



Christmas Fair Next Friday!

Dear Families,

Fair Donations

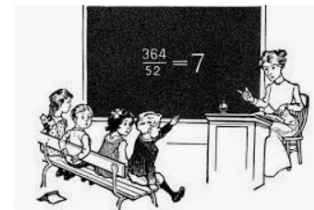
A huge thank you for the generous donations today for the school fair. Just a reminder the fair is next Friday from 3pm to 4.30pm. We still need more helpers to run stalls next week. Please let me or the PTFA know if you can help. Also at 4.30pm the Christmas Lights are being turned on in town and our choir will be singing at the event.

Victorian Day

Year 1 will be having their Victorian day on December 8th.

Other Key Dates

- 1st December** - PTFA Christmas Fair Friday 1st December - East Cowes Christmas Lights turning on - Queensgate choir to attend
- Tuesday 5th December** - Anxiety workshop run by Mental Health Support Team (MHST) 1.30pm
- Friday 8th December** - School nurses in to do handwashing with Reception + flu vaccination catch-up
- Tuesday 12th December** - Reception Nativity Show to School
- Wednesday 13th December** - Christmas Celebration Assembly
- Wednesday 13th December** - 2.15pm Year 4 Egyptian Museum in the dining hall
- Thursday 14th December** - 9.15am Year R Nativity to parents
- Thursday 14th December** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 15th December** - 2.15pm School Council meeting
- Friday 15th December** - Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Movie Night (Dance Live Fundraiser)
- Tuesday 19th December** - Party day
- Wednesday 20th December until Tuesday 2nd January** Christmas holiday
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024** – INSET day – school closed to children
- Wednesday 3rd January** - Children return to school
- Monday 12th February 2024** – Friday 16th February 2024 Half term holiday
- Friday 29th March 2024** – Friday 12th April 2024 Easter Holidays
- Monday 27th May 2024** – Friday 31st May 2024 Half term holiday
- Monday 24th June** – INSET day school closed to children
- Friday 12th July** – provisional INSET day school closed to children
- Monday 29th July 2024** – start of the summer holidays



Road Safety Week

This last week has been road safety week. As the mornings and evenings get ever darker and the weather gets worse, it is vitally important that all children are keeping safe when walking, scooting or cycling near roads. However the theme of this year's Road Safety Week was all around speed:



We all drive too fast sometimes...

- "I didn't notice I was going so fast!"
- "Everyone else is doing it so why can't I?"
- "A few miles an hour won't make much difference will it?"



But every time we driver faster than the speed limit, or too fast for the road conditions, we increase the risk of a crash – and we increase the chance that someone we love will be killed or hurt on a road.

Whoever you are, however you travel, We need to talk about SPEED.

Don't forget that our Junior Travel Ambassadors launched a competition in assembly last Friday. Key Stage 1 children had the task of designing a fluorescent, bright and vibrant back pack. Key Stage 2 children needed to decorate an actual bag. Both competitions close on Monday 27th November. There are many prizes including a scooter and family trips out. The winners will be announced in assembly next week - good luck!

Measles on the Increase

For children up to five, please check your child's vaccination status as the measles vaccine rates have fallen to a 10 year low. Figures recently published show that only 84.5% percent of children have received the second shot of the MMR vaccine in 2022/2023 - the figure should be around 95%. As you may have seen on the news there was a global outbreak of measles and many confirmed cases, particularly in countries where vaccines are low.

Symptoms

- ◆ High temperature
- ◆ Runny or blocked nose
- ◆ Cough and sneezing
- ◆ Red, watery eyes
- ◆ White spots inside the mouth
- ◆ Red rashes apperaing 3-5 days after symptomts begin
- ◆ Potential measles contacts urged to call Healthline

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with red spots on his face and arms, looking unwell. He is wearing a yellow t-shirt with a white star and blue shorts.

