent Orienteering courses are available in Firestone Copse, Brighstone Forest and Parkhurst Forest for practise at any time. Free maps and score cards are available from Brian Bailey; TEL: 07773 852548

We also have a Facebook page: Wight Orienteers

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