

# Yarmouth C.E. Primary

The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best they can, now and throughout their lives.

http://fosay.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs. E Grainger

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. G Westhorpe

#### **RESPECT • DETERMINATION • RELATIONSHIPS**

#### **Letters Home**

#### Understanding Your Percentage Attendance 100% 0 days missed Fantastic attendance! 2 days missed 99% Well done-you are at or 98% 4 days missed above the School Target 97% 6 days missed 96% 8 days missed At 96% and below you are 10 days missed just below target-make 95% sure you do not miss any 94% 12 days missed more days 93% 14 days missed At 93% and below your 92% 16 days missed attendance is becoming 91% 18 days missed worryingly low. 19 days missed 90% At 90% and below you are 89% 21 days missed Persistently Absentschool will support you 23 days missed and your family to help 87% 25 days missed this improve 86% 27 days missed 85% 29 days missed

#### **Attendance Matters**



#### **Attendance**

Over a school year, we are due to open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 8.35am and after lunch in the afternoon.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

**Attendance Target** 

100%

**Attendance This Week** 

93.78%

**Attendance This Year** 

91.60%

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#### **Important Information**

#### **Dates for your Diary**

13th February - Half term

20th February – Back to school

20th February – Swimming lessons start for Beach Class

21st February - Pancake races in Yarmouth square

2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

10th March – Bay Class to Osbourne House

13<sup>th</sup> March – School Nurse to see Beach, Cove and Solent class

#### In the Community

Pancake races –
 Yarmouth Square –
 21st Feb

#### **Sports News**

To promote the Federation's focus on active bodies and healthy minds, we will be launching a house cup at both schools. Children have been placed into house groups named after famous Isle-of-Wight landmarks.

The house groups are Needles, Osbourne, Lighthouses and Lifeboats. Siblings have been placed in the same house groups. Children will be rewarded with a token for a range of reasons such as teamwork, healthy choices, effort in physical activity etc...

At the end of each half term the tokens will be counted and the house cup will be awarded to the representative captains of the winning house.

#### A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to the PTA for donating over £400 to buy new playground equipment. The children have been having so much fun!



'This is the day the Lord made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it'

-Psalm 118:24

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#### **Gold Awards**

Last week's Gold Award winners are:

Beach Class: Herbie, Leo, Isla and Aria

Cove Class: Charlie, Alaina, Jack and Bonnie

Bay Class: Leo, Tommy and Joshua

**River Class: The Whole class** 

Coast Class: Isaac, Autumn and Eliza

Solent Class: Rileigh, Evangeline, Mya and the whole class

Ocean Class: Esme, Reece, Dylan, Lincoln and Ronnie





6th Feb - 12th Feb 2023

Olly

Dougie

Isla D-C

Happy birthday to you all!

### Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

Well done to Jake for winning last week's outdoor learning golden wellie.

Keep up the great work!



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#### **Little Stars Pre School**

#### What have Little Stars been up to this week.....

It has been busy at the cafe this week! Thankfully the children done a super job looking after the customers! Cakes, smoothies, and fruit salads were enjoyed by all!

We have also been exploring tools to make some new toys! The children looked at the instructions, worked out where to put the screws, and used the screw driver to successfully build a lovely wooden windmill.

Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to more fun filled adventures starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Sadie and Luisa



#### World Book day

World book day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The children may come to school dressed up as their favourite book character.

We will also be doing a book swap. Your child may bring in a book that they would like to swap with another child. Please note, this will be a permanent swap.

#### Teacher strikes

As you aware, the NEU union industrial strikes are due to take place on:

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Wed 15th March

Thurs 16th March

Please look out for communication from the school and please be prepared for potential disruption.

#### Pancake Day - 21st February

Please could parents drop off at the main car park in Yarmouth for 9.00am where children will be registered.

The races will be held in Yarmouth square and they will begin at 9.30am

There will also be a competition for the Best Apron.

Around 10.30am, Pre School, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children will go back to school on the Southern Vectis bus.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will walk back along the causeway once all the races have finished. They will be back in time for lunch.

#### School car park

Please can we remind you that the school carpark is in constant use. Please make sure your child is riding their scooter/ bike on the pavements provided.

#### Randonnee - Sunday 30th April

#### Save the date!

The Randonnee is a yearly cycling event following a route around the Island. The word Randonnee actually means 'a long bike ride, usually over 100 miles'! This is a very popular event and has attracted over 3000 cyclists from all over the country!

For many years, Yarmouth CE Primary have been asked to act as a checkpoint for the participants, proving refreshments for the cyclists. Each year this has raised thousands of pounds for our school, so it is a big fund raising event.

We are delighted to say that they will be acting as a checkpoint at our new site, so we will be looking for volunteers who will be able to help out on the day.

Please keep an eye out for more information!

#### Why high attendance is important for education

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable

All absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

#### Supporting your child's school attendance

Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child.

For hints, tips and advice on how you can support your child with their school attendance, check out the website: www.iow.gov.uk/schoolattendance





# ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING





**ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19-**



For further information or to book a place on any /all of these sessions please contact:

info@thecrossley.co.uk or phone 01983 861164

Join our FREE (fully funded) online classes! - Join one or join them all...





February—March 2023 **Monday mornings** 9:30-11:00

BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM

TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER

SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES

20th February

27th February

6th March

\* no session 13th March

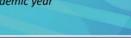
BUCKET FILLING FOR SELF-ESTEEM 20th March

**RELAXING OUR KIDS** 

27th March

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.

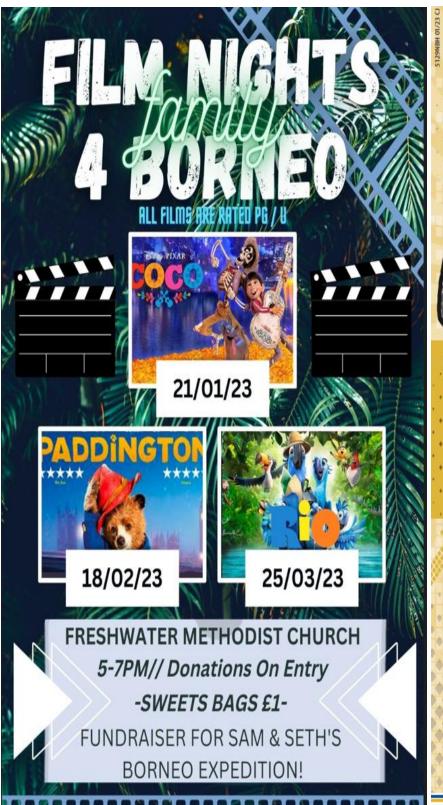
\*enrolment required **just once** (for any number of sessions) per academic year

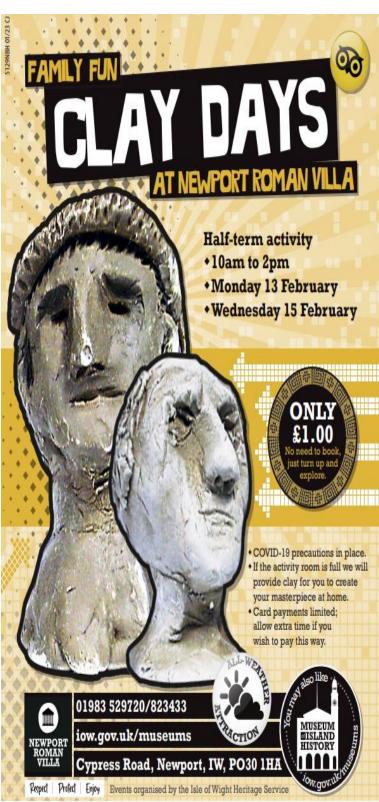


Celebrate International Women's Day with Adult Community Learning (adults 19+), and bring a child over the age of 10yrs with you to our workshop morning, on Sunday 5 March 10am-12pm.

Choose between weaving your own beautiful unique piece of wall art, using mixed media and personal items, or create a colourful keyring (heart, flower etc) and hopefully you'll never lose your keys again!

Workshops take place at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde and cost £10/£5 concession per person (child pays £5). Booking is essential, to book an adult and child place please call 817280, or adults 19+ only can book via our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses.









# ISLE OF WIGHT HELP WITH THE

# COST OF LIVING

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#### **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.citizensadviceiw.org.uk

### **Debts and paying bills**

Citizens Advice Money team.

- 01983 823898 ext: 2825
- debtenquiries@iwcab.org.uk
- www.citizensadviceiw.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.
- Community Pantry

  1 01983 296592 East Cowes Community Pantry
- Community Pantry

  Organization Community Pantry
- Community Pantry

#### **Connect4communities**

Support including food vouchers, getting weather appropriate clothing (directly with your school) and more.

- connect4communities@iow.gov.uk
- www.connect4communities.org