School Aged Immunisation Service **NHS** Solent NHS Trust

LAST CHANCE



Protect your family
Prevent the spread of flu

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Children Year R - Year 6
(age 4 - 11)



LAST SESSION **in School is**
08/12/2023

use the QR Code or <https://bit.ly/3C4vuwR> to



BOOK NOW
or **OPT OUT**



The School Code is:
136008



NEED HELP?

Phone: 0300 123 5074

Email: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net



What's for dinner after half term?

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



Chartwells
Schools

WEEK 2

Monday

tuesday

Wednesday

THURSDAY

Friday

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

HOT SPECIALS

Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Served with Potato Wedges

Turkey Con Chili
Served with Wholegrain Rice

Roast Beef
Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Sausage Pasta Bake
Served with Garlic and Herb Bread

Breaded Fish Fingers
Served with Chips

Sweet potato Curry
Served with whole grain rice y

Macaroni Cheese

Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble
Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake
Served with Garlic and Herb Bread

Crispy Vegan Nuggets
Served with Chips

Jacket Potatoes
with a choice of hot and cold fillings

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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta

All Main Meals are served with two vegetables

Dessert

Apple Crumble with Custard

Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit

Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake

Carrot Cake

Strawberry Ice Cream

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.93%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.63%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 98.02%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 98.52%



Working together for a successful future

Out & About

After Christmas our **Year 2** children will be learning about the history of flight. In readiness, the **2KA** Out and About group had a very special trip to Bembridge Airport to learn about aeroplanes and how an airport is run. The children visited the air traffic control room where they found out about the importance of radio communication and how weather impacts on flight. They then went inside one of the hangars to see the aircraft and even had the opportunity to sit in one of the planes. The children explored how you would fly a plane by using the joystick, moving the ailerons on the wings, the elevator on the tail and the rudder.

“We went to the airport. We went in a plane and could control the wings and the elevator at the back. The planes lived in a big hangar. My favourite bit was sitting on a plane!” Riley 2KA



On Tuesday afternoon the **3PT** Out and About team visited the Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum in Arreton. The children have been learning about the Stone Age recently. They furthered their knowledge during a workshop at the museum, finding out how marine archaeologists discovered a Stone Age village at Bouldnor cliffs, near Yarmouth. The children learnt about stratigraphy and how items found below the ground are dated by which strata they are found within.

“We went to the Shipwreck Centre. We learnt about things that have been found by marine archaeologists near Bouldnor Cliff. My favourite part was hunting for the clues in the museum.” Corey 3PT

“We learnt about stratas and how they tell us where things were found and so how old things are. We got to do an experiment using a plastic straw to get through the stratas (using plasticine) and took samples. We got to see flint and Stone Age tools that had been found by divers.” Lille-May 3PT



The **4MC** Out and About group visited Briddlesford Farm on Wednesday morning. The children had a tour of the farm, finding out how the farm is run and the milking process. The children met different people that work at the farm who talked about their job roles and the skills needed for their jobs. As part of their Science work, the children learnt about the digestive system of cows as well as their teeth. At the end of their visit, the children enjoyed a cup of creamy Briddlesford milk!

“We went to Briddlesford Farm. It’s a dairy farm, they make milk and cheese. They have about 120 cows at the moment. We got to feed and stroke the cows. The calves kept trying to lick my coat. My favourite part was when we got to see the farm cats- there were 10 altogether! They help on the farm to stop the mice from eating the cows food. We learnt that cows have 4 stomachs and the cows don’t bite you because they only have teeth on the bottom and top ones just at the back. We had a very fun time, we all really enjoyed it!”

Elliot 4MC



The children in **Year 1** have been learning about Toys. This week our **1CE** Out and About team visited Puckpool Park to complete a mission, to help find a lost toy. The children were all amazing at using their phonic knowledge to read clues that led them around the Old Battery and play park. They all worked together and were delighted to find the teddy. Fantastic teamwork!

