

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Can I start by saying a massive thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas fayre today – it was so lovely to finally be able to hold our Christmas fayre in school for the first time in 3 years. A big thank you to the children and staff who organised their chosen stalls and to all staff for their support on the day, as well as our governors. We will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter.

We are now looking ahead to next week which is going to be extremely busy, please find a breakdown below of what is happening:

- **Tuesday 13th December – dress rehearsal for Christmas Around the World**
- **Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Around the World productions, please find times in diary section. Please ensure you purchase your tickets by Tuesday 13th December so we can set up seating. No tickets will be sold on the day.**
- **Thursday 15th December – Christmas dinner and party day. We will be raising money for Save the Children by wearing Christmas jumpers in to school – we know times are tough at the moment and we raised an incredible amount for Children in Need so please don't feel pressure to donate, every little helps.**
- **Friday 16th December – KS2 Christingle service at St Marys Church, we will be leaving school at approx. 12:30 for a 1pm start. All welcome to attend. Children can leave afterwards if they have been signed out by an adult. Children who are not signed out the service will finish school at normal time. No KS2 children can walk home from the church on their own. EYFS & KS1 children will remain in school taking part in Christmas activities. This is also our last day of term, school will finish at normal time. There will be no after school wraparound care on this day.**

Wheelchair basketball – year 6

Yesterday afternoon a group of year 6 children travelled to St Georges school to take part in a wheelchair basketball session. They had a fabulous time and were great ambassadors for Brading – well done everybody! Thank you to Mrs Powell, Miss Kattenhorn and Mr Piggott for accompanying the children.

Health issues including Strep A

We have communicated with you a lot over the past few weeks regarding recent health concerns. We are following local guidance and I can assure you that we are doing a thorough clean each evening in school. We have attached a letter from Public Health IOW with the newsletter for your information. Please do bare in mind that although we will always endeavour to provide advice where we are able, our office team are not trained health professionals; therefore please do consult your GP surgery, pharmacy or NHS 111.

Water bottles

As a healthy school can I remind everyone again that during lessons children need to be drinking water, please do not send them in with juice / squash in their water bottles. Children can have juice in their lunch box for lunch times.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend – 16 days to go until Christmas!

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 13th December

Dress rehearsal for Christmas
Around the World

Weds 14th December

EYFS Christmas production – 9am
KS1 Christmas production – 10am
Yr 3/4 Christmas production –
11am
Yr 5/6 Christmas production – 1pm

Thurs 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the
Children
Christmas party day
Christmas dinner

Fri 16th December

KS2 Christingle Service at St Marys
Church – 1pm

NO AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE

Mon 19th - Fri 30th December

Christmas Holidays

Mon 2nd January 2023

Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February 2023

February half term

Mon 3rd – Fri 14th April 2023

Easter Holidays

Mon 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June 2023

May half term

Thurs 20th – Fri 21st July 2023

Development days

Bible Reflection

Matthew 2:10

“When they saw the
star, they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy.”

Lunch Menu – week commencing 12th December 2022

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Main</i>	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Christmas Dinner	Fish & Cips
<i>Alternative option</i>	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Veggie Nuggets Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta
<i>Dessert</i>	Crispy Crackle Bar	Chocolate Sponge	Oat Cookie	Festive Shortbread	Lemon Slice

Please note the menu change for Wednesday. If you have ordered the main, it will be beef Bolognese not roast turkey. If your child would prefer something different please change this on SchoolMoney accordingly.

Our Christmas post box is now available in the foyer for children to post their Christmas cards. Please make sure they are labelled with names and classes as it makes it easier for our elves to deliver them!

Thank you 😊



THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Iceland

This week in Iceland class, we have had our art, DT and RE days. In art, we have been looking at Cezanne and painting watercolour river paintings. During our RE day we looked at interpretation of the two Christmas stories in the Bible and in DT we made light up Christmas cards.

Cuba

This week in Cuba class, we have had lots of fun doing bucket group together. We have had lots of Christmas objects in there this week and have watched glitter covered splat cakes. We have also worked together as a class to paint a picture of Christmas presents. To make the painting even more exciting we used a range of materials including bubble wrap, pipe cleaners, cotton buds and our fingers instead of paint brushes.



Galapagos

Galapagos Class have been draughting their letters to Santa this week. At the moment he has too many children on the nice list. They are writing persuasive letters to let him know why they should be on that list. The children have given superb reasons from helping with the washing up, putting clothes away and tidying their rooms. We hope this is true!

Malta

This week has been a fantastic week in Malta class. We started the week by going to Yaverland beach as part of our water cycle topic. We investigated the part that coasts play in affecting the amount of water that evaporates from the sea. We have also been continuing our English learning journey on persuasive writing and have written letters to Santa and his elves.

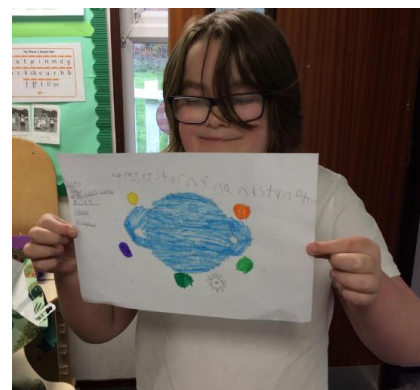
Maldives

The children have been excited to come in every morning and see what our elf Buddy has been up to. They have been busy writing instructions for how to zipline which we put to the test earlier today. On Monday we made reindeer food to sell at the Christmas fayre - we hope you enjoy, we certainly enjoyed making it!

The children have been busy rehearsing for their great fire of London presentation and school play so I'm sure they will be ready for a rest by next week!

Hawaii

This week in Hawaii the children have been thinking about different aspects of a planet. They thought about the size, shape, colour and number of moons of the planets and designed their own. They also created their own solar system mobile thinking about the order of the planets and their features!



THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Antigua & St Lucia

In Early Years the children have been getting very Christmassy! The children have continued to enjoy Santa's workshop and they have been busy in the role-play post office wrapping parcels, making biscuits and writing cards too.

All the children have been working very hard on the Nativity production, practicing the songs and actions to the music together. We are getting very excited! We also had a music workshop in the hall.



New Zealand

In year two, the elf has continued to make daily visits and we have now written a diary entry of all his antics! In maths we have been adding and subtracting using column methods.

We have been practising hard for Christmas around the world and I am really impressed with how well the children have learned their lines and songs - well done!. Please can the children wear red and yellow to school for the performance?

Best wishes
Mrs Attwell

Jamaica

On Thursday we went to St Georges School to do wheelchair basketball. We practised dribbling the ball sitting instead of standing. We have also started algebra and had a mock SATS week.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD – WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Tickets now on sale!

50p per ticket – purchase at the office

SHOW TIMES:

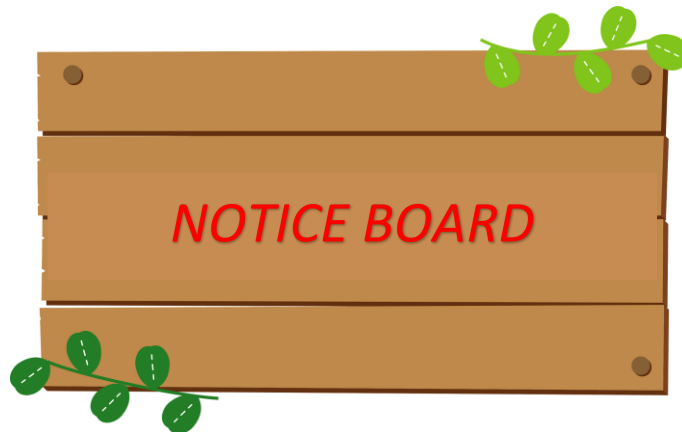
EYFS – 9am

Year 1 / 2 – 10am

Year 3 / 4 – 11am

Year 5 / 6 – 1pm





Enriching experiences and a nutritious lunch are available throughout the Christmas holidays for the children and young people of families receiving income-related free school meals.

Funded by the Department for Education, the Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme enables local authorities to coordinate free holiday scheme access locally.

The programme will be delivered on the Island by eight approved holiday scheme providers and is co-ordinated by the Isle of Wight Council.

Full details of the free activities on offer can be found here: [Events \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/events)

All participating holiday schemes will offer a nutritious meal and a variety of fun, enriching experiences such as sports, games, cooking and play opportunities.

Councillor Debbie Andre, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "I wish to say a huge thank you to all of the providers who have worked with us to support families by arranging fun and exciting activities for children and young people and also providing them with a nutritious meal.

"It is great to see both the continued support of our existing providers as well as several new providers who are joining the programme for the first time.

"The HAF programme continues to be a real success in providing a range of quality activities for children and young people who might not otherwise have had the chance to attend a holiday club or an activity day."

The aim of the scheme is to make free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year.

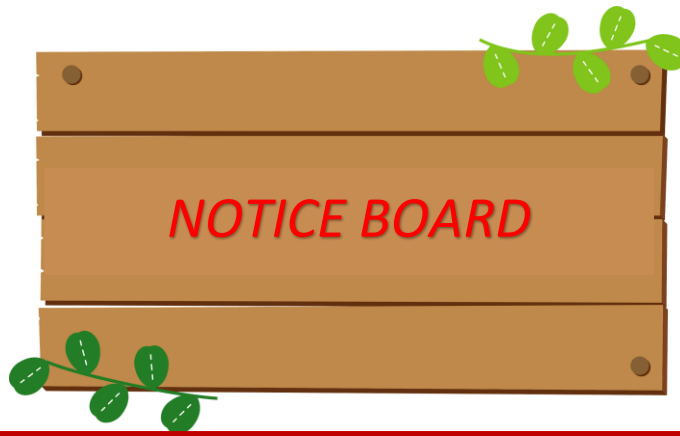
For more information about the Holiday Activity Fund, please [click here](#). [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

A film produced during the summer HAF is also available to view on the council's YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/Tq7rivKhJRQ>

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Messages from the IW Council

Winter Vaccines

Vaccinations for COVID-19 and flu can offer protection against getting seriously ill and spreading infection to others. They save lives and help keep people out of hospital.

Catching both COVID and flu at the same time increases the risk of getting seriously ill. It is important that those at greatest risk come forward for all the vaccines they need to protect themselves and those around them.

You can get your free vaccine by:

- Responding to a message from your GP inviting you to get vaccinated.
- Popping into a pharmacy for a flu vaccine
- Calling 119 between 7am and 11pm daily to book an appointment or booking online (Covid-19). You may be offered appointments at St Mary's hospital or a community pharmacy.
- Going to a walk-in clinic for the COVID-19 jab. A list of these is on this NHS website: <https://orlo.uk/lzVdb>

Do you need help to book a COVID jab? Call the Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 helpline on 0300 561 0018 (Open between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm at weekends).

Get more information at www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations

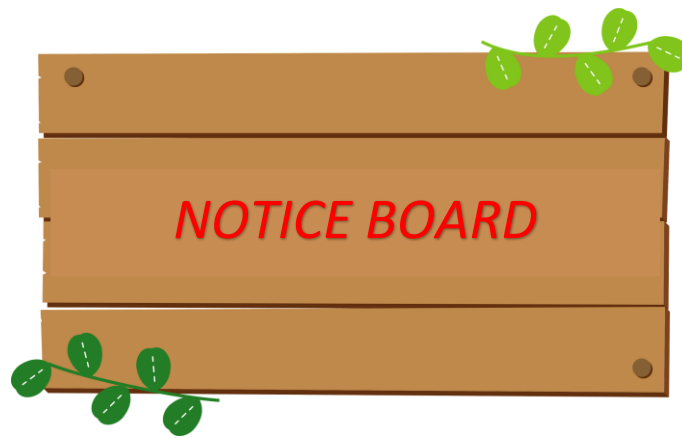
Cost of Living Crisis

All Islanders can support with the cost of living. The Isle of Wight Council has lots of support and help on its website: iow.gov.uk/costofliving

[Warm spaces are free and available across the Island.](#)

Here are 5 things you can do today:

- Use an independent, free and anonymous benefits calculator to check you're getting everything you're entitled to. There's a list [on the government website](#).
- Get free energy saving advice from the Isle of Wight experts [The Footprint Trust Charity](#).
- Join an Isle of Wight Community Pantry. They are open to everyone. For £5 a week, members receive over £15 worth of fresh, frozen, tinned and dry food. [Read more about them on our cost of living webpages](#).
- Get advice from the experts. [Citizens Advice Isle of Wight](#) provide free, independent and confidential advice. Contact them on 0800 144 8848 or visit their website. <https://www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/>
- Look after your mental health. It's OK not to be OK. Call NHS 111 or go to the Isle of Wight Community Mental Health Support Hub. <https://www.iwmentalhealth.co.uk/>



CHRISTMAS BARN
Sunday 4th,
11th & 18th
December

**Family
Entry**
optional
donation

KIDZONE
Track down the 10 snowmen to
claim your chocolate
Make tree decoration £4.25
Please book this activity on our website
before 8.30am of the day

Gift Shop
Mulled Apple Juice
Beanies
Wildflower seeds
Christmas Decorations
Cards, coasters &
scented candles



MORE INFO'
www.naturezones.org.uk
BLACKWATER

We currently have a few cases of headlice in school. Please can you check through your child's hair regularly and keep all long hair tied back to prevent them from spreading. Thank you.

If you have any children's puzzles at home that you no longer use, we would love to have them for the children in school! Please hand to the office. Thank you.

Coats, Hats and Scarves

Now that the temperature has dropped, can you please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat in school every day.

Children can wear hats and gloves and break and lunch times, but scarves may only be worn to and from school for health and safety reasons.

Please make sure all items are named to prevent them from getting lost, including water bottles! Thank you.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

HiPAL

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

(with reduced functionality for under-12s)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

HiPal's under-12 accounts don't allow direct connections with strangers (although children seeking more friends can share their 'Friend Code' on other platforms), but for older users, chatting with strangers seems to be the app's main appeal. The 'Public Square' shows nine online users (hitting 'refresh' replaces these with another nine), and clicking on someone's profile starts a conversation.

SEXTING AND SUGGESTIVE PICS

Almost immediately after our expert downloaded the app, strangers began to message privately – asking for provocative images or sharing explicit photos of themselves. Likewise, in the 'Explore' feed, many of the pictures and videos are innocent – but some are far more salacious. There is always the risk of other users secretly saving a revealing photo and re-sharing it elsewhere.

NEED FOR VALIDATION

Some users – particularly girls – post photos on apps of this type hoping for positive reactions and comments to boost their self-esteem. Suggestive images tend to attract more flattering feedback, encouraging the user to post more frequently and with more explicit content. Conversely, receiving unkind comments about their picture can impact a young user's confidence and sense of self-worth.

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers, enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, sending private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.

NO AGE GATES OR MODERATION

Although users are given an initial choice of the under- or over-12 profile, there is no verification method to confirm someone's age; it is quite clear that the 'older' option offers a more complete experience on the app, but there seems to be no content moderation in place. Likewise, there is a reporting button for users to make a complaint but these reports do not appear to be followed up.

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

HiPal's walkie-talkie gimmick is no different from a normal phone call and seems rarely used; although it allows conversations to still be heard while a phone is locked, which could have awkward results. HiPal also offers 'Boom' messages: unmissable large-text notifications which are highly distracting and briefly take over the phone – users can't access other apps until the message fades.

LARGE GROUP CHATS

The app offers group chats with up to 100 people – both friends and unknown users. This not only means excessive 'Boom' messages taking over your child's device, but near-constant notification alerts and – most worryingly – the potential for walkie-talkie chatting and sharing photos with strangers outside parental supervision and apparently with no moderation from the platform itself.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Remind your child of the dangers of connecting with strangers online. Some may be using the app innocently; others may have more sinister intentions. Encourage your child to consider what information they disclose in private messages and emphasise that they should inform a trusted adult if someone on the internet ever attempts to persuade them to meet in person.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It can be an awkward conversation (which young people are often reluctant to have), but it's vital to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sharing explicit images, as well as the emotional impact. Make it clear your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that they should tell a trusted adult if they receive any unwanted explicit images.

BUILD RESILIENCE

With HiPal's lack of moderation, it's imperative that children are prepared for comments they might receive after uploading an image. You can build their resilience and equip them to manage these situations by having them show you any comments they've received. Together, discuss how the nice ones made them feel – and what they could do if someone posted a comment that upset them.

AVOID OVER-SHARING

Young people should think carefully about what they share in their profile, bio and posts. Talk to your child about not disclosing personal details such as phone numbers, other social media accounts or images which could reveal where they live or go to school. It's essential for children to recognise that strangers can assemble a detailed profile of someone based on things they can find online.

CONSIDER MENTAL WELLBEING

Many users on HiPal publicly share photos that are intended to be alluring in the hope of gaining more likes, friends and positive feedback – boosting their self-esteem and making them feel more self-assured. When young people regularly engage with social media platforms, it's important that parents and carers keep in mind the potential impact such platforms can have on mental wellbeing.

Meet Our Expert

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<https://hipal.app/about/privacy.html>

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