

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has gone by so quickly. It has been so lovely to see all the children settled in class and working so hard – well done everyone, I am really proud of you all.

I know this week has been very exciting in classes with all the hooks for this term's topic being set into motion, I am really looking forward to seeing the outcomes. All parents/carers will be invited in to see the children's hard work, once these dates have been finalised we will let you know.

## Golden tickets

Next week I will be starting golden tickets – I am excited that I will get to spend time with a group of children each week between now and the school year to discuss their learning and enjoying a slice of cake! The children will then choose their favourite part to share with the assembly on Friday at 2pm in sharing worship. Parents/carers will be invited to come along to the assembly as well, it would be lovely to have you there supporting the school and your children! Also, from next week we will be letting you know if your child is receiving a certificate which will be presented in assembly and you are very welcome to come along. Also, if your child has had any achievements outside of school and they are awarded a certificate it would be great to celebrate this in assembly – please bring their certificates to the office on a Friday morning ready for the afternoon.

## Fun clubs

What a great first week of fun clubs we had! The smiles on the children's faces said it all – I particularly enjoyed hearing choir club singing Let It Go from Frozen! There are still spaces in Choir, KS2 Drama and KS1 DT if your child would like to get involved, please speak to a member of office staff.

## Maths programme

Just a reminder that there is still time to complete the parent questionnaire for the 6 week Maths programme, the details of which were emailed to all parents/carers on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the leaflet attached to the notice board page for more details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Remember my door is always open.

Mrs Gilbert.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> January**

KS1 Gymnastics Fun Club  
KS2 Football Fun Club

### **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Choir Fun Club  
KS1 & KS2 Cookery Fun Club

### **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> January**

KS1 & KS2 DT Fun Club  
KS2 Drama Fun Club

### **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February**

February half term

### **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Holidays

### **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Bank Holiday Monday

### **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

May half term

### **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Development days

## Bible Reflection

Proverb 3: 5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart, and do not lean  
on your own  
understanding. In all your  
ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight  
your paths”

## Lunch Menu – week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Special Menu!</b>				
<i>Main</i>	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Roast Turkey	<b>Sausage &amp; Chips</b>	Fish Fingers
<i>Alternative option</i>	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	<b>Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta</b>	Veggie Nuggets Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta
<i>Dessert</i>	Crispy Crackle Bar	Chocolate Sponge	Oat Cookie and Fruit Slices	<b>Strawberry Jelly</b>	Lemon Slice

# Special Menu

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Sausage & Chips

Peas or Beans

Strawberry Jelly



All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be given a hot dinner and dessert on this day so that they can have a try of the tasty meals we have on offer daily!

If your child is in KS2 and doesn't normally have school dinners but would like to have this special menu, please book it on SchoolMoney.

# THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

## Cuba

We have had a very busy week in Cuba Class continuing our topic of animals. At the start of the week, we made our own paper plate animals using a range of materials to add lots of textures and details. We then looked at animals from the past and present and found out what the word 'extinct' means. Miss Silk was very pleased to hear lots of the children using the word extinct to describe dinosaurs throughout the week - well done Cuba Class!



## St Lucia

In St Lucia this week we have been further exploring our dinosaur's topic, learning dinosaur names and songs, playing in the dinosaur museum and making dinosaurs from 2-d shapes and paper plates!



## Hawaii

Hawaii Class have been thinking of ways to stay active this week when the weather has not been so good! The children thought of playing musical statues, different GoNoodle activities and jumping games using the number squares or word cards. They have enjoyed experimenting with different ways to play.



## New Zealand

In year two, we had our exciting hook for 'Heroes Now and Then.' We dressed up as spies and cracked the emoji code. In maths, we have been comparing numbers and in English we have been writing a biography about Florence Nightingale. Next week we will look at geometry and shape.



## Maldives

This week we have moved on to number and place value in maths with lots of practical work to help embed learning of tens and ones.

The children have written beautiful leaflets for the fictional Scottish island of Struay as their writing outcome and in geography we have begun 'Our UK Tour' by learning about what makes each country within the UK unique. Our science topic for this half term is 'Seasonal changes' and we have been learning about what happens to trees throughout the year.



# THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

## Malta

This week in Malta class we have been busy starting our new topic "Pharaohs and mummies". On Monday, we became archaeologists for the day and took a trip to our very own ancient Egyptian tomb. We then applied this to our English lessons where we wrote C.V's applying to be archaeologists.



## Galapagos

Galapagos have had a wonderful week making Greek coins and practicing our ukulele skills! We have also been working really hard on our times tables practice in maths!

## Iceland

This week, in Iceland class we have had our RE day. We learnt about Humanism and the Golden Rule – treat others how you want to be treated. In French we have been learning how to ask for a selection of hot and cold drinks. We have continued our English journey, reading the Anglo-Saxon Boy and using sensational language.

## Antigua

This week in Antigua we have continued to explore dinosaurs. We made dinosaur fossils using salt dough and made dinosaur footprints. We had lots of fun with dinosaurs in gloop and we have been counting and weighing dinosaurs too.

