







Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festival has begun in earnest. The excessive bass coming from Medina Park is wonderful to hear when you are sitting down for dinner!

However on a more pleasant note, St Helens Primary School is one continuous festival as you know.

This week, Pioneers ventured overseas to Hampshire for their 3 day adventure.

Mrs Maloney reports that the children were amazing throughout the session and the children all had a great time I know. Tackling the high ropes is not something that is my cup of tea but I know many of the children even attempted the leap of faith!



Many other exciting events continued of course. Year 5 sailing, Adventurers Beach School and Mardi Gras all took place as normal.

Meanwhile in class, Tilly enjoyed the volcano experiment in Explorers. Eleanor explained that they combined baking soda and vinegar to create the effect. Betty loved making her animal tangrams from

a number of different shapes and Rowan enjoyed practising for sports day. I can't believe how quickly the last three weeks have gone meaning there is a mere 21 school days until sports day.

In Adventurers, Emily found shells and went rock pooling at beach school and Alena enjoyed painting the clay penguins. In fact Miles presented his excellent model – fully painted- in assembly on Friday Rosie liked making food chains and all the children enjoyed the extra help this week from two of the older children.

In Discoverers, Abbie thought the paper mache earths were great fun to make and Macie enjoyed calculating time in maths lessons.

Cai continues to enjoy his English lessons and Noah really enjoyed making arctic jellyfish.

Well done to yellow house who won the house point trophy.

Next week will be another fantastic week I'm sure. Remember the FOSH have arranged their latest bingo night on the Friday.

Have a great weekend. I look forward to a full house on Monday with stories of exciting weekends during assembly.

Mr Wake

Attendance week from: 10/06/2024 to 14/06/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	93.1%	0	0	2	7
Adventurers	99%	2	70	0	3
Discoverers	85%	1	20	2	34
Pioneers	88.6%	1	50	12	20

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 91.4% which is below the national expectation of 96%

In line with the school policy, <u>please inform the school every day of absence</u>, wherever practically possible, of the reason for their child's absence and the predicted date of their return.

If your child is too unwell to attend school please contact us to let us know. You can phone on 872442 or email us on admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk If you let us know by phone please can you put the reason for your child's absence in writing when they return to school otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised. We are required to ask you for this in order to follow the Local Authority attendance procedures, and if we don't receive a letter or email we have to follow it up.