"We went to Puckpool Park to try and find a lost teddy, Mrs Johnson's little boy's teddy. We had clues and a map to find the teddy bear. We found him near the haunted house and we got chocolate coins for finding him! We then played in the park, I liked the climbing." Imogen 1CE



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (that are okay to get muddy) and brings wellies and a warm waterproof coat.

Tuesday am - 2KG

Bembridge Airport

Ella-Rose, Leo, Paisley, Gracie-Mai, Amelia-Lily, William, Caleb, Harry, Jamie, Corey, Jimmy, Rory, Eli and Arlo.

Tuesday pm - 3PT

Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum.

Tylan, Theo, Nathan, Daniel, Nimalan, Jamie, Kingsley, Adeline, Layla, Bonnie, Amber, Juniper and Chloe.

Wednesday am - 4MC

Nettlecombe Farm

Benjamin, Mia-Rose, Oscar G, Harry, Oscar H, Ruben, Jacob, Paloma, Harvey R, Fletcher, River, Rhys, Adhvik, Lily and Vincent.

*Please note - it is compulsory for the children to wear wellies on the farm. Let us know if your child doesn't have any and we can see if we can lend them a pair for the session.

Wednesday pm - 1CE

Puckpool Park

Bowie, George, Titan, Jasper, Wyatt, Frederick, Sully, Nathan, Evelyn, Mollie, Raemarni, Peyton and Naomi.

Cookery Next Week

Year 5 - Your child has cookery on Wednesday; please can they bring in a empty container for their food?

Conor A, Xachary B, Arthur H, Bradley H, Tyson H, Riley R, Liam W, Jonny W, Abigail D, Maya G, Skyla G, Evie H, Ava M, Isabella M, Grace W

Year 6 - Your child has cookery on Wednesday; please can they bring in a empty container for their food?

James M, Archie G, James D, Robert P, Tommy R, Joe S, Zoe G, Rochelle L, Sarah P, Charlotte L, Chloe Sham, Keira W, Bella TR, Chyna R, Evie S

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

Family Support

Over the past few weeks I have been looking into what financial support families can access locally in the run up to Christmas. If you are worried about the extra costs of Christmas and would like support please get in contact with myself, Mrs Jeffers, as soon as possible. Ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk



ISLE OF WIGHT HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING

01983 823134
iow.gov.uk/costofliving

General help and support
Citizens Advice IW can give free help with money issues and much more.
☎ 0800 144 88 48 or Textphone on 18001 0800 144 8884
🌐 www.citizensadviceiow.org.uk

Debts and paying bills
Citizens Advice Money team.
☎ 01983 823898 ext: 2825
✉ debtinquiries@iwcab.org.uk
🌐 www.citizensadviceiow.org.uk/money-advice-team

Buying food
🌐 www.iow.gov.uk/costofliving and tap on 'food' for more information.
Join a community pantry and for £5 a week, receive over £15 worth of food.
☎ 01983 296592 East Cowes Community Pantry
☎ 07961 959003 Ventnor Community Pantry
☎ 01983 563732 Ryde Community Pantry

Connect4communities
Support including food vouchers, getting weather appropriate clothing (directly with your school) and more.
✉ connect4communities@iow.gov.uk
🌐 www.connect4communities.org

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Isle of Wight family information hub

