



**Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Island Community School Group.**

### **Parents Information Evenings**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our information evenings this past week. The response to our vision has been truly fantastic. Well over 200 parents have now met with us either during the information evenings or coffee mornings. We now have parents of 700 children signed up to say the Free School would be their first choice school. Not only does this strengthen our application but it gives us a clear idea where the school is most wanted which in turn shapes our proposal for the site of the school. Please continue to share our vision with members of your local community. The more parents who sign the expression of interest the stronger our application becomes and the greater the chance of the Island Free School opening in your area in September 2014.

### **The application**

The next step in the application process is to submit our draft application to the New Schools Network Development Programme team for their final feedback. We then have to submit the full application to the Department for Education by the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013. We then hope to be called for an interview sometime in the spring of 2013. We will keep in regular contact with all parents through this newsletter and hope to have good news for you all by May 2013.

### **Next steps**

We still need more parents to sign up if we are to meet our self-imposed target of 1000 signatures. Having achieved a significant number of these signatures in the South Wight we must now begin to share our vision with the wider community to ensure our target is met. Over the next month we will draw up an advertising plan targeting other areas of the island not currently served by a secondary school. If you are part of a community and would like to host a coffee morning for your friends and would like to discuss our proposals please contact us via the website.

**An Island School for Island Families offering a truly outstanding education for all.**

**Kind regards,  
The Island Free School Team**