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As next week is the last full week of this academic year this will be our last newsletter of the academic year. Time once again has flown by and it seems like only a few minutes since I was writing the first newsletter of the year back in September. All the children at our school have achievements that they should be proud of, so why not ask them what they are most proud of achieving this year. It may be something that you hadn't realised that they had worked so hard on.

Leavers and Returners

At the end of this term our amazing Year 6 children will be moving on to RGS and we wish them the very best of luck with this move. We hope that they will come back and visit us as and let us know how they are getting on.

Also leaving us is Mrs MacLaren, who is going to work at Marown Primary School from September. She has worked at our school since January 2022 and will be greatly missed by us all. Again we hope that she will come back and see us when she can.

Finally Miss McHugh will also be leaving us and returning to Ballaugh Primary School. The school has benefitted greatly from her knowledge and experience over the last two and half terms and we will all miss her. She isn't going far though so hopefully we will still see her from time to time.



Whilst we will be sad to see Mrs MacLaren and Miss McHugh leave, we will be welcoming back Mrs Hawkins to her role as Head of School, a role that she will be fulfilling on a full time basis, and Mrs Phillips who will be rejoining us for two and half days a week. Mrs Phillips will be working across the school supporting children's learning in a number of classes.

Summer Learning

The summer holidays are a magical time for children and one that as adults we look back at with happy memories. Please make sure that your child has time to make these happy memories. Having said that, we always find in September that children have forgotten some of their learning over the holidays. If all children can spend a few minutes at least three times a week reading to you, it will be a great benefit to them. Basic maths skills can be re-inforced playing games, or helping with jobs around the house. Simple questions such as 'how many socks have we hung on the washing line?', followed by 'how many more socks would we need to have 10?', helps to keep these basic skills fresh in their mind and are much less stressful than telling them that they need to sit down and do a page of 'sums'. If you go away on holiday, writing a postcard, or even a WhatsApp message with correct punctuation, full sentences and, for older children, a range of descriptive words and feelings describing the photo they are sending, will make all the difference.



Just in case anyone has not realised, school closes on Thursday 23rd July this year

Peel Beach Day

On the last Wednesday of term, 22nd July, we are all going on our annual whole school trip to Peel Beach. We will be leaving as close to 9.10am as possible and will return to school by 3.45pm. The children will need to ensure they bring with them:

- A sun hat, sun cream and a long sleeved t-shirt or similar if they burn easily.
- A complete change of clothes, including underwear and a towel.
- A swimming costume if they wish to go in or near the sea.
- Their lunch and some snacks, along with a refillable drinks bottle. Please keep in mind that the children will be eating on the beach and sand has a habit of getting everywhere, which can make eating items like yoghurt a crunchy challenge.
- A bucket and spade or similar beach toys if they wish.

Please DO NOT SEND

- Body boards, paddle boards or other similar items that are used in the sea.
- Mobile Phones
- Glass Bottles
- Items of sentimental value or anything that you will be upset if it is lost.
- School Uniform



Please ensure that everything your child brings is named. A wet, sandy and balled up sock is very difficult to return to its owner with no name on it.

We really hope that it will be a warm, but not too hot, sunny day, but please ensure that you're child is dressed appropriately for the weather. If it is dull, overcast and wet we will still go, so in this case your child will need a coat and different clothes than for a hot and sunny day. If it is a very hot and sunny day, please ensure that your child has clothing that they can put on that fully covers their arms if they burn easily. All children will be asked to wear a t-shirt at all times. This is to help ensure that they don't get burnt.

Swimming

The children will be allowed to paddle / swim when we are at the beach for some of the day. When the children are swimming we will have 2 adults stood in the sea, marking how far out the children are allowed to go.

Bikes

Yesterday (Thursday 9th July) at the end of day we had a number of children riding their bikes around the playground whilst it was still busy with people at the end of the day. Children should not be riding around the playground whilst it is busy. Please wait 5 or 10 minutes until the vast majority of people have left. If your child is unable to wait they can ride on the field provided they keep away from the part that people are walking across to get to the football club car park. Thank you for your support with this.



Future Dates

Friday 17th July – Manx Concert
Tuesday 21st July – Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2.00pm
Wednesday 22nd July – Whole School Day Out
Thursday 23rd July - Non uniform Day and Last Day of Term

Autumn Term 2026

Thursday 3rd September - School Re-opens
Friday 23rd October - Last day of Half Term
Monday 2nd November - Back to School
Tuesday 22nd December - Last day of Term
Wednesday 6th January - Back to School

Manx Concert

Our Manx Concert is taking place next Friday (17th July) starting at 2.00pm. All the pupils will be taking part in this event and the whole family is invited to come along to watch. We hope that the weather will be nice enough for it to be outside, which will mean that there will be enough room for everyone to attend. We will put some chairs out for you to sit on, but if you have your own deck chairs, please feel free to bring them along as well. At the end of the concert, children who have a parent present will be free to go home early if you wish.