







Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this week gone? An eight week half term seemed very long on Monday but after this week, it will soon fly by.

We welcomed Eleanor to our Explorers class and Nikola, who is re-joining the Pioneers.

The children have had a great week of course.

Explorers have been shopping for Unfortunately despite an explicit share any with her head teacher.



ingredients for their cup cakes. request, Mrs Allman would not

Year 5 continued sailing – what a treat that is - whilst Key Stage 1 ventured to the beach for their first day exploring our local waters. Explorers have now been photographed and the multiple clubs on offer continue in earnest. In fact Mardi Gras takes place in four weeks leaving only the same number of after school club days to finish costumes.

We welcomed our new Explorer parents on Wednesday to the induction meeting. I'm sure we can look forward to another set of amazing children in September.

The teachers spoke about typical day to day events and all the things the children can look forward to, representatives from NHS School and Chartwells were on hand to talk about their role in the school community and two representatives from Fosh, Mrs Morling and Mrs Hendy also gave up their time to talk about the amazing support they offer the school. Thanks to everyone for their support.

We also had a visit from the local authority who wanted to see first-hand what is on offer at St Helens before decisions about changes to the primary education system are finalised in the summer. I am sure she was impressed with the school.

Meanwhile in class, Arabella enjoyed her work on hot air balloons, Betty and the rest of the Explorers devoured their cupcakes and Ronnie loved seeing the read arrows for the first time.

In Adventurers, Luke made clay penguins, Levi, George and others made a volcano at the beach and Margaux loved drawing the sea. Alfred demonstrated his model penguin in assembly. The attention to detail was excellent.

In Pioneers, Josiah enjoyed planning his personalised science lesson and Pippa drawing the elephants.



In Discovers we saw excellent examples of dragons eyes courtesy of Noah and Abbie also excelled with her triorama.

Clara enjoyed learning about the D-day landings.

Have a great weekend. Enjoy the sun whilst it lasts.

Mr Wake

Attendance week from: 20/05/2024 to 24/05/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	51.7%	0	0	0	68
Adventurers	86.9%	1	15	14	24
Discoverers	92.5%	2	83	3	15
Pioneers	89.2%	1	75	12	16

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 80.1% which is below the national expectation of 96%

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	Star of The Week
Explorers	Eleanor	Jamie
Adventurers	Raif	Daniel
Adventurers	Alfred	Jude
Discoverers	Noah	Finn
Discoverers	Abbie	Georgie
Pioneers	Tessa	Hannah
Pioneers	Pippa	Lottie

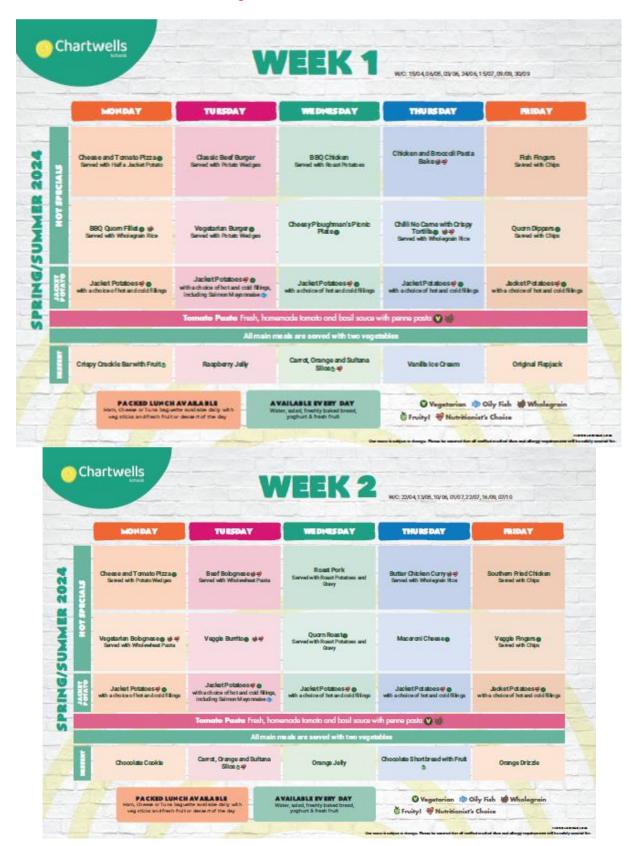
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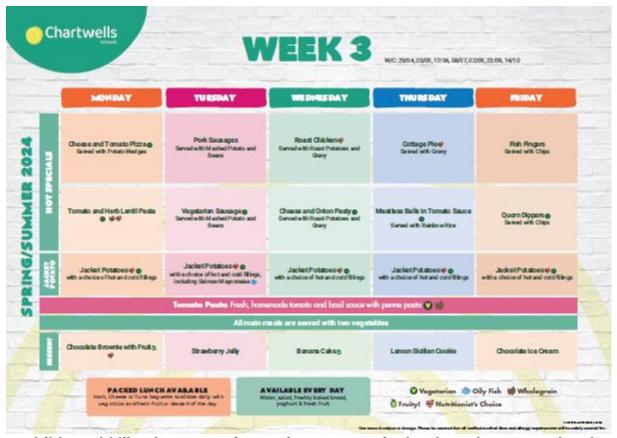
On behalf of the school, FOSH would like to say thank you very much to Sarah Salter for her generous donation of 3 bags of soil for our Gardening Club!

