



NORTHWOOD news

Friday 10th September

Attendance

Despite our best efforts our attendance figures for the last academic year fell below the national average of 96.2% and stood at 95.64%. Unfortunately, for a school with a judgement 'Requires Improvement' this could have a negative impact on our next inspection. However, we do have a full year before this happens and so we do have a chance to improve our figure. This means that the Governing Body will be deciding whether or not to introduce fining for holidays and long absences. This year the persistent absence figure is 90%; so this means that any child whose attendance is below 90% will be flagged up with the Education Welfare Service and support will be given to improve attendance. We lost 1062 school days to illness last year and so we also need to look at those children who are having more time off with medical reasons. Of course there will be occasions when your child is too poorly to attend school, and we will be understanding of those children with diagnosed medical conditions that will impact on their attendance. Our Education Welfare Officer, Mr Dean Thistlewood will be holding several meetings in school for parents to discuss the new figures and the implications for your children. Please do try to come along as he will be able to answer any questions you might have. He is very supportive of the school and what we are doing to improve attendance and we have a very good working relationship.

Attendance meeting – **Friday 2nd October at 9.45 & 2.15pm.**

Attendance meeting – **Wednesday 7th October at 5.30pm.**

First Class Photos

The County Press will be in on **Thursday 17th of September** to take photos of our Reception Class for their First Class supplement which is printed in October.

Volunteers

A letter went home this week asking for willing volunteers to help in school. We always welcome extra support in the classes; but we do ask instead of approaching individual teachers you go through the office as we don't recommend that you help in the same class as your child and the office staff know which classes need more support. Thanks.

HELP!

Pam Toms will be retiring from the garden at the end of this term (although she will be staying on as a MSA); so we desperately need someone to replace her. Pam has worked tirelessly for many years on the garden and we know she has big boots to fill! However, we do not have to have someone to come in every day; we could have a team of people willing to help. Our children get so much from working in the garden it would be a tragedy if we couldn't sustain it.

Christmas Card Competition

We have received details of a competition to design a Christmas card for Andrew Turner, the island's MP. If children would like to enter, please direct them to the office and we will give them further information. All entries must be received at Mr Turner's offices by **Thursday 5th November.**

MISS HUSSEY SAYS...



Please return the updated medical forms if you have not yet done so.

Stars of the week!	
Apple	
Cherry	Evan Kelly George Doyle Rose Collier
Willow	Oscar Day Ted Plant Imogen Way
Beech	Yogi Ashworth Stanley Backshall Elena Cowley
Elm	Bryce Simpson Emelyne Whitlock Aaron Harlow
Aspen	Nick Richardson Tahlia Wilkie Amelie Pattimore
Lime	
Oak	Ryan Harvey JJ Toney Sophie Brooke



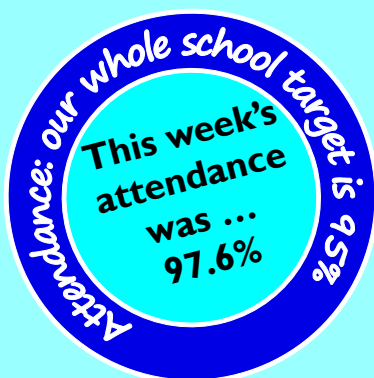
If your child is unwell and unable to come into school, please contact the office by 9.30. Telephone 293392



Halloween Disco
Friday 23rd October.
More details soon.

The Big Macmillan
Coffee Morning on
Friday 25th
September.
We will be asking for
cake donations for
this charity
fundraiser.

Thank you for the
Grow a Pound
donations. Please
send in any
outstanding
amounts.



Dates for the Autumn Term

September

16th Year 5 and 6 Meet the Team @ 5.30pm

17th County Press "First Class" Apple Tree photograph

18th Key Stage 2 Big Sharing Assembly

22nd and 23rd Individual and sibling photographs - Atlas Images

25th Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

2nd KSI Big Sharing Assembly

2nd Attendance Meeting @ 9.45am and 2.15pm

7th Attendance Meeting @ 5.30pm

9th KS2 Big Sharing Assembly

12th Y5/6 Tag Rugby @ Queensgate Primary

14th Emperor's New Clothes

23rd No Brambles After School Club

23rd Break up for half term

November

2nd Back to school

December

18th Break up for Christmas

Development Days

We are yet to finalise the development days for this year but will let you know well in advance.

Music Lessons

We are in the process of arranging music tuition to take place after school. We are hoping to arrange taster sessions for some instruments and will let you know when these are happening.

Lost Property

We already have a few items of uniform that we cannot reunite with owners due to there being no name inside. Please take a few minutes to ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly marked.

Sepsis Awareness

The following link takes you to ITV Good Morning breakfast programme, where an actor talks about the death of his 2 year old daughter from Sepsis, because nobody recognised the symptoms until it was too late.

The UK Sepsis trust have asked that this item be distributed to as many people as possible, especially to people with young children and grandchildren.

<http://www.itv.com/goodmorningbritain/news/jason-watkins-sepsis-awareness>

Newport Roman Villa

FREE ENTRY at Newport Roman Villa to celebrate Heritage Open Days 2015. Saturday 12 September 10.30 – 3pm. Discover this amazing historic site and see the display of recent archaeological finds and visit the herb garden. Craft activities and treasure hunt for families. Come and explore our activity room; make a mosaic, try on Roman clothes and put a pot back together. No booking required please just drop in between 10.30 – 3pm. Organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service. Newport Roman Villa, Cypress Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1HA - 01983 529720

Parking

Please park considerately for the safety of your children and as a courtesy to our neighbours.

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