In our phonics activities we have been doing lots of listening games and exploring environmental sounds.



## Jamaica

In English this week we were carrying on with our English topic called Moth. In French, we were recapping our French pets. In topic we are learning about the Mayans who lived in central America a long time ago. In maths we were learning about our units and volume.

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# ***THIS WEEK AT BRADING...***

## *Cookery Club*

We had a fab time this week in the first session of cookery club, we talked about good hygiene when preparing food, designed our fruit kebabs, chopped all the fruit, and made our fruit kebabs - they looked delicious!

Please can you bring a named tub for the food each week as some things will be sent home.



## 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)

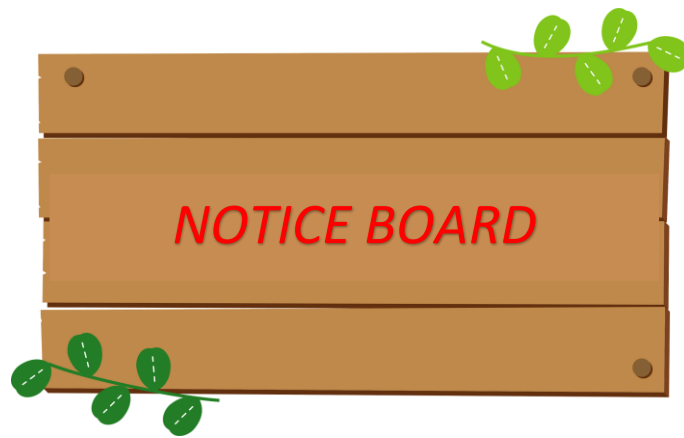
If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, **please still apply**. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

### 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.





Do Join us at the next



Fri 20 Jan

2.30-4.30pm

Then 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday  
each month  
at

Brading Methodist Church



**Everyone welcome!**  
All children to be accompanied  
by an adult  
**Free!** – donation if wished

Chat to Jane on 407201 for more details



## WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 10.00AM UNTIL 12.30PM

Join us for tours of the School, a Q&A session with the Head Master and senior team and an opportunity to talk to pupils, staff and parents. Enjoy displays, live music and drama rehearsals and join in with science experiments.

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**RYDE SCHOOL**  
WITH UPPER CHINE



## It's not easy being wheezy

Join our winter **wheeze** webinar

- Does your child suffer with wheeze when they have coughs and colds?
- Have they been given an inhaler?
- Are you unsure what any of this means?

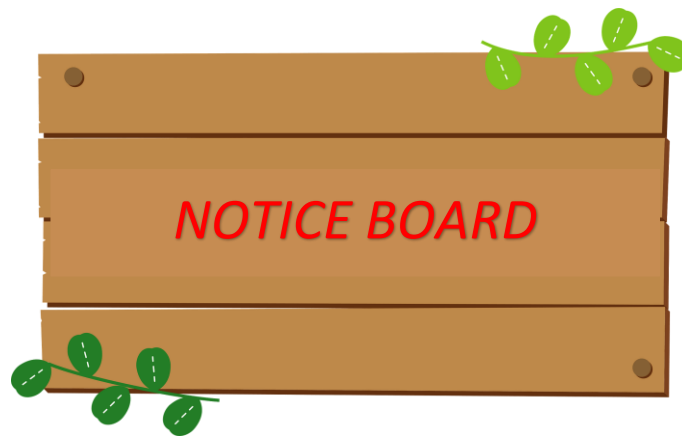


The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team from Frimley Health are running an online education session where you can learn more about your child's symptoms



Friday 27th January 2023  
1pm – 2pm via Teams  
Sign up today - [bit.ly/JanWheeze](https://bit.ly/JanWheeze)





## 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](mailto: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.

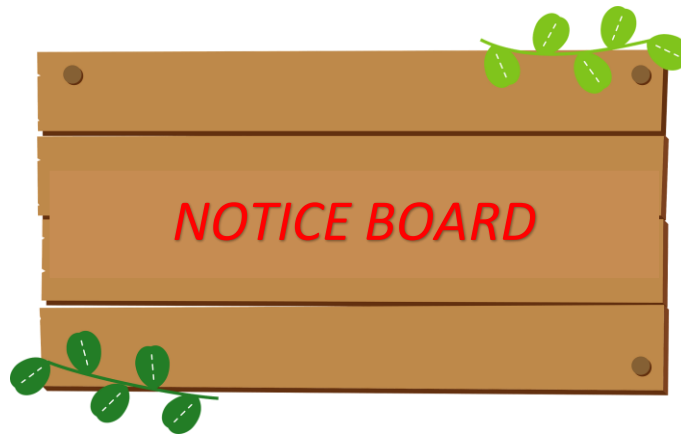
### BELOGNINGS

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](http://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.



UK Government

Help for Households

**Up to £2,000 to help with childcare costs**

Per child, each year

Check if you're eligible today  
Go to [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Childcare Choices

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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

## ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

## REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

## VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

## SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

## POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

### MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests') like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

### SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

### REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

### ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

## Meet Our Expert

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