Don't forget that FOSH are running the café at Sunday's St Helens Village Fayre to raise funds for the school and will be selling cakes, sandwiches and refreshments. If you are able to donate some home baked goodies (including gluten/dairy free etc) please pop them along to the Sports pavilion on the green any time from 8am onwards on Sunday.

School Dinner Menu (£2.75) per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

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

Sunday 9th June - St Helens Village Fayre 10-3. Café run by FOSH

Monday 17th June - RNLI Day

Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th June – Year 5/6 Residential trip Thursday 20th June - Sight for Wight Hat & Sunglasses Day

Monday 1st July - performance by 'Wight Noize' winner - Marnie Marie

Friday 12th July - FOSH Summer Fayre

Tuesday 23rd July - Sports Day 9.30am-12.00pm

Wednesday 24th July - Back-up sports day (in case of rain) 9.30am-12.00pm

Friday 26th July - Leavers Assembly 11.00am-12.00pm

Friday 26th July - Whole school picnic & leavers races 12.00-3.00pm

Friday 26th July - School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays

Monday 2nd September — Staff Development Day — school closed to children

Tuesday 3rd September - Staff Development Day – school closed to children

Monday 24th February 2025 - Staff Development Day – school closed to children

Monday 28th July 2025 - Staff Development Day – school closed to children

Tuesday 29th July 2025 - Staff Development Day – school closed to children

This Week's Class Updates

Explorers

We have had a great week back in Explorers!

On Monday we read a class story and discussed how a story is comprised of beginning, middle and end. The children then wrote their own books using their imagination.

Mrs Allman enjoyed being shown around the woodland area by the class.

On Tuesday the Explorers walked to the shop, after writing a list of ingredients to make some fairy cakes! Rowan was the money man and looked after change and receipt and Arabella was in charge of the shopping bag & goods. Anton the shopkeeper kindly gave them a box of chocolates. We counted them out and worked out if there was enough for all of us and how many we could have each.

Our new topic is transport. The children have enjoyed learning about hot air balloons this week. We have watched videos of how the hot air makes them rise and the cool air brings them down. They have all written a postcard describing what they can see from up in the air.

We have also enjoyed making our own paper hot air balloons to display in our home corner where the children weaved paper to represent the basket.

Have a lovely weekend!









Adventurers

We have been up to a mixed bag of things this week in Adventurers! At the beginning of the week we used clay to make Emperor penguins as a hook for our new English text 'The Emperor's Egg'.

Wednesday morning we very grateful of the nice weather as we had our first beach school session. It was a high tide so we sketched the coastline, and then created things from sand. We had our very own 'volcano', we had bridges, we had buried feet and we even had a 'hot tub'! We are looking forward to getting to do some rock pooling on Tuesday when it is a low tide.

In science we have been exploring the mini-beasts again! This time we made a 'choice chamber' for woodlice. We made 4 sections. We had 'light and dry', 'light and damp', 'dark and dry' and 'dark and damp'. We then placed some woodlice in to see where the majority would choose to go. The majority of the class predicted that the woodlice would choose the 'dark and dry' area, but some of the children disagreed saying they thought dark and damp. The minority were correct! The results were that the woodlice liked the dark and damp area the most.

Have a great weekend.







Discoverers

This week in English we have been making a triarama out of paper for our endangered animals habits.

In maths we are using our zoo and calculating the area and perimeter of the animal habitats. This week in science we have done a habitat test about endangered animals habits.

In history we have been searching for facts about different viking god working in pairs. In pe we have been doing rounders with a tennis racket and finally in art we have been making a dragon eye with all students creating their own.

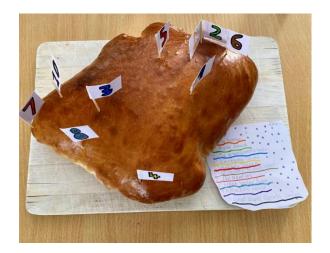


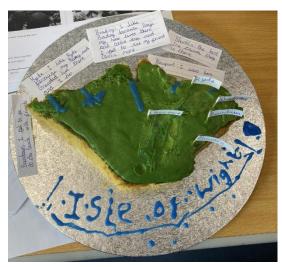




Pioneers

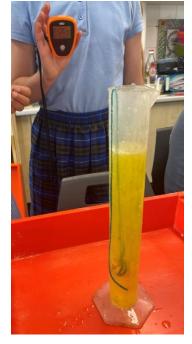
This week in Pioneers class it was all about D-Day, the up- and-coming Euros and Elephants! We ate the Isle of Wight, twice, courtesy of bread baked by Ellie and cake cooked and iced by Lottie. This was all part of their Half term take home task to create a personalised representation of "their" Isle of Wight.





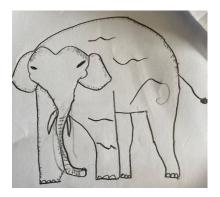
In science we were looking at Viscosity: When we talk about the viscosity of liquids, we are exploring how thick or thin the liquid is. How easily the liquid will flow. We investigated this by timing how long a sphere of playdough took to move through a liquid in a measuring cylinder. We tested water, milk, vegetable oil, fairly

liquid and thick shower gel.

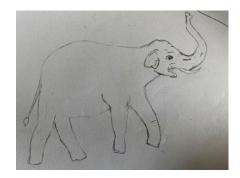




Over the next six weeks Year 6 are *taking over science* so please do look out for more interesting investigations.



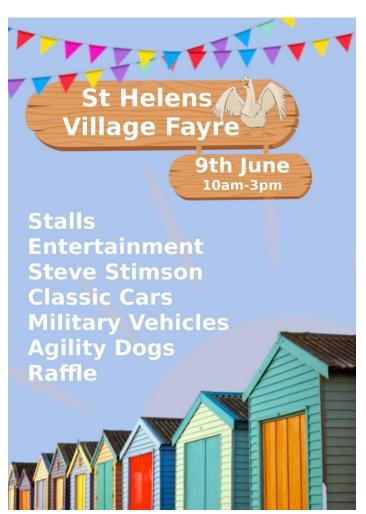




Textile Bank

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



Do come along and support the Village Fayre! Lots of entertainment & stalls as well as classic cars, Raffle (tickets £1 each) and a children's raffle (tickets £1 per strip).

FOSH will be running the Café in the sports pavilion and are in need of cakes please which can be brought along from 8am on Sunday.





Kids Afternoon Pottery Club

Fridays 4pm - 5:30pm during term time.

An exciting opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 6 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery process through to completion. They'll finish with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

To book visit us at: www.isleofwightpottery.com £108 for 6 weeks





MEET KIERAN LARWOOD

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2PM

KIERAN WILL BE
SIGNING BOOKS AT
WATERSTONES, ISLE
OF WIGHT TO
CELEBRATE THE
RELEASE OF HIS NEW
BOOK, DUNGEON
RUNNERS.







If you are interested in teaching, please come along to one of our Open Days:

Saturday 22 June 2024 Saturday 12 October 2024 Friday 01 November 2024 Saturday 23 November 2024

All the above events will run from 9.30 am - 3pm

You can also email Debs Wilkinson (d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith (j.smith@chi.ac.uk) to discuss the secondary route.

Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form 2024-25 Open Day/Evening dates (as at June 2024)

School/College	Date	Time		
Carisbrooke College	1 October 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm		
Christ the King	19 September 2024	Year 6 open evening		
College				
	07 November 2024	6th Form open evening		
Cowes Enterprise	1st to 24th October	Year 6		
College	2024	45-minute bookable tours will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be led by a		
		member of the senior leadership team who will be		
		able to answer any specific questions you have		
		about year 7, our curriculum and enrichment		
		opportunities. Tour times to be confirmed.		
		Bookings can be made by calling the academy		
		on <u>01983 203103</u> from the 2 nd September 2024		
		6 th Form		
	October 2024	Details tbc		
Island Free School	12 October 2024	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm		
		Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon		
Medina College	26 September 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm		
Ryde Academy	9 October 2024	Y6 Open Evening		
	20 November 2024	6th Form Open Evening		
Ryde School	5 October 2024	Y6 and 6th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm		
The Bay CE School	3 October 2024	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm		
The Island VI Form	14 November 2024	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm		
The Isle of Wight College	26 June 2024	4-7pm		
	24 September 2024	4-7pm		
	16 November 2024	Open Day		
	8 January 2025	4-7pm		
	1 February 2025	Open Day		
	24 April 2024	Open evening tbc		
The Priory School of	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an		
our Lady		appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed -		
Walsingham		Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk		

Please note St Georges is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department.