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School Letter No 9

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Dear Parents

Arrival at school in the morning

As the veranda area outside the back of school is becoming rather congested in the mornings I would like to provide a reminder about procedures for going into school at the start of the day. Parents may bring children into the school playground from 8:40, when there will be an adult (usually myself) on duty. Parents may leave their children on the playground at this time- in fact it would reduce the congestion if parents of older children just dropped off their children and left. At approximately 8:50 Children in Years 1 to 4 are expected to go into the school on their own when their class is called by the teacher on duty. As the Reception class children have now been attending school for over half a term parents should now be thinking about starting to encourage their children to come in on their own whenever possible.

These routines are in place not only because we want to encourage children to be independent, but also for safety reasons- the corridors become very crowded in the mornings if there are adults and pushchairs as well as children taking off their coats! We really would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Parents Evenings

We had excellent attendance at parents evenings this week, many thanks to all of you for attending. If you were unable to come and would still like to meet with your child's teacher then please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Great South Run for Leukaemia Research

Ms King would like to thank everyone who sponsored her for the Great South Run. She completed the ten miles in 1 hour 33 minutes and raised over £250 for Leukaemia Research.

Payments for this half term

If you would like to pay for your child's dinner money or coach fares for this half term (until Christmas) in one payment, the amounts are as follows:

School dinners	£59.50	cheques payable to IWC
Coach fares	£56.00	cheques payable to Nettlestone Primary School IWC

Ryde Community Fireworks

The Ryde Community Fireworks will take place at Haylands Primary School on Saturday 7th November. Gates open at 5.30pm - 7.30pm and tickets will be sold on the gates - Children £3 and adults £3. There will be free face painting, fireshow, bouncy castle, laser show, hot food and drink and fireworks at 7.30pm in aid of Cash for Kids Wave FM.

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Message from the School Council - Children in Need

On Friday 20th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. We would like you to wear something spotty and bring your teddy to school and to please bring in a minimum donation of £1. At the tuck shop on Friday biscuits will be on sale and the proceeds will also go to Children in Need.

Are you getting your full benefits?

Island families are being encouraged to check if they are getting their full entitlement from housing and council tax benefits. From 2nd November this year, child benefit income will be fully disregarded when calculating housing benefit and council tax benefit. It means the incomes of the lowest paid families may be boosted. If you are not already getting help towards your rent or council tax, you may wish to check the council's online benefits calculator at www.iwight.com to see if you qualify. Alternatively you can call 823950 to discuss making a claim. Existing claimants in receipt of housing and council tax benefits will have their claims adjusted automatically to disregard this income from their benefit calculation. HM Revenue and Customs is responsible for paying child benefit, child trust fund payments and tax credits. To discuss tax credits call 0845 300 3900 and for child benefit call 0845 302 1444. Also view the website at 222.hmrc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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