

# HUNNYHILL PRESS

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## Pastures New

We wanted to let you know that sadly, Mr Nic Barnes will be leaving his post as Assistant Headteacher in July.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Barnes good luck for his new venture, however there will be plenty of time for us to say our goodbyes in July.

## FAMILY LEARNING

As part of our commitment to improving children's universal learning, opportunities, we are facilitating a course for Year 4 and 5 parents and children to work together in school time during this Spring Term. The course is being run by Penny Crossley and the first session was yesterday. Thank you to everyone who signed up and came along, we look forward to seeing you again next week.

## EARLY YEARS AWARDS FOR ALL GRANT SUCCESS

We are delighted to tell you that after a lengthy application process involving much paperwork, we have been awarded a grant for £9,350!!



This money has already funded a fabulous climbing frame for Early Years which was installed this week. The remainder of the money will be used for an outside cover to enable more outside learning in Reception, and also for additional outside resources for use by the rest of the school.



These grants are not easy to secure so we say a MASSIVE thank you to the Early Years team, Mrs Ward-Reynolds and Georgia (one of our lovely parents - you know who you are!!) for your time and effort.

## LOCAL LITTER PICK



After school last Friday, 5 parents and 6 children spent just over an hour collecting litter from the estate following our route to school. In this short time we collected 15 rubbish sacks, mainly cans, bottles, crisps and sweets packets.

The children were inspired by watching Blue Planet 2 and the plight of plastic and rubbish ending up in the world's seas. Their enthusiasm continues and they are keen to help others understand the importance of recycling and reducing unnecessary waste as well as keeping litter off the streets.

The efforts of these fabulous families has been shared with both IOW Radio and the County Press.

Well Done to  
Lucy & Robin Jordan, Jo and Stuart Bohm & Leeann Sedgeley

## NEW DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The following dates are confirmed as Development Days for the remainder of the year:

**Thursday 29th March 2018**

**Monday 4th June 2018**

**Monday 23rd July 2018**

Children will not be required to attend school on these days.

We have scheduled these days at the beginning and end of terms in order to assist families who may wish to take a holiday outside of term-time.



## IMPORTANT:

### SATS REVISION GUIDES - YEAR 6

CGP KS2 SATS revision guides are available to order for Reading, Maths and SPAG.

All Year 6 pupils will receive an order form today and the deadline for orders is next Friday.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with either the Mrs Glover, Mrs Williams or Mr Barnes.

Have any of your personal details changed recently - address, telephone numbers or marital status? If so, please remember to complete a Change of Details form available from the school office in order that we can update your contact details. It is vital that we have the correct details in case we need to contact you during the school day.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

### For information : Medical Appointments

Whilst we understand the pressures currently on the NHS and the subsequent difficulty in getting a Drs appointment, we ask that where possible, appointments for medicals are made outside of school time.

For clarity, medical appointments are always authorised but they must still be coded as an Absence. Consequently this will impact on a child's overall attendance level.

Although we understand that this can cause disappointment, we have discussed the matter at length with the Education Welfare Service and there is nothing we can do to avoid this.

The daily register is a legal document completed every day in all schools up and down the country. For a number of safety and safeguarding reasons, including in the event of a fire, it must accurately reflect the children who are physically present in school each day.

We are mindful that some children may have long standing health issues which require a number of medical appointments throughout the year, we will continue our work, and indeed strive to improve, recognising these children's determination and resilience, despite the impact it may have on their attendance.

## GOLDEN ASSEMBLY AWARDS

This week's award winners are:

### Attendance Awards w/c 8th January:

Lower School : Hawaii - 99.29%  
Upper School : Sumatra - 94.64%

**Sri Lanka:** Maisie B & Louis J

**Sumatra:** Ryan K, Rosa-Maria A & Sienna S

**Galapagos:** Noah B, Jayland S, William W & Sebastian G

**Madagascar:** Jessica C & Grace B

**Iona:** Cameron E, Clara L, Tyler D & Felicity S

### Headteacher's Award:

Well done to Carys M who is always so punctual, positive and helpful when she brings the register to class every single morning.

### Pride In Our School:

This week we celebrate Theo A for working hard in his writing book at home, for Oscar M who handed in a £20 note he found in the playground which was lost by a parent - thank you for being so honest. Finally, well done to all of Year 6 for giving their best during some practice papers this week.

### Determination Award:

Well done to Aston T & Louis W for a MASSIVE improvement in your handwriting since the start of the year.

Well Done to all of this week's winners.

## PARKING ISSUES

I am meeting with the Local Councillor early next week to discuss the issues around parking.

I will be feeding back the outcomes of these discussions in next week's newsletter.

Mrs Evans

## Dates For Your Diary

### January 2018

Weds 24th Guernsey Class Assembly - 2:25pm  
~~Weds 31st~~ Iona Class Assembly **CHANGE OF DATE.**  
New Date to follow.

### February 2018

Weds 7th Madagascar Class Assembly - 2:25pm  
Mon 12th HALF TERM WEEK  
Mon 19th Children return to school  
Weds 21st Galapagos Class Assembly - 2:25pm  
Weds 28th Sumatra Class Assembly - 2:25pm

### FOR INFO

**YEAR 6 SATS** Week is confirmed as 14th - 18th May 2018

### DEVELOPMENT DAY:

Thursday 29th March 2018  
Monday 4th June 2018  
Monday 23rd July 2018

Please remember to telephone the school every day if your child will be absent on 01983 522506.

When they return, please complete an Absence Slip - available from the School Office.

If this slip is not completed, the absence will continue to show as an unauthorised absence even if you have phoned in.

