



Ballaugh Primary School



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Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents,

In what will be the last newsletter of 2018 I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Christmas concerts such a success again this year. Thank you for helping the children to learn their words and for creating fantastic costumes. Thank you to Mrs Bale and the rest of the staff too. I hope that you found the "Tin Hats & Telegrams" performances a fitting tribute to The Village in this important centenary year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and for embracing the guidance that is being provided by teachers to help you to support your child's "academic" learning, enabling them to be the best school-learner that they can be. In the new year I look forward to sharing with you how you can support the school and the different ways that this can be done.

Registering Children for Reception 2019 – If you have a child, that will be 4 years old by 31st August 2019, and have not already done so, then please contact the school as soon as possible to pre-register them. If you know of any families that live within the catchment area but who may not be aware of this process it would be greatly appreciated if you could ask them to contact the school too. School catchment areas can be checked by using www.iom.gov/maps and entering a postcode.

Salvation Army Dress Down Day – Thank you to the School Council and all who donated goods for the Salvation Army. With your support we were able to make up 17 hampers that were collected by Phil Faragher on behalf of the IOM Salvation Army to be distributed to people and families who need just a little extra this Christmas.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day – Tuesday 18th December. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school on Christmas dinner day if they wish to do so.

FoBS Christmas Tombola Fundraiser – Please return ALL tickets to the school office ASAP including unsold tickets so that these can be redistributed to people who have requested extras. Donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated and should be brought to the school office no later than Tuesday 18th December. The prize draw takes place on Thursday 20th December. Winners will be notified through children where possible, or telephone and prizes will be kept in school for collection.

Children's Christmas Party – Thursday 20th December – Children should wear uniforms in the morning and bring their party clothes to school in a named bag. They will then get changed before the party that will start after lunch and is scheduled to finish by 3.30pm.

School Dinner – A new dinner menu will be in place next term, these have been sent home with children today. If your child wishes to change to or from a school dinner please give 1 week's notice. Next half term's dinner will cost £67.50 (£2.25 per day/ £11.25 per week) and are due on Monday 7th January. Please make cheques payable to IOM Government. Thank you.

Class 4 at Ardwhallan – This session will be running on the last day of term.

Swimming – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have swimming – on the last week of term and resume on the Wednesday of the first week back.

Class 3 Ardwhallan and Class 4 Games sessions– When we return in January it will be Class 3’s turn to learn outdoors with the Ardwhallan team and Class 4 will return to having their Friday morning games sessions. Class 4 should come to school in their games kit (suitable for outdoors), bringing their school uniform with them and Class 3 should come to school in their Ardwhallan clothing

King William’s College – If you are interested in a King William’s College scholarship opportunity, please collect an information leaflet from the school office. Scholarship examinations take place on Saturday 19th January 2019.

CLUBS

Drama Club will NOT be on in the last week of term, but will be continuing in the New Year.

Friday Morning Fun Sports Club – This club will be running on the last day of term.

Drama Club	Mrs Bale	Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm	Years 5&6
Early Morning Sports	MSR	Friday	8.10-8.40am	Years 1&2

School “mini” lunchtime clubs led by children.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Led by</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Lego	Jake & Thomas	Monday	12.40-1.00 pm
Board Game	Adam & Oliver	Tuesday	12.40-1.00 pm
Colouring-in	Bella & Darcy	Wednesday	12.40-1.00 pm
Comic Making	Freddie & Hayden	Thursday	12.40-1.00 pm
Kahoot eQuiz	Edward and Harry	Friday	12.40-1.00 pm

DATES FOR DIARIES

School Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 18 th December
Children’s Christmas Party and Santa Visit	Thursday 20 th December 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Last Day in School	Friday 21 st December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 24 th December-Friday 4 th January
First Day of Spring Term	Monday 7 th January 2019
Half Term	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February
Last day of Term	Friday 5 th April
Easter Holidays	Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 23 rd April

Regards
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*Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Nollick Ghennal as Blein Vie Noa.*