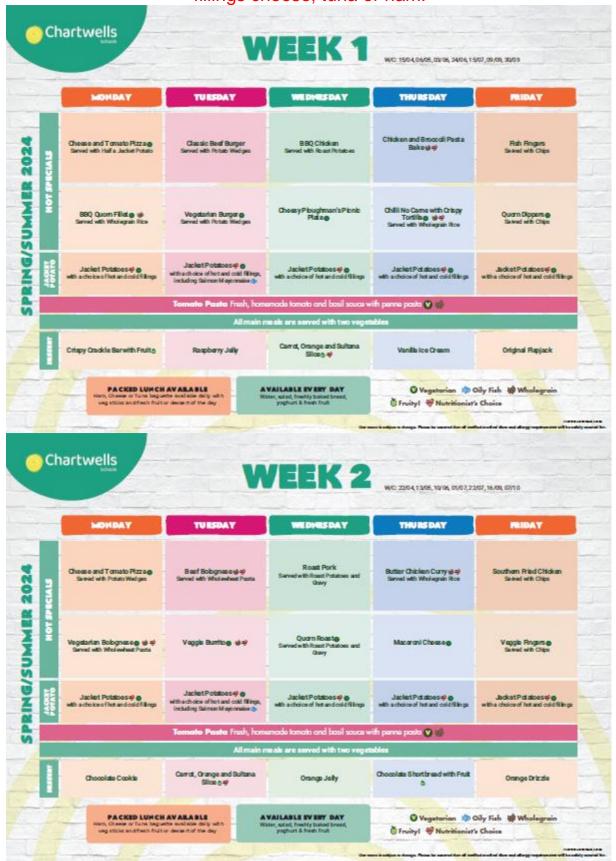


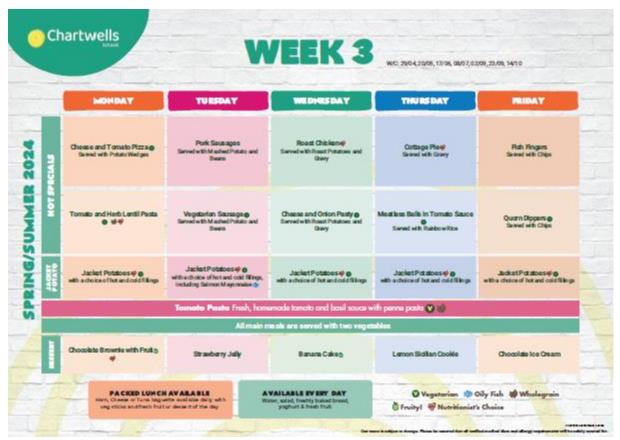
<u>Class</u>	Worker of the Week	<u>Star of</u> <u>The Week</u>
Explorers	Lewis	Reggie
Adventurers	Miles	Margaux
Adventurers	Rosie	Emily
Discoverers	Frazer	Ria
Discoverers	Selena	Barnaby
Pioneers	Whole	Class
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We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children who celebrate their special day this week:

Arlo age 6 Alex age 10 On <u>TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS only</u>, the children will be able to order baguettes - fillings cheese, tuna or ham.





If your child would like the vegetarian option on a particular day, please can they let their teacher know so we can order enough portions from The Bay kitchen.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 28th June Monday 1st July

Monday 1st July

Friday 12th July

Tuesday 23rd July

Wednesday 24th July

Friday 26th July Friday 26th July

Friday 26th July

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

- FOSH Charity Bingo event 4.30-6.00pm
- BREAK THE RULES Day!
- performance by 'Wight Noize' winner Marnie Marie
- FOSH Summer Fayre
- Sports Day 9.30am-12.00pm
- Back-up sports day (in case of rain) 9.30am-12.00pm
- Leavers Assembly 11.00am-12.00pm
- Whole school picnic & leavers races 12.00-3.00pm
- School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays
- Staff Development Day school closed to children
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- Monday 24th February 2025 Staff Development Day school closed to children
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This Week's Class Updates

Explorers

We have had a great week back in Explorers!

Carrying on with our transport theme the children have been doing lots of descriptive writing! They have each drawn a different mode of transport and then written sentences describing what it does and what it looks like.

We have continued looking at 2D shapes this week. The children have enjoyed using tangrams shapes to make different larger shapes.

The Explorers have also worked together to create a large drawing of a city using the shapes and crayons. Together they created a city with a pool, a hospital, a school, a park, some trees and lots of different houses and cars, including one with legs!

On Wednesday the children enjoyed their volcano experiment with Mrs Sharp.

They used coke, Mentos, vinegar and baking powder to create big explosions, experimenting with different amounts to see what made the bigger eruption!

Have a lovely weekend!









Spare clothes

Explorers class are desperately in need of spare school clothes please! We need PE kits, shorts, tops and socks. Thank you!

Adventurers

A busy week started in Adventurers with Mr Wake teaching us Phonics, English and Maths, followed by Mrs Ferrier taking the reins! We did work on capacity, temperature; as well as continuing our 'Emperor's Egg' learning journey.

Beach school was slightly rougher with a bit of a breeze! This didn't dampen our spirits however, and the children created some lovely sketches and some great beach art. We even wrote 'St Helens' out of stones.

Thursday was 'Hat and Sunglasses day' as organised by Sight for Wight. This is to highlight the importance of protecting our eyes from the suns dangerous UV rays.

They are also running a 'design a hat and sunglasses' competition. We will send this home with your child and if they could please return them by the end of next week we can send them in all together.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine







Discoverers

This week in English we've been making a diary for our new book and describing each day of our Artic jellyfish hunt. In Maths this we've looked at 3d shapes and time, looking at numbers of vertices, edges and faces. In our Science lesson we learnt about tectonic plates, volcanic hot spots and the Ring of Fire. In History we have researched about Alfred the Great the king of the West Saxons. In art this week we produced a stained glass window painting based on our RE learning. Finally, in PE we have been playing rounders.

By Belle, Frazer & Max

Pioneers

Thank you to Hannah, Blossom and Mrs Ashdown for all their help and assistance throughout the school whilst the rest of Pioneers Class were away at their Residential trip to Avon Tyrrell Here is a flavour of some of the photos (taken by Mrs Maloney). More to come... We were extremely lucky with the weather and the children behaved excellently and all showed exemplary courage, resilience and determination. They were all superb.





















Textile Bank

Don't forget that we have a textile bank where you can donate unwanted clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, (in a tied bag). The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. Donated items (bagged please) should be left near to the front entrance of the school. Please let the office know you have left items! *Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags, curtains, blankets as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.*

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk



Summer Term Quadkids at the Ray Scovell Athletic Centre, Fairway, Sandown 5:00pm – 5:50pm Mondays until 22nd July



From Monday 9th September the club will return to the Sportshall at The Bay CE School, Fairway, Sandown Every Monday 5:00pm - 5:50pm



Qualified UKA Coaches for running, jumping and throwing providing fun filled training and events.