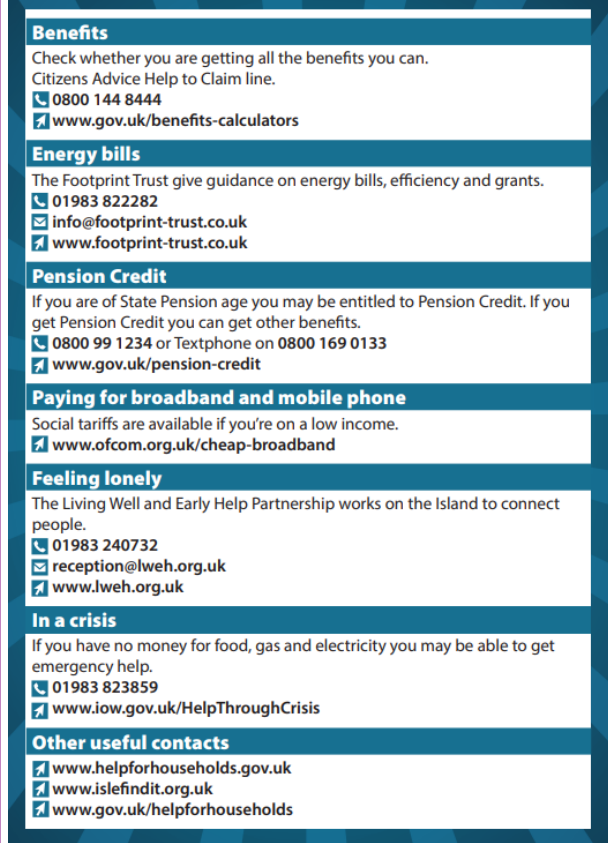
Helping families keep up to date with the information, support and advice that is available to them.

- Early years and childcare
- Health and wellbeing
- Housing and finance
- Learning and employment
- Leisure
- SEND Local Offer
- Start for Life and family hubs
- Support for families
- Young people

To find out more visit:
www.familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk



Tel: 01983 823169 Facebook: IWFamilyInfoHub
Email: FamilyInformationHub@iow.gov.uk



Benefits
Check whether you are getting all the benefits you can.
Citizens Advice Help to Claim line.
☎ 0800 144 8444
🌐 www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators

Energy bills
The Footprint Trust give guidance on energy bills, efficiency and grants.
☎ 01983 822282
✉ info@footprint-trust.co.uk
🌐 www.footprint-trust.co.uk

Pension Credit
If you are of State Pension age you may be entitled to Pension Credit. If you get Pension Credit you can get other benefits.
☎ 0800 99 1234 or Textphone on 0800 169 0133
🌐 www.gov.uk/pension-credit

Paying for broadband and mobile phone
Social tariffs are available if you're on a low income.
🌐 www.ofcom.org.uk/cheap-broadband

Feeling lonely
The Living Well and Early Help Partnership works on the Island to connect people.
☎ 01983 240732
✉ reception@lweh.org.uk
🌐 www.lweh.org.uk

In a crisis
If you have no money for food, gas and electricity you may be able to get emergency help.
☎ 01983 823859
🌐 www.iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis

Other useful contacts
🌐 www.helpforhouseholds.gov.uk
🌐 www.islefindit.org.uk
🌐 www.gov.uk/helpforhouseholds



THE OFFICIAL ISLE OF WIGHT
Christmas Toy Appeal
BECAUSE EVERY ISLAND CHILD DESERVES A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

isle of wight radio
SUPPORTED BY RED FUNNEL

6TH NOVEMBER - 9TH DECEMBER 2023

YEAR 4, 5 AND 6
**Christmas
 POPCORN PARTY!**



**PAY ON SCOPAY BY
 FRIDAY 8TH OF
 DECEMBER**

15TH DECEMBER 2023

AT 3:00 TO 5:00

**£3 HOT CHOCOLATE
 AND FESTIVE SNACK
 BOX**



**QUEENSGATE
 CHRISTMAS
 FAIR**

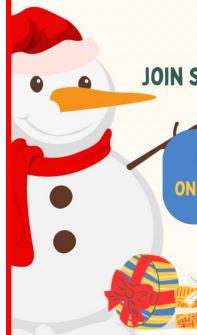
DECEMBER 1ST

3PM TO 4:30PM

**GAMES, TOMBOLA, CAKES,
 DRINKS, CRAFTS, STALLS,
 GROTTO & MORE!**

**JOIN STAFF AND THE PTFA AFTER SCHOOL
 FOR FESTIVE FUN!**

**GROTTO TICKETS VIA CLASSLIST
 ON SALE VIA CLASSLIST FROM FRI 17TH NOV
 LIMITED AVAILABILITY**



**Competition!
 Design a Christmas
 Tree Decoration**

We would love everyone take part and create a Christmas decoration using **recycled materials** or **natural**, found objects. Decorations will be displayed on our Queensgate tree at the **St Mildred's Tree Festival** between 14th-17th December.

Entries must be handed into the Office by **Friday 1st December**. Please ensure your decoration has your **name** and **class** on it to be in with the chance of winning a prize!



Anxiety.

Awareness

FOR PARENTS



Workshop includes:

- What is anxiety?
- Common anxiety difficulties in children
- What maintains the anxiety
- Safety behaviours in children
- Top tips to help your child with fears and worries

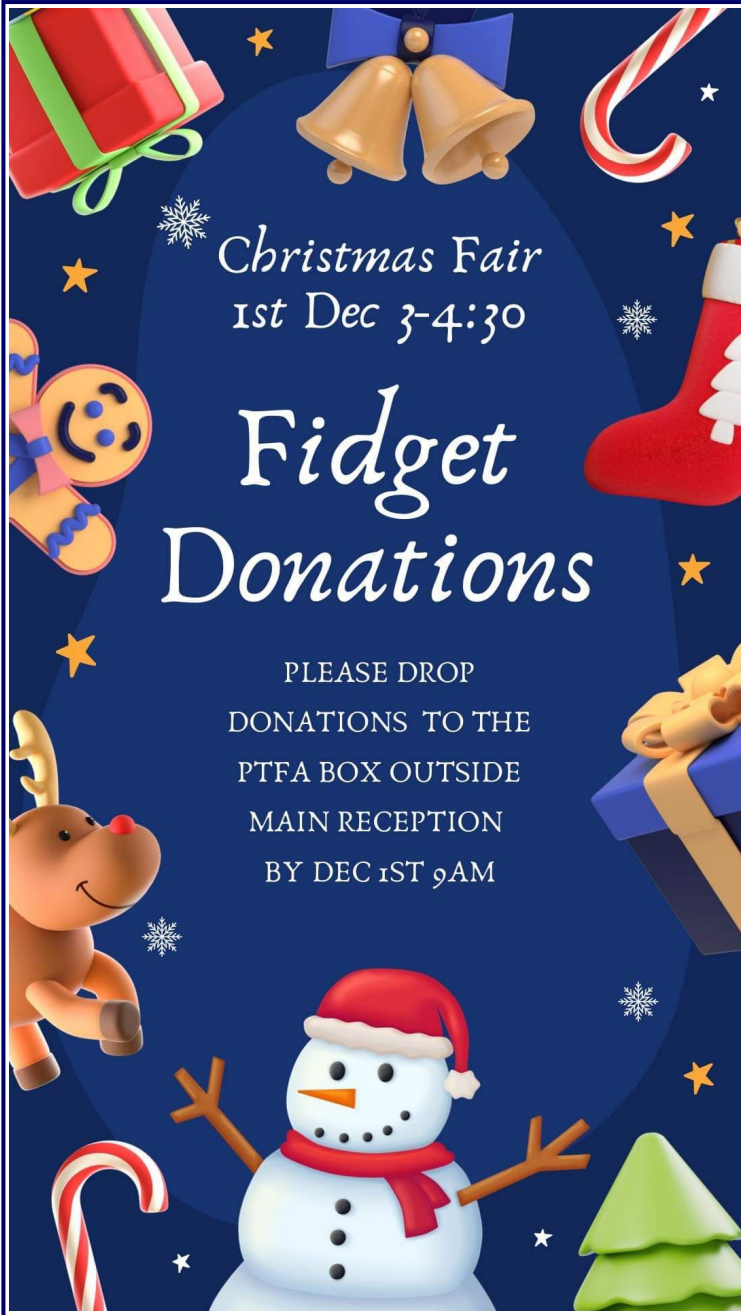
Location: Queensgate Primary School

Date: Tuesday 5th December 2023

Time: 1:30-3:00pm

Please speak to Mr Chubb, Mrs Jeffers or email enquire@queensgate.co.uk to register.

