



Friday 13th November
2020

Dear Families,

What a busy working week it has been for everyone here at Binstead. Our children isolating at home have also been working very hard on their remote learning, and a huge thank you to all parents who have supported their children with this valuable learning, ensuring they have continued their education at home at such a tricky time for everyone.

It has been lovely to see the children all dressed up in their sports gear today in aid of Children in Need. Thank you all for your donations today, we will count them up next week once the money has been in quarantine, and let you know the total donated.

Today also marks World Kindness Day. I believe Kindness is the most important human quality. In School next week, we will be celebrating kindness in all its forms. Our children are hoping to support (see information below in the Buzz) the Isle of Wight Zoo with feeding their animals, the Awards of the week will focus on Kindness, and we will spread as much kindness around as we possibly can.

To update you all regarding the hot meals/kitchen, we are currently working hard to get the kitchen back into the position where we can cook hot meals. Once it is up and running, we will let you all know if we are able to offer hot meals to all of the children (this is for us to look at the logistics of getting the children into the hall to eat their dinner). Until then, packed lunches are still available to order each day.

Christmas News:

Many of you have been asking me about what we will be able to do for Christmas this year. Whilst many of the plans are still in their infancy and we will confirm nearer the time, I thought it would be nice to share our thoughts so far with you all.

The children WILL be able to bring in Christmas Cards. We will give the whole school a specific date to bring them in (probably in early December), we will then quarantine the cards in classrooms, and give out to the children at the end of term for them to bring home. Please wait for more information on the day to bring them in, and we won't be able to accept any after this date. .

We WILL be working with the children on a Christmas Performance of some kind that we are able to video and share with you in the most appropriate way. We will be in touch when we have a more detailed plan, and will require your specific permission to film the children in this. More details will follow.

The children in their classes WILL be decorating their classrooms in a way most appropriate for them. This will be led by each class teacher. We will send you some lovely photos to see how festive the classrooms are once done.

We are currently thinking about how we can do a Christmas Dinner for the children. This might be over a couple of days, as we can't get more than 2 year groups in the hall at the same time, but we will let you know as soon as we do (I can't promise on this one, but will be trying our best for the children to be able to have this if we can within the guidance).

Each year group will have access to either a Virtual Performance or virtual Panto in December that will be watched in their class bubbles.

I hope you all have a good weekend (despite the predicted rain), and thank you, as ever, for your continued support, it means so much to the Team.

Mrs Chessell

A strong reminder that if anyone in your family or support bubble displays ANY of the symptoms of Covid - 19, the whole family should isolate until either a negative test result comes back, or after the self - isolation period as recommended by Public Health. Thank you for your cooperation with this, it is by everyone following these national guidelines that we will help to keep our school community safe.

Make someone smile this Christmas!

Children of Ryde! Spread a little festive joy this Christmas and make a handmade card for a local elderly Ryde resident to open on Christmas Day



- Step 1** From Monday 9th November, collect your card and envelope from Ryde Library or use card from home if necessary to do so
- Step 2** Get creative! Make a card using pens/glitter/paint
- Step 3** Include a nice message inside if you'd like to
- Step 4** Please do not seal the envelope!
- Step 5** Return to Ryde Library by Saturday 5th December—there is a dropbox at the front of the building if we're closed

