



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1/2 2017

Welcome back to all our pupils, especially our new Reception children and our new starters this term. I would also like to welcome Mr Jones and Mrs Shimmin who will be working alongside our Reception Team. Mrs George has also joined the PCS team and will be taking some classes during the week and finally, Miss Lace and Miss Parkinson have returned from maternity leave. Our diary is filling up fast with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for our children and half termly newsletters are sent home on the 2nd Wednesday of each term. Other letters of correspondence will be sent home from time to time so please check your child's book bag daily. Class information letters with key information and an overview of what your child is learning about this half term should already have been sent out. Below are some general reminders. Please remember if you ever need to speak to your child's class teacher do not hesitate to get in touch. If for whatever reason a newsletter doesn't arrive home on the second Wednesday of each half term, there will always be spares beside the fish tank in the entrance. Kind regards, Mrs Jackson.

School doors: When visiting the school, please report directly to the school office and sign in the visitor's book. The school doors are locked from 8.30-8.55am and open between 8.55am - 9.30am to allow parents to make payments etc, to the office. The doors reopen at the end of the school day.

Car Park / Parking: Please drive very slowly and do not exceed the car park speed limit. The drop off and pick up times of the day are very busy and there have been some very near misses involving our pupils in recent times. Also, I have been asked by Peel Constabulary to remind parents NOT to remove the police bollards which are placed in Mountain View, they are there to allow the residents access to their properties.

Thank You: We are very fortunate at PCWs that lots of people give up their free time to volunteer in school. We have many parents who help in classes and run clubs etc. We would like to say a big Thank You for all your time and help over the past academic year, it really is appreciated. If you are interested in helping in class/school in please let your child's new class teacher know. We will ask that all volunteers are police checked.

Collecting Children: We do request that KS1 children are collected from school by an adult. If your child is being collected from school by somebody new or unfamiliar please let your child's class teacher know. It is important that we know who the children are going home with.

Wet mornings: If it is raining in the morning prior to the start of term we ask that the KS1 children are brought to their classes and KS2 children go to the Sports Hall.

Medicines: If you require school to administer any medicine to your child, please complete the appropriate permissions form at the school office and ensure your child's class teacher is aware of this. Also, if your child requires an inhaler or Epi-pen, please ensure that school have one and that it is in date.

School Uniform: Can we please ask that correct uniform is worn, especially footwear. It is policy that school shoes are worn and not trainers or black trainers. We appreciate that there may be occasions when shoes are too small or break and parents need to wait until the weekend to purchase new ones. Please ensure ALL clothing / belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. The lost property is beside the disabled toilet next to Mrs Jackson's office. Please ensure the children have coats for the changeable weather. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Swimming: Swimming will be over two terms from now on. Correct attire is required for swimming lessons, it is imperative that boys wear swimming trunks and not baggy shorts. Unfortunately children will be unable to take part in the lesson if they don't have the appropriate swimwear. On that

note, if anyone has any old, outgrown swimwear that they could donate to school, it would be appreciated.

Homework: Your child should have already received a reading book. We encourage parents to read daily with and to their child for 10 mins every night and practice their times tables (age appropriate). Homework books will be issued shortly with clear guidance (for our new families) on school's expectations and dates homework will be due in by. We have also planned the dates for individual class Stay and Learn sessions for the academic year and this year, following parental feedback they will be linked more tightly to how children learn. We hope that you enjoy spending time supporting your child with their learning both in these class based sessions and at home.

Maths homework is done online and the My Maths activities can now be accessed on ipads through the Puffin Academy website (login details will be issued in the homework books).

Milk / Dinners: For those children who have paid for milk it will be commencing on Monday 18 September. Dinner prices have increased this year and now cost £2.15 per day. The total cost for this half term for dinner is £81.70. All cheques must be made payable to the Isle of Man Government. ALL ARREARS from last term MUST be paid by Friday 15 September. If they are not paid by this date then unfortunately, those children with outstanding arrears will be removed from the dinners list and will need to bring in a packed lunch from Monday 18 September.

Healthy / nut free snacks: Please can we remind parents that we require children to bring in only one (healthy) snack per day. We do have some children with nut allergies and we ask parents to consider the needs of these children by not sending snacks with nuts into school. Thank you in advance for this.

Biscuits: Biscuits are available on a Friday. Pupils can buy two biscuits at a cost 30p. Any money must come into school in a purse or labelled envelope with the child's name and class on and we ask the children to hand this to their class teacher.

Adventure Playground: No children are permitted on the Adventure Playground before school. Teachers go on duty at 8.45am, therefore there is no supervision before that time.

Holidays: At PCWs we pride ourselves on good attendance. Should you request leave of absence for your child, please put your request in writing to Mrs Jackson stating the special circumstances for the request.

Calling all pianists! Our choir requires an excellent pianist to play for us at rehearsals and during our Guild performance. If you consider yourself to be 'Guild' standard, please contact Mrs Fairbairn or Mrs Whitmore.



Autumn Term 1



DATE:	EVENT:
Every Tuesday in our KS1 Hall	Action songs and rhymes - 2.15-3.25pm
Wednesday 13 September	Kingswood mtg for Y6 parents - 6-6.30pm
WB - Monday 18 September	Y1 Stay and Learn sessions - Guided Reading - details have already been sent out separately.
Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September	Pupil individual photographs to be taken both days by Steve Woodley.
Friday 22 September	Little Starters Photograph - IOM Newspapers (Reception Children).
WB Monday 25 September	Y6 visit to Kingswood - all week.
Tuesday 3 October	Y3 Trip to the Wildlife Park - details TBC
Thursday 12 October	Reception Stay and Learn Session - phonics. Details TBC. Y6 Skeletons workshop.
WB Monday 16 October	Y5 Cycle Training this week.
Monday 23 October	Y2/3 Tag Rugby Festival at NSC - details TBC.
Wednesday 25 October	School Hop Tu Naa Celebrations and Discos - details TBC in a separate letter.
Friday 27 October	Football festival for girls at the Bowl - details TBC. BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM