

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year – I can't believe its 2023! It's been great to see the children settling back in to school so quickly and working hard.

Attendance

As we start a new year with new resolutions can I please remind everyone that our start times are 8:25-8:30 for KS2 and 8:30-8:35 for EYFS/KS1. We are heavily monitored by the Education and Inclusion service and they will be continuing to undertake drop ins for lateness and arranging meeting for any children who are classed as persistently absent. Every day a child misses is a day they can't get back for learning.

90% attendance – ½ day missed every week (over a year this is 4 weeks or 60 lessons lost)

85% attendance – 29 days a year (equivalent to 6 weeks per year)

80% attendance – 38 days a year (over 7 years of primary school this would be equivalent to missing more than a year of schooling)

Your child's education is your child's future – the greater their attendance the greater their achievements in all areas.

Fun clubs

We are looking forward to the next block of fun clubs starting next week, there are still spaces in the following clubs:

- KS1 Gymnastics on Mondays (limited)
- KS2 Football on Mondays (limited)
- Choir on Tuesdays
- KS1 Drama on Tuesdays
- KS2 Drama on Thursdays
- KS1 DT on Thursdays

If your child would like to sign up please let the office know or book through SchoolMoney. Also remember if your child is eligible for Free School Meals they are entitled to one free fun club – please speak to the office.

Safety

A fresh reminder for the New Year about safety around school when driving and parking; please be very mindful when around the school perimeter as we have many parents/cares and children who walk to and from the school site and it is always very busy. We all have a duty of care to keep everyone safe, we do not want anyone to be seriously hurt.

Remember my door is always open.

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9th January 2023

First session of KS1 Gymnastics Fun Club

First session of KS2 Football Fun Club

Tues 10th January 2023

First session of Choir Fun Club

First session of KS1 & KS2

Cookery Fun Club

First session of KS1 Drama Fun Club

Thurs 12th January 2023

First session of KS1 & KS2 DT Fun Club

First session of KS2 Drama Fun Club

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

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD.
“plans to prosper you & not to harm you, plans to give you hope & a future”.

Lunch Menu – week commencing Monday 6th January 2023

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Main</i>	Pesto Pasta Bake	Chicken Korma	Roast Pork	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
<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>	Chocolate Shortbread	Fruity Flapjack Bar	Jelly with Fruit Slices	Flapjack	Crispy Crackle Bar

**WELL DONE TO OUR CATERING TEAM FOR THEIR
5 STAR FOOD HYGIENE RATING!**



THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Jamaica

This week in Jamaica we have started our new book called Moth. Moth is a story about Evolution. In maths we are learning about measures, mass and volume. In art we have made god's eyes from the Mayan civilisation. This week we have also completed speaking in our skills builder.

New Zealand

Welcome back.

In New Zealand we have had a fun week! We made seascape collages in the style of Turner and then in Design and Technology we made sea salt biscuits as a healthy recipe. In maths, we have consolidated column addition and subtraction and we have been looking at biographies in English. We have learned facts about Marcus Rashford and Florence Nightingale.

I am so proud of the children and their attitudes to learning since their return - they have been really positive.



Maldives

The children have settled straight back into work this week. They have been working hard in their maths learning about 2d and 3d shapes and their properties. In English we have started our new text driver of 'Katie Morag' and will be linking it to our next writing outcome of 'how to write a leaflet' based on her fictional island of Struay. Our topic for this term will be 'Our UK Tour' so we will be introducing our hook next week to help us learn more about the countries within the United

Hawaii

We have had an amazing first week back in Hawaii Class. The children have worked really hard to settle back into routine and have enjoyed playing games as a group. We have been thinking about poetry and reading lots of different poems this week including Animal Pants!

Malta

This week has been a fantastic start to the new term. We have started looking at our new science topic on rocks and have investigated different rock types. Our French topic for this term is 'food glorious food' - we have started to learn different foods in French and have used fiction stories to discuss the different foods.

Cuba

This week in Cuba class we have started our new topic 'Animals'. Our hook into our topic has been a very exciting animal themed sensory box task. We had to put our hands into the boxes and feel the different objects inside including materials that feel like animal bedding, animal food, animal fur and animal poo. We had lots of fun feeling the different materials and trying to guess what they were. We have also been looking at different animals and listening to different animal sounds and deciding which animals make which noises - we even tried to copy some of the funny animal sounds.

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Galapagos

This week in Galapagos we have started looking into our topic Ancient Greece! Today has been out hook day where we have competed in the Olympics, made traditional headwear and learned what life was like in Ancient Greece!

Antigua

In Antigua this week we have started exploring dinosaurs. We have been sharing dinosaur stories and singing dinosaur songs. We searched for dinosaurs in sand and painted dinosaur footprints. We also made a dinosaur swamp and made a dinosaur out of flour. Please see some of our photographs below.



St Lucia

Our topic this week has been dinosaurs, we have designed and made our own dinosaurs out of junk modelling, learnt a dinosaur song with actions and loved playing in the dinosaur museum.



Iceland

This week in Iceland class, we have started our topic on Anglo-Saxons. This is linked to our English journey where we are reading Anglo-Saxon Boy, set in 1066. In Maths we have started our learning journey on division and next week we will start our science topic on materials.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXPLAINED

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (often referred to as UFSM).

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). The difference is that if you are entitled to FSM there are other means of support that you can tap into. Once you are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals your child's school will receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) to help and support you through your child's education. The school will also receive extra support to deliver a fully inclusive and accessible education for all of our pupils. You can apply for Free School Meals at any time while your child is with us.

Is my child eligible?

Free school meals are eligible whose parents/carers are in receipt of the following benefits:

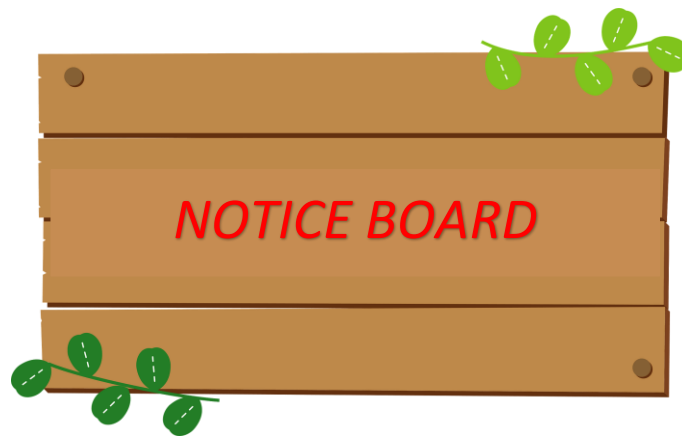
- Income support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit **run-on** (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, **please still apply**. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

How do I apply?

You will need to complete a simple form and await a response. This can be done via the Isle of Wight Council website, or the office can provide you with a paper copy.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Calling all parents, grandparents and carers of primary school-aged children!

Do you want to support your children with their maths, but are unsure of where to start?

Multiply



Are you
Mystified by **Multiplication**?
Baffled by **Bar Graphs**?
Frightened of **Fractions**?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', then help is at hand, with the **Multiply** programme, a new initiative aimed at improving the numeracy skills of adults across the UK.

The team at Adult Community Learning is pleased to be working alongside your child's primary school, to offer an exciting way to help your kids with maths, while at the same time developing your own skills. Details of this **FREE** opportunity can be found below:

Maths for Mums and Dads

A six-week course, designed to help you improve your own maths skills and in turn support your children with the maths they're learning in school. Sessions will be for two hours a week, during school time and will include areas such as:

- ♦ Understanding the primary school maths curriculum
- ♦ Exploring our own feelings towards maths and how we can make maths a positive experience for our kids
- ♦ Number and calculations
- ♦ Fractions and decimals
- ♦ Shapes and measures
- ♦ Creating a good learning environment at home
- ♦ Ideas for fun games and activities to try with the whole family



All the sessions will be run in a relaxed and informal way, by one of our friendly and experienced Community Learning tutors. You'll also have the opportunity to go on and work towards a maths qualification at a later date, if you want to.

For further details, speak to Mrs Rackett at school, or contact Adult Community Learning on **(01983) 817280** or email **acl@iow.gov.uk**

ABSENCE

If your child is absent it's really important that you contact school to let us know. Please either phone, leave a voicemail or send an email to admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

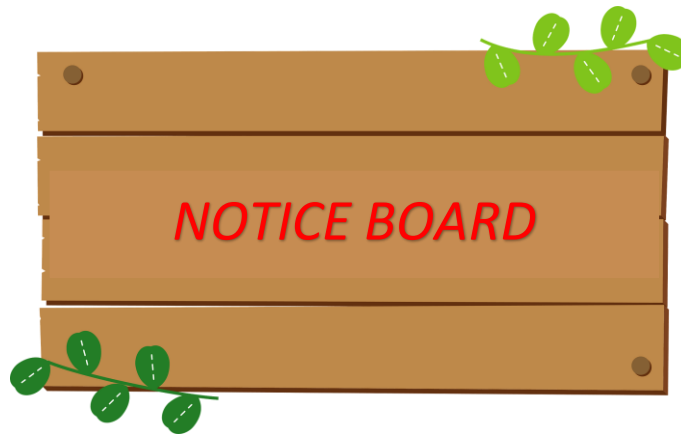
We also require the absence to be confirmed in writing once your child has returned to school. This can be emailed, a note from home or use one of our forms from the office.

BELOGNINGS

Can you please make sure that all children's belongings are clearly named to prevent them from getting lost or mixed up with someone else's.
Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS


If you have had any changes to your contact details including phone numbers, email addresses or home addresses can you please notify the office.



With the cost of living pressures from rising energy prices and inflation, we wanted to let you know about the government support that is available to help with the costs of childcare, depending on eligibility criteria. This support is available, not just for Early Years fees, but also for things like breakfast clubs and after school clubs. We have included details of Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit for Childcare support, at the end of the newsletter. To check your eligibility please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. If you have any questions or need help applying then please contact either Mrs Willshire or Mrs Stubbs via the school office.



Lots of working families don't realise they can access government support for childcare costs, including a 20% top up, via Tax-Free Childcare, to help cover the cost of:

-  breakfast clubs
-  nurseries
-  after-school clubs

Don't miss out, visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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