Yrs 3, 4 and 5 welcome Membership £18 per year Junior Club operates term time only First taster session free - thereafter £2 per session

for application details contact iowathleticclubmembership@gmail.com



Scallywags Fun Club

Summer Holidays 2024

AGES 3-18 Winchester House, Sandown Road, Shanklin, PO37 6HT 25.7-30.8.24

Thursday 25th July to Friday 30th August (5 WEEKS & 2 DAYS)

Scallywags will be opening at for our fun packed regular holiday club for paying places
Open 8-6 for children aged 2-18 years (25-73-0.2.24)

Additional places are available for hidron FREE DC FARNGE for families
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Funded by the tWO as part of the MAP programme includes FREE Heality 2 course hot lunch (29-7-30.8.24)

FREE DAYS.... (TIMES 9-4) (ages 4-16) PAYING PLACES.... (TIMES 8-6) (ages 3-18)

are limited, contact Sarah Wherry on 07977709088 (or message our facebook page



Text / Phone: 07977709088



Scallywags Fun Club Summer Opening Dates 2024



Week 1 - Thursday 25th July - Friday 26th July

Week 2 - Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August Week 3 - Monday 5th August - Friday 9th August

Week 4 - Monday 12th August - Friday 16th August Week 5 - Monday 19th August - Friday 23rd August

Week 6 - (Monday 26th August - Closed-Bank Holiday) Open Tuesday 27th August - Friday 30th August



Getting Ready for School Starting school is an exciting time for

Tuesday 2nd July 9.30-12

Friday 26th July 9.30-12

your child and you, but you may have lots of questions you would like answered and emotions that you would like support with. The Getting Ready for School Workshop will help your whole family to prepare and get ready for school life.



Please visit our website https://www.isleofwightfamilycentre.org.uk/g etting-ready-for-school or scan the QR code.







Volunteer with us

Childrens **Activity Support** -**Group Helpers** Required

TERM TIME ONLY – Volunteers needed in your area

Barnardo's Volunteers play a vital role in supporting children and families on the Isle of Wight.

We are recruiting Family Hub Volunteers to be part of a Term-Time only team that runs play sessions for families with children aged 0-4.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please email: lessica.fareham@barnardos.org.uk

Visit our website: www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk/volunteer-with-us

Or scan one of the QR Codes below.













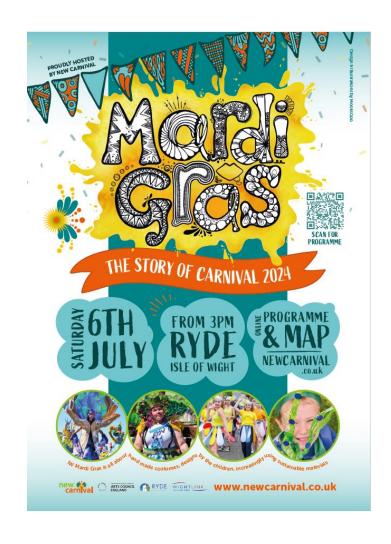












For more information regarding MHST, please email Clinical Team Lead, Charlotte Young: Charlotte.young22@nhs.net

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Barnardo's:

Barnardo's offers a range of parenting programmes to help support the families on the island. In addition, they have several family centres and 3 family hubs which help support families and prevent their difficulties worsening. The centres are available to support a family with a young person aged between 0-19 through online courses and workshops.



They provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling for children and young people. Kooth are able to communicate via messages if the young person prefers.

https://www.kooth.com



IW Youth Trust:

They provide 'youth-led wellbeing and therapeutic support to young people, empowering them to face life's challenges'. Their services include; group work, such as a Tics Group, parent workshops (e.g. supporting your voung person with anxiety), as well as \ **vouth**trust to 1 counselling.

KissyPuppy:

KissyPuppy alongside Earl Mountbatten Hospice has created a bereavement service for those who are experiencing 'loss through death'. Young people and families can be referred to this service for further support.

Contacts for other services:

Barnardo's - 01983 529208 / iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk IW Youth Trust - 01983 529569 / info@iowyouthtrust.co.uk /

https://www.iowyouthtrust.co.uk/

KissyPuppy - 01983 217346 / https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/children-andfamilies-bereavement











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