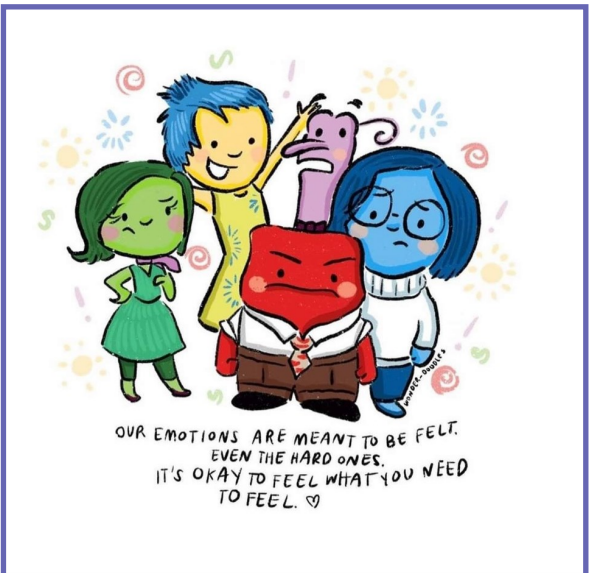




Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Queensgate Foundation Primary School with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/queensgatefps/clnkv/at/TSX8RX7z/RTND2/facebook/>



And Finally...

Enjoy your weekend. As ever please Chat, Read and play with your children.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



**EAST COWES
COMMUNITY CINEMA
PRESENTS**

East Cowes
Town Hall



TOM HANKS

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Festive
interval snack
and drink
included



**Saturday 25th November
Doors open 4:30pm**

£4 ENTRY OR £12 FOR GROUP OF 4



**For more info and bookings please visit
The East Side Curve Mon-Fri 8-1pm**

ENCHANTED ISLE PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL

**Snowflake
Ball**



**22nd December 12-2pm
BAR 74, RYDE**

Hosted by the Sister Queens

**COLD BUFFET- GAMES- MEET & GREET- STORYTIME - CRAFTS
£12 per child**

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA
TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ENCHANTEDISLEUK

JOIN US FOR SOME

**CHRISTMAS
POTTERY**

20 TH DECEMBER

10AM - 12PM & 2PM - 4PM

**COME AND GET CREATIVE THIS
CHRISTMAS!**

Activities are great for all the family and
include pottery wheel throwing, festive
sculpting and Christmas themed painting
projects

**HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

**BOOK ONLINE NOW
WWW.ISLEOFWIGHTPOTTERY.COM**



**CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL**

ST. MILDRED'S CHURCH, WHIPPINGHAM

**14th - 16th December 2023
11 - 3pm**

**17th December 2023
12 - 3pm (4pm Carol Service)**

**FREE ENTRY
All donations to local charities**



Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access THREE ONLINE COURSES from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



FOR ALL PARENTS

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



FOR NEW PARENTS

Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



FOR SEPARATING PARENTS

Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents



County Press Tree Decoration Contest

My name is Lucy and I am one of the Isle of Wight County Press's co-editors.

This year, the County Press has a tree at Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival and we would love the help of your pupils to decorate it.

We have a little competition running in the paper (page 49) and I also attach a pdf version (they're on page 12 and 13 of this newsletter), for you to reproduce.

The idea is to colour in one or both baubles, add a name and a contact number and wing it over to us.

The paper deadline was November 26, but for schools we can extend that to Thursday, 30 November.

