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End of Term

Next Thursday is the last day of term and we have a number of activities planned for the day. These include:-

- A whole school Easter orienteering event. The children will work in mixed age groups using a map, to find clues on the field that will spell out an Easter greeting. All pupils will receive an edible prize, kindly provided by FAnS.
- A visit from some musicians who are on the Island as part of the Shenaghys Jiu festival. This festival is a
 celebration of traditional Manx and Celtic music and dance and takes place in and around Ramsey over
 the Easter weekend. We will be visited by some of the performers, who will give our children the
 opportunity to perform some Manx dances to live music. For more information about the festival please
 visit https://shennaghysjiu.com/
- An optional decorated egg or Easter Bonnet competition. If children would like to, they can at home, make an Easter Bonnet and/or decorate an egg. These can be brought into school next Thursday when school governor Jackie Faragher will judge entries.

As it is the last day of the half term it will be a **non uniform day** with donations being put towards our school charity of the year, the Queens Pier Trust.

Tuck shop will also take place on Thursday afternoon.



Our Breakfast Club continues to be very popular with over 20 children attending on most days. We know that this service is invaluable to many of our parents in order for them to be able to get to work in time each day, but it is becoming a victim of its own success. We are therefore asking that children only attend

own success. We are therefore asking that children only attend Breakfast Club on the days when there isn't an adult at home to look after them until school starts. This will help us to keep

numbers at a safe and manageable level.

As you know our Breakfast Club is run entirely by volunteers. If you are willing to join the team or would like to find out a little more, please speak to Mrs Hawkins or any of the current volunteers. We provide Basic Food Handling and Safeguarding courses. Thank you.



Running Club

After Easter, Running Club will commence for KS2 pupils (Year 3 - Year 6) only and will be held on a Thursday lunchtime. This is in preparation for the Small Schools Cross Country Competition which will be held the first week back after TT. As usual, the team will be selected from the club members, giving precedence to the older pupils.



Playground

Our 'wooden web' structure was recently highlighted in our annual health and safety inspection and the the cost of repair now and in the future is prohibitive. The structure has been 'closed' whilst information has been gathered and regretfully the decision to the remove this structure has been made and it will be disappearing soon. Thank you for your continued support encouraging the children to stay away.

Fencing - the temporary fencing on the lower playground is to prevent 'lucky' accidents due to the nesting birds. Thank you.

Fundraising

Our school charity of the year is the Queen Pier Trust! Important fundraising information was shared earlier this week using posters each house captain created themselves. We kick off with the coin snakes on April 24th so start collecting your coppers now! Coins can be brought in on the day.

Future Dates

| Wednesday 27th March | Secondhand uniform sale |
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| Thursday 28th March | Break for Easter holidays. Non-uniform £1 |
| Monday 15th April | Back to school |
| Wednesday 24th April | FUNDRAISING DAY! Coin Snakes. |
| Monday 6th May | Bank holiday |
| Thursday 9th May | Police TT Safety Assembly |
| Wednesday 22nd May | Sports Afternoon (Reserve Thursday 23rd May) |
| Monday 27th May | Bank holiday |
| Tuesday 28th May | Reports out |
| Thursday 30th May | FUNDRAISING DAY! Bring and Buy Cakes Sales 10am (school only), 3.30pm (families). Last day of half term. Non uniform £1 |
| Friday 31st May | INSET day for staff |
| Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June | TT week |
| Monday 10th June | Back to school & Class photographs! |
| Tuesday 2nd July | Manx concert - details to follow. |
| Friday 5th July | Tynwald day |
| Tuesday 9th July | FUNDRAISING DAY! Sponsored walk/run |
| Wednesday 17th July | Whole school day out |
| Friday 19th July | Last day of the school year. Non uniform £1 |