



Ballaugh Primary School



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Dear Parents,

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 25th February after what we hope will have been an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Start of the School Day – Please try to ensure that children are on the playground for the start of school at 8:55 am. Arriving later to class than their peers can, in some children, lead to feelings of anxiousness which impacts their ability to learn.

SEPSIS – Mannin Sepsis shared information with the families that were able to attend yesterday's evening meeting that complimented the information that was given to the children earlier in the day about what to tell an adult. A link to their website and other useful information is on the school website in the "Forms and Advice" section. Other awareness sessions will be available at other venues in the future.

Ardwhallan Partnership – Next half-term is Class 4's turn to work with the instructors from the Outdoor Education Centre. Children will need clothes that are appropriate for the forecasted weather conditions and they will be told if spare clothing or towels are required.

Manx Youth Orchestra – On Wednesday 27th February the whole school will travel by coach to Douglas to watch and listen to the Manx Youth Orchestra. We expect to be back at school for 3.30 pm, or slightly after. Drama club will not be on that day.

Parent Evenings – Class 3M & 4B Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th March

NSPCC School Visit – On Tuesday 5th March the NSPCC will be delivering class assemblies about the Speak Out, Stay Safe schools' programme. Afterwards they will be running a workshop with Class 4. If you would like any further details about the content of the assemblies or workshop, please contact the school

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March – Dress as a character from a favourite book and donate £1 . There will be prizes for the best costumes, so get thinking, who will you be?. Have a look at the following link if you are in need of ideas <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> There will also be fun activities on the day, more details to follow after half term.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March - This year, in line with government policy on single use plastics, we will not be selling red noses in school however the children will be more than welcome to wear any red nose merchandise on the day. Fundraising activities are currently being planned, more details will follow.

Dinner Money – Next half term's dinner will cost £67.50, unless you have received a note to say your child is in credit. Please make cheques payable to IOM Government. Thank you.

FoBS AGM and Fundraising Meeting – The FoBS AGM will take place in the school hall at 7 pm on Thursday 28th March followed by a meeting at which fund-raising events will be discussed and organised. Through such FoBS organised events the school has been able to provide many activities that would normally be beyond it's reach. Please come along and help us to ensure that such enrichment opportunities can continue.

Dolphin Swimming Galla 2019 – Unfortunately the closure of the NSC has meant that many schools have been unable to have swimming lessons since September and so with regret the organisers feel that it will not be possible to run the Dolphin Trophy galas this year. They look forward to resuming the event once again in 2020.

School Council.

The following children were successful in their wish to become part of the School Council

Reception: Oshyn
 Class 3: Oliver & Thomas
 Class R2: Ralph & Dahlia
 Class 4: Bella, Darcy, Katy & Jude

The purpose of the student counsellors is to use this opportunity to develop leadership by organising and carrying out school activities. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council is the voice of the student body.

CLUBS

Nature Watch- From Tuesday March 5th, Michelle Storton from Manx Birdlife will be running a Nature Watch club **before school** on a Tuesday from 8.20am. The club is for children **and** their parents. For 20 minutes before school, we shall look at signs of spring, birds, nesting and nature so a pair of binoculars is a necessity. Wellies and a waterproof coat are recommended. Meet outside reception classroom if you are interested in joining us.

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| Guild Club | Mrs Creighton | Monday | 3.30-4.15pm | Years 3to6 |
| Nature Watch | Ms Storton | Tuesday | 8.20-8.40am | All |
| Drama Club | Mrs Bale | Wednesday | 3.30-4.30pm | Years 5&6 |
| Sewing Club | Miss McHugh | Thursday | 3.30-4.30pm | Years 3&4 |
| 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> |
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| 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

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| Half Term | Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February |
| Class 3M Trip | Tuesday 26 th February |
| Whole School, Manx Youth Orchestra | Wednesday 27 th February - pm |
| MSPCC Visit | Tuesday 5 th March |
| Class 3M & 4B Parent evenings | Tuesday 5 th & Thursday 7 th March |
| World Book Day | Thursday 7 th March |
| Red Nose Day | Friday 15 th March |
| FoBS AGM | Thursday 28 th March – School Hall 7pm |
| 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 |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Monday 6 th May |
| Year 6 QEII Transition Day | Wednesday 22 nd May |
| TT Holiday | Monday 26 th May-Friday 7 th June |
| QEII Intake Days | Monday 17 th & Tuesday 18 th June |
| Class 4 Liverpool Trip | Thursday 20 th - Friday 21 st June |
| RGS Intake Days | Wednesday 3 rd & Thursday 4 th July |
| Tynwald Day | Friday 5 th July |
| Last Day of School Year | Friday 19 th July |

Regards
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