



Ballaugh Primary School



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Dear Parents,

In what is likely to be the last Newsletter for this academic year I would like to thank everyone for the support that they have shown their child(ren), and the school in general, this year. For some parents this will be the last school newsletter that they will receive as their children are heading on to pastures new at RGS and QEII. I have every confidence that this group of children that started at Ballaugh School on the same day as myself will meet their new challenges head on and continue to make you all proud. Next year we will be sharing much more information through sessions for parents and updating you much more frequently about the changes that are happening in education. I look forward to seeing how our partnerships can become even more solid for the benefit of not only the children but the local community as a whole. I hope that everyone has a relaxing and safe break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September along with our new starters in Reception, except of course our Year 6 pupils.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Miss Willoughby has secured a full time role at Peel Clothworkers' School. On behalf of everyone here I would like to thank her for everything that she has done for Ballaugh School and to wish her every success in what I am sure will be a very successful career. Next year Wednesdays in Class R2 will be covered by Mrs Townend, myself and Mrs White.

Fun Sports afternoon - The Fun Sports is scheduled for Monday afternoon (16th July) and will start soon after 1.30 pm. This year we are trialling a more traditional sports day on the back field. There will be an Egg and Spoon race, a Sack race, a Skipping race and a Flat race. Taking part will be entirely voluntary but we do hope that all of the children will give it a go. All children that take part will receive a medal and awards given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We aim to finish the afternoon at 3.30 pm. If the weather conditions are not suitable we will place a notice on the noticeboard and website to inform you as early as possible. Unfortunately, due to the number of other activities that are taking place that week we will not have a reserve date.

Reports – All end of year reports have been issued. If you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child's report please arrange a mutually convenient time through the school office.

Leavers' Assembly and Prize Presentation – Once again we are very appreciative of the local community for enabling us to use Ballaugh Church for our rehearsals and final assembly. It is expected to start at 2 pm. Seats will be reserved for the parents of Year 6 children towards the front of the central pews. The school playground will be available for parking from 1.30 pm onwards. We look forward to seeing you there. If we finish and have returned to school before 3.30 pm then parents will be able to take their children home. If you are collecting any children from other families, please make sure that they are aware of a potential earlier finish to the school day.

Dinners – We have been advised that dinners will be increasing in price from September to £2.20 per day/ £11.00 per week, £85.50 for the first half term. Dinners are payable in advance, please make cheques payable to IOM Government. If your child is entitled to a free school meal please apply as soon as possible, if you haven't already. Advise the office before the end of term if your child will be changing dinner options in September.

Ballaugh Sports Kit – Please have a good look at home for any school sports kits that have been worn during the school year and return them to the office as soon as possible.

Village Oompah Tombola – Prizes of bottles can be left in the school office up until the last day of term. Your support is, as ever, much appreciated and not taken for granted. Proceeds from this year's event will go towards funding the many trips, activities, presents and resources that the school provides for all of the children during the year and that are beyond the scope of our budget.

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Early Morning Sports Club MSR	Friday	8.10 – 8.40am	Yrs Rec,1&2
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fun Sports Afternoon	Monday 16 th July – 1.30pm
Winning House Team Treat	Tuesday 17 th July
Leavers Assembly	Thursday 19 th July – 2.00pm
Last Day of Year	Friday 20 th July

First Day of New School Year	Wednesday 5 th September
School Photographs	Tuesday 23 rd October

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