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Newsletter 13 18th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you today to wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas. I hope, in these most peculiar times, that this winter break will be a welcome one and that you can enjoy time with your family.

I would like to thank you all for the ongoing support that you, the parent community, give to the school. I would also like to thank the pupils for their patience and hard work over this term; I am so proud of the children's achievements.

Can I also thank all the staff for their hard work and diligence to provide fantastic learning opportunities in our school. They have been amazing and they deserve a rest over the Christmas period.

Once again, I wish you a restful Christmas but urge you all to keep safe as we look forward to the New Year with great optimism and hope in that we soon may be able to start returning to normal in the coming months.

Merry Christmas

Mr Snow

Spring Curriculum – Creative Day

This year, we have taken a different approach to our wider curriculum and divided some of the focus teaching of subjects into terms. This has allowed us to have a whole Federation approach to our learning and bring us together even though we have had to be in separate bubbles due to COVID-19. We have already been able to do this through our 'Go with the Flow' and 'Special Rocks' themes this term.

<i>Autumn Term</i>	<i>Spring Term</i>	<i>Summer Term</i>
<i>Explore</i>	<i>Create</i>	<i>Discover</i>
<i>Geography Focus</i>	<i>Art and Design Focus</i>	<i>History Focus</i>

For the Spring Term, the focus will be on 'Create'. To hook the children in, we will be having a 'Journey through the Forest' day on Friday 8th January where the children will be doing art work. For this day we are asking all children to bring in an old shirt (that will fit over the top of their uniform) which they can keep in school after this day as their personal art shirt. Please DO NOT buy a shirt especially for this. It could be one that an adult no longer wants and we can trim the sleeves down so they are not too long or a shirt an older sibling has grown out of. What is important is that it will cover their uniform for any art projects that they do in school. If anyone has a few spare old shirts at home that you would be happy to donate to this, they would be gratefully received.

Swimming for Year 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 will be starting swimming lessons from the **first Tuesday back** to school for six weeks. As Year 4 are split over two classes, we will be creating a larger bubble with both the Year 3/4 class and 4/5 class becoming one bubble to be able to accommodate this. We would like to remind parents that your child will need to bring their **swimming costumes**, a **towel** and a **plastic bag** to school on Tuesday mornings. Girls must wear a one piece swimming costume (no bikinis allowed).

We would like to pass on a useful resource from Think U Know to ensure that students stay safe online over the festive period.

[Being Social Online this December: A Parent's Guide](#)

Here is our week in pictures

Early Years



Class 1 / 2 by Emily S

Monday 14th December 2020
Year 2 Christmas spellings.

Today's challenges:
1. Place sound dots and dashed under each word to show the sounds in each word
2. Draw an image to show what each word means / is

Christmas spellings

sledge

angel

stocking

holly

gifts

Christmas gingerbread

candy cane

snowflake

yule log

Wednesday 16th December 2020
Year 2 Christmas spellings.

Today's challenge:
Use each of your spelling words in a sentence about Christmas.

Christmas spellings

sledge

angel

stocking

holly

gifts

Christmas gingerbread

candy cane

snowflake

yule log

The old sledge was sliding down the snow hill.
A small angel had white wings and her wings were made out of paper.
My Christmas stocking was full of presents for me and Molly.
I put my finger on a holly leaf and it was really sharp.

Superb independent sentences Emily!
You have included adjectives and your spelling words into every sentence.
2x AP !!

Class 3 / 4 By Scarlett J

In science we have been learning about rocks and soil. In English we were using Marking Stone for picture writing natural materials and in Science next we studied the solubility and we ate Salted Popcorn and We had some sweets and in maths

> We had about 1000
chairs and Picnic tables
and we have some
we were some
or people
40 In
designing technology
Creating hard
Sweet Year
by Scarlett

Class 4 / 5 by Mckenzie W

This week I have enjoyed the movie night on Thursday the 17th of December we watched Polar express. We also got popcorn, chocolate coins, ~~hairs~~ hair ties, and a crumpled cone. I liked this as we got to stay 2 hours after school to watch The Polar express.

Mckenzie Wickes.

Class 6 by Finley B

This week I have played a vortex ball game and it was very fun because it is basically football but with a vortex.

