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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please sign up for parent time with your child's main class teacher for the week after half term. Appointment sheets for Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th are near classroom doors. If you have recently taken part in a 3-way conversation as part of Focus Learner Parent visit you will not be chased to attend. All parents will need to sign the new Home-School Agreement.

PPA, OUT AND ABOUT, CREATIVE CURRICULUM

The PPA groups for Key stages 1 and 2 are displayed on the notice board outside the children's toilets. After half term RED group are 'Out and About' so need sturdy shoes, play clothes and a waterproof on their day.

Reception - Wednesday mornings - the children may wear play clothes and suitable shoes for the day, there is no need to bring uniform at all.

KS1 - Wednesday afternoon

KS2 - Tuesday afternoon

CURRICULUM EVENING

For those of you who were unable to attend on Monday I have attached an overview of national writing expectations to this newsletter.

GUY FAWKES

KS1 will be in the town on Thursday 5th November at 10 o'clock with a short presentation on this traditional day.

FOCUS LEARNERS and 'TIME TO TALK ABOUT LEARNING'

Parents of Focus Learners are invited to spend a part day or day in school with their child. During the visit there will be a chance to have a three-way conversation between the teacher, your child and yourself about learning steps.

Please liaise with your child's class teacher as to specific times and dates.

Suggested days are - 1AB Monday, 1AJ Tuesday, 2PT Wednesday, 1LJ and 2SJ Thursday.

Next week's Focus Learners are:

1AB - TJ, Kayleigh P

1AJ - Harry, Katie B

1LJ - Lucy

2PT - Marcus R, Freya, Charlie-Jade

2SJ - Alan, Natalie

Focus Learners will share work in assembly first thing on Friday.

CLUBS

Due to Parent Consultations there will be NO ICT or MULTISKILLS CLUBS the week after half term.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Fun Club at Sea Shells will be open at half term, 8.00 to 5.30pm. We have booking forms in the school office.

LUNCH MENU

New menu for the Winter.

£1.70 per dinner, please put correct money in an envelope, label it and hand in at the office on MONDAY morning.

If you think you might be entitled to **Free School Meals** please speak to Miss Rorich in the office. **It is important to register for Free School Meals, even if your child may not want them, as it affects the school's funding.**

Monday - Beef Stew or Tomato Pasta Bake, followed by Rice Pudding

Tuesday - Roast Pork or Cheese and Onion Whirls, followed by Fruit Salad

Wednesday - Cottage Pie or Vegetarian Chilli, followed by Fruit Crumble and Custard

Thursday - Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Sausages, followed by Ice Cream

Friday - Fish or Vegetarian Pizza, followed by Cookies and Milk

LOCAL EVENTS

31/10/09 - Halloween Fun at Seabreeze Cafe - 280099 to book

21/11/09 - Little Canada 'Fun day' - 885400 to book

31/10/09 - 'Apples, Arts and Bats' - Madeira House, Avenue Road, Freshwater - 759779 for details

Isle of Wight Young Archaeologists Club - 740787 evenings, for details

DRESSING UP COSTUMES

If you have any dressing up costumes at home you no longer use please give them to Mrs Buxton.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Jamie Jones for Goldfish 2 Level 2, and Jamie Mursell for Teddy Bear 3. Well done to everyone who appeared in the 'Suzanne School of Dance' concert at Medina Theatre; Grace Boulton, Daniel Cox, Rebecca Cox, Molly Garland, Zoe Kennovin, Alice Reardon, Jenni Richter, Marcus Richter and Jessica Wiles, plus mums Sharon Kennovin and Linda Richter for adult tap.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES COMING UP

10/11 - 2SJ, 12/11 - 2PT, 17/11 - 1LJ, 19/11 - 1AJ, 24/11 - 1AB, 26/11 - Reception.

Have a great half term and don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night.

Margaret J. Henshaw

Head teacher

Writing - a snapshot of what's expected...

8/9 years of age:

- Children write in paragraphs
- Children adapt the words they use to suit the person who will read them
- Children write complicated sentences that make sense and are full of interesting and appropriate words
- Children spell most words correctly
- Children use full stops, capital letters and question marks accurately
- Children's handwriting is easy to read and joined



6/7 years of age:

- Children write stories
- Children write instructions
- Children use some interesting words in their writing
- Children write sequences of sentences with capital letters and full stops
- Children spell simple words correctly or use letter sounds well to spell phonetically
- Children's handwriting is accurate with letters formed correctly and of the right size

4/5 years of age:

- Children hold a pencil properly and form letters
- Children write their name
- Children write simple words and phrases
- Children use full stops
- Children's handwriting is clear and facing the right way