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Miss McHugh

Miss McHugh joined us at the start of this week as our new Head of School. Please say hello to her when you see her. As Head of School Miss McHugh will be picking up much of the routine day to day Leadership and Management of the school. As ever, if you have any worries or concerns about your child please talk to your child's class teacher first and if they are unable to help, then Miss McHugh will happily do her best to solve the problem.

Mrs Melling

Mrs Melling currently works each morning at Jurby School and each afternoon at Andreas School. For the next few weeks Mrs Melling is going to be working full time at Jurby and Mrs Pedley is going to be picking up the afternoons at Andreas School. This means that Mrs Pedley will be working full time in Reception, supporting Mrs Hawkins on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Stewart on a Thursday and Friday.

Winter Weather

In the event of extreme weather over the next few months please remember that school is open unless you hear otherwise from an official source i.e. Manx Radio, Energy FM, 3FM or directly from us. All decisions about school closures are taken by The Minister in consultation with the Met Office, the Police and Bus Vannin. In the event of bad weather overnight a decision on whether or not schools will open is normally made by The Minister by 7.30am and we will communicate this with you via our Facebook page and text.

If conditions deteriorate during the day, we will communicate directly with you via text message, as well as our Facebook page. Please try and avoid ringing the school as this can tie up our phone line and prevent us from consulting with officers of the Department.

Rainy Mornings - On rainy mornings we open our classroom doors at 9.00am when the staff team will take responsibility for the children. There is no need for parents to wait with their children until 9.10am, you can simply drop and go.

Sports News

Before half term our Y3/4 Hockey Team took part in the Northern Schools Hockey Tournament at RGS. They worked hard as a team and should all be proud of their efforts.

Our after school sports club this half term is focusing on badminton, ahead of the Y4, Y5 and Y6 badminton tournament on Tuesday 25th, November. Letters will be sent out to our team members nearer the time. Our last after school sports club will be on Wednesday, 19th November and it will re-start in January when we will be focusing on Tag Rugby.

School swimming takes place each Friday for children in Miss Brindley and Mrs Cottier's classes and over the last few weeks we have had many children gaining swimming certificates, which we presented to them just before half term.





Harvest Gifts

Thank you to everyone who sent in items for our Harvest gifts. Most of these were distributed by children in Y3 and Y4 on the last afternoon of half term and we have received some lovely thank you notes from members of our community.

School Charity

Our House Captains and Vice Captains are currently working with their houses to select our school charity for the year. Once the decision has been made we will let you know. Our fundraising efforts for our school charity will be focused around our non uniform days at the end of each half term.

We are also holding 3 fundraising days this year, the first of which will be on Thursday 27th November. The House Captains and Vice Captains are busy planning this day and information about it will be sent home soon. The money raised on this day will go to our school fund which we use to pay for extras that aren't funded by Treasury.

Allergies - Please continue to let us know if your child's snack or lunch contains nuts or dairy so that we can keep all of our pupils safe. Thank you for your help with this.

Advance Notice

Christmas Performance

This year our Christmas Performance will be taking place on Monday 15th December at 2.00pm and Tuesday 16th December at 6.00pm. Tickets are not required for either performance – however our Fire Certificate limits us to 120 people which works out at roughly 2 seats per family, per performance, and I would ask if you could please stick to this number. Whilst I do not want anybody to miss out, I also do not want to find myself in court! We normally find that the afternoon performance isn't as full as the evening's, so if you are able to make the afternoon, one please do.

Letters will be sent home shortly with information about costumes. Once you receive this letter, if you have any difficulties in providing the costume, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can help solve the problem in good time.

Christmas Jumpers

From Monday, 1st December the children can, if they wish, wear a Christmas Jumper rather than their school jumper. Christmas themed hair bobbles and slides etc are also fine provided that they aren't unduly noisy and jangly. As ever, please make sure that all jumpers are named.

In preparation for Christmas Jumper month, FAnS will be selling pre loved Christmas Jumpers in school each morning from Monday, 24th November. If you have any jumpers that your children have grown out of and would like to donate, they can be given to Mrs Robinson from Monday 17th November.

Future Dates

Thursday 27th November – Fundraising Day
Monday 1st December - Start of Christmas Jumpers
Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch
Monday 15th December – Christmas Concert at 2.00pm
Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Concert at 6.00pm
Thursday 18th December – Christmas Party
Friday 19th December - Non uniform Day and Last Day of Term

Monday 5th January – First day of school
Friday 13th February – Non uniform Day and Last Day of the Half Term
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day - come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book.
Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March - Parents Evenings
Friday 27th March - Charity Day
Thursday 2nd April - Non uniform Day and Last Day of Term