Finley

Year 6

Stars of the Week

Dollie	For settling so well into preschool.
Penny B	For always being herself and for enjoying the world and all its wonderful things. Penny has had a lovely time being helpful this week.
Class 1/2	For making huge progress this term in their learning, demonstrating a love for learning every single day.
Ned T-W	For working really hard & showing excellent listening skills.
Wyatt R	For working really hard & showing excellent listening skills
Class 4/5	The whole class have worked so hard this term and they have made me smile non-stop.
Class 6	For showing individual brilliance, enthusiasm and a desire to learn. Well done for a great term and I look forward to an even better Spring term.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in helping the children to transition back to school so well, ensuring they have the correct things in school and following the guidance we have set. This includes your support in sending the children to school in their PE kits on the correct days. This has worked really well.

As a reminder, here are the days each class will need to wear their PE kit to school.

Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
Wednesday	Tuesday Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday	Monday Wednesday	Wednesday Friday

Important Information & dates for January 2021.

Return back to school—Monday 4th January 2021

Journey Through The Forest Day for the whole school— Friday 8th January 2021 (Please remember to bring in an old shirt that can be used as an art shirt)

Year 3 & 4 swimming dates: Tues 5 ,12,19,26 January & 2,9 February 2021

Development Days 2020/21:

- Monday 21st June 2021

School Dinners 2020/21:

- Price increase from Caterlink (September 2020).
- Pre-school meals will now be £2.58
- School Meals will now be £2.15

Free School Meals:

Did you know that even if your child is in year R - 2 and receiving a universal free school meal, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, school can receive an additional £1,320 per year which could help support your child with costs towards school trips, special resources or additional support? Registering is quick and easy, if you think you may qualify you can pick up a form from the school office or contact Mrs Knight at school who can help you with the registration process. There is also a link under our 'Links' tab on our school website. Alternatively, you can apply online on the IOW Council website <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Tasks>

Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs:

- There will be price increases in both clubs from September 1st 2020
- Breakfast Club will now be £3 per session.
- Afterschool club will now be £5 for the first hour and £2.50 for each half hour thereafter.
(Currently the club finishes at 4pm daily)

Change of Details

If anyone has changed their address, phone number, doctors, emergency numbers, email addresses etc; then please either phone or email the office, so that we can update our records.

COVID – 19

Contacting school

Please remember to notify the school if you or a member of your family household is showing symptoms of coronavirus and you are isolating for 10 days. If you have been advised to take a test, please notify school as soon as you receive your results. This ensures that we are able to put in place the appropriate measures, thank you.

During the Christmas break

Please be advised as part of our support for contact tracing and limiting the spread of the virus we will have an emergency **COVID only** number available from Saturday 19th December – Tuesday 24th December between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Emergency COVID only number - 07535777108

School office email – godshill@stenburyfederation.co.uk

Please follow Government guidelines below if you need to contact us on the emergency number.

Please be aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

Where a schools last teaching day is on Friday 18th December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 24th December.

Good news from the SEND/Inclusion team

If your child has a diagnosis of Autism (this could be recent or a significant time ago) or is awaiting to be assessed for a diagnosis and you feel that their behaviors have changed in a way that suggests further support would be appropriate, then please contact Mrs Westhorpe or Mrs Groves and we can refer you to a well-being support service.

Please contact the school office -extension 2

The school nurse is called Joanna Norman and she can be contacted with any questions concerning your child's health and the service will be open when school is closed for the Christmas holidays.

Please contact the school nurse duty desk on 01983 821388 Mon-Fri 08:30- 16:30

Flu immunisation programme

We are approaching the end of the school aged flu immunisation programme and only have a couple of catch up days left for those who have missed the sessions in school.

REMINDER. There are two remaining catch up sessions for school aged children who were unable to receive their flu vaccination in school when the nurses visited. The clinic dates are: Wednesday 16th Dec 09:30-17:30 at West Newport Family Centre PO30 5QT & Wednesday 6th January also at West Newport Family Centre 13:00-17:30.

As these are drop in sessions there may be a short wait to see a nurse, social distancing measures will be in place and face masks must be worn. **Please dress warmly as you may have to wait outside.**

A message from The Godshill Play Park Project Fundraising team.



Please join us for The Godshill Play Park Project fundraising

CHILDRENS 'VIRTUAL' 2 KM COLOUR DASH FUN RUN



Sunday 27th Dec



Run your 2km at a location of your choice, and then come and collect your colour dash medal between **2pm-3.30pm** from Godshills Central Mead community ground (behind The Smithy)

**£5 per child
(under 14)**

Pay when you collect your medal!

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