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Diary Dates

19-20.11.20 Fruit/vegetable collection for IW Zoo

27.11.20 Flu packs sent home to parents

3.12.20 Yr 3 swimming

8.12.20 Flu Clinic

10.12.20 Yr 3 swimming

11.12.20 Christmas Jumper Day

18.12.20 Break up

21-22.12 Inset Days

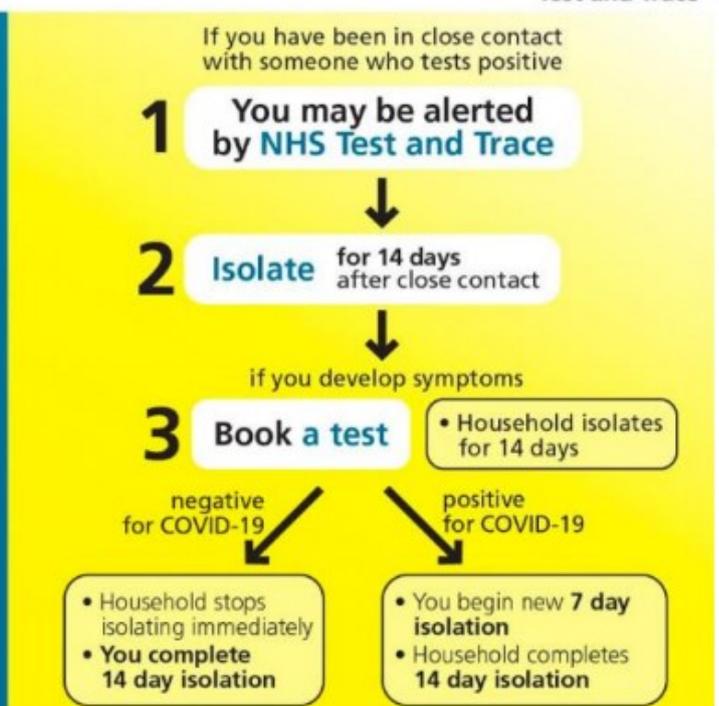
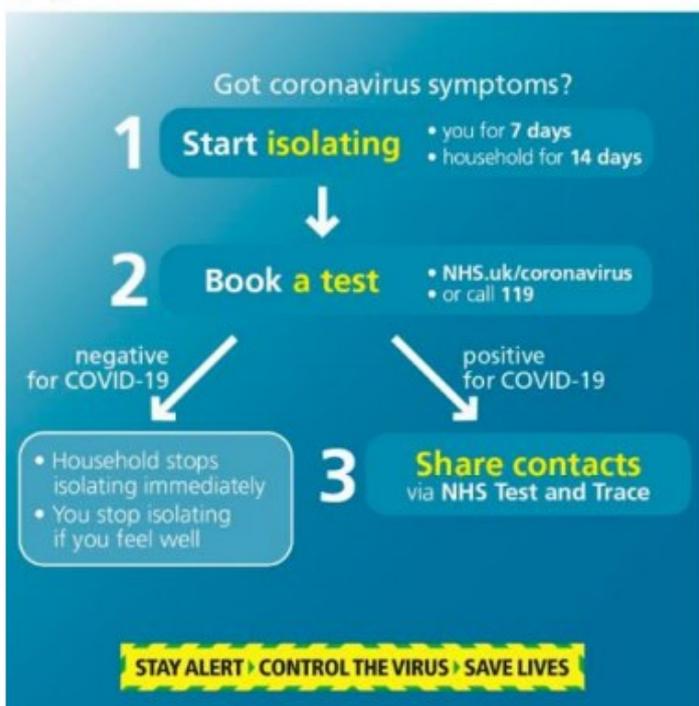
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4.1.21 Inset Day

5.1.21 First day of term

HM Government

NHS Test and Trace



The Isle of Wight Zoo have asked for our help in feeding their animals during lockdown. In exchange, they have offered us a free outreach session when they can safely visit.

If you would like to help, please bring any items in on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November. They will be collected Friday afternoon. You can see the kind of food they need for the various animal groups below.

To feed our Spider Monkeys for 1 day (for 6 Spider Monkeys)

3 Sweet Potatoes 3 Parsnips 3 Lettuce 2 Fennels 6 Tomatoes
3 Leeks 1 Cucumber 3 Carrots 6 Pears 6 Eggs



To feed our lemurs for one day (for 19 Lemurs)

10 Corn on cobs 2 punnets Blueberries 1 punnet Grapes
6 Apples 2 bags Spinach ½ Butternut Squash

To feed our Cappuchins for 1 day (for 3 cappuchins)

3 Eggs 1 Corn on the cob ½ bunch Grapes 1 Sweet Potato 2 Apples
1 Orange 6 small Tomatoes 2 Pak Choi 1 Carrot



To feed our Goats, Rabbits, Pigs and Guinea pigs for 1 week

(for all the farm animals)

4 bags of spring greens 20 Carrots 4 Sweet Potatoes
8 Parsnips 10 Apples 10 Beetroots 2 Courgettes

To feed our Meerkats, Porcupines, Coatis and Raccoon for 1 day

1 punnet Blueberries 1 punnet Mushrooms 4 Carrots
1 Sweet Potato 2 Parsnips 2 Apples





Isle of Wight Cats Protection Adoption Centre

We are holding a Christmas Card Competition!

Design a card and ask a grown-up to post a picture of it to our Facebook page. They can also message it to us on Facebook, or you can send it in the post!

(Please include your name and age!)

122 Marlborough Rd,
Ryde
PO33 1AW

It must get to us by 28th November as the winner will be picked at our Virtual Christmas Fayre on Facebook on 29th November.

There will be a prize for the winner. Sweets and a £10 Toymaster Gift Voucher!! Thank you to Toymaster for donating the prize to CP



Here is my attempt. Age 33. (Too old to enter 🙄) We hope you do much better!! We cannot wait to see what you come up with!!

CHILDREN IN NEED



YOU'RE GREAT

We have been advised of support available for Binstead residents during this second lockdown.

The **Ryde Helpline** has been reinstated. This time it is being operated by **Aspire Ryde**, on behalf of and in conjunction with Ryde Town Council. Anyone needing help or information should phone **01893 716020**. The line is open from **10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday**.

Available support includes help with shopping or collection of prescriptions, emergency food parcels or hot meals, information on benefits etc, and regular phone calls for people who are lonely or anxious.

The Wednesday morning **Information Point** will not be operating during the lockdown. However, help can be obtained from the above **Helpline** or direct from **Citizens Advice** on **0800 144 8848**. Note that this is now a freephone number.



*CARE IN CATERING
FROZEN READY MEALS*

- *Beef Casserole & Herb Dumplings*
- *Meatballs Pasta in Tomato sauce*
- *Beef & Vegetable Hot Pot*
- *Cheese Pasta Bake*
- *Chicken & Ham Pie with Mash*

To order simply call us at Aspire Ryde on:

01983 716020

*Suggested Donation £3.00 each delivered locally
or £2.50 each collected*

Vegetarian / Gluten Free dishes also available

Meals available for delivery to Binstead residents.

Christmas Jumper Day is coming up on 11th December.

Why not use the time during lockdown to up-cycle an old jumper