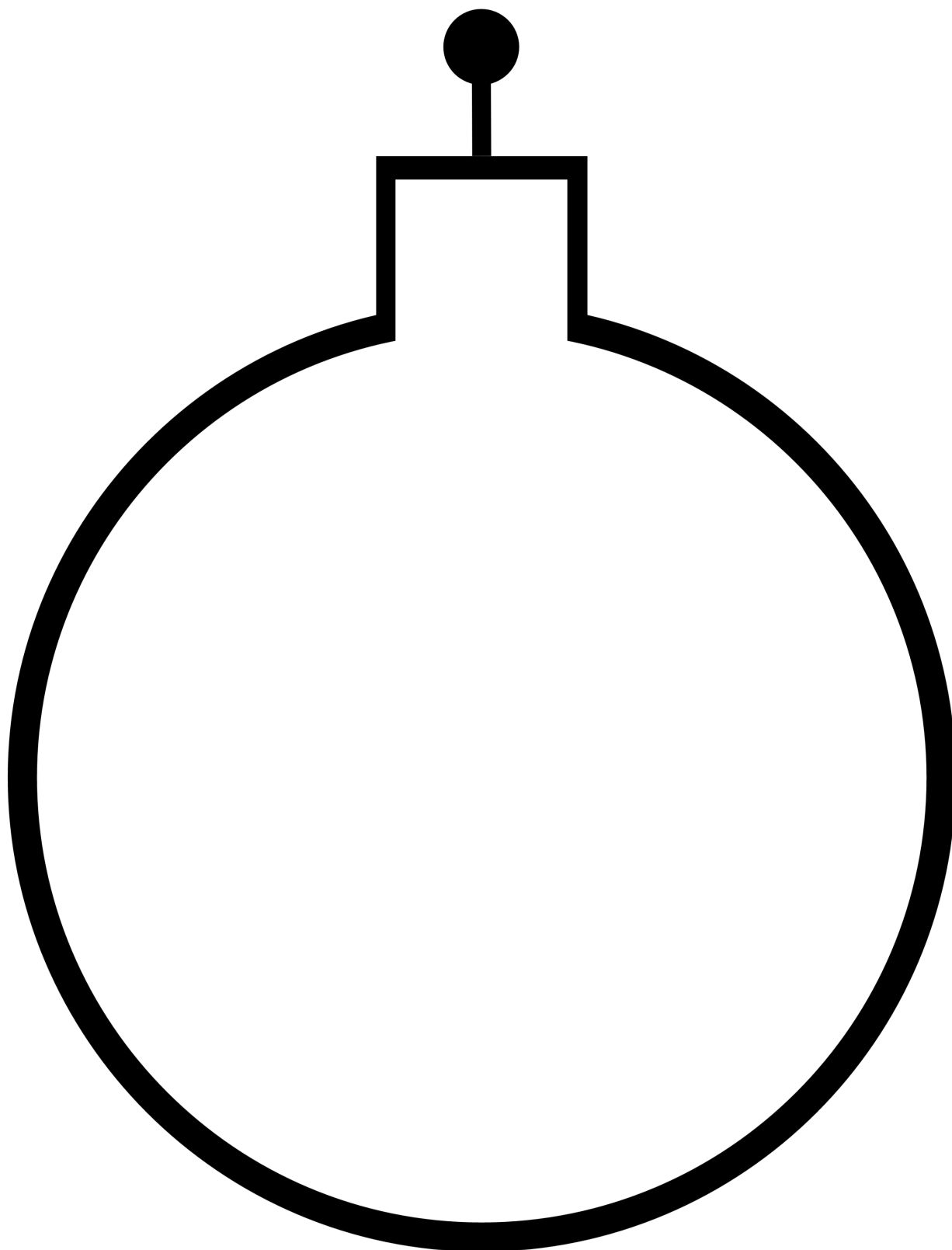
We will laminate our 12 favourites and these will be displayed on our tree at Brighstone's Wilberforce Hall, from December 7. There will be some Christmas treats for the winners.

Entries need to be sent in to Baubles, County Press, 123 Pyle Street, Newport, PO30 1ST

We look forward to getting your entries and thank you for helping! Let me know if you need anything further.

Lucy

If you would like a paper version of the templates please ask at the school office.



Name:

Tel/Email:



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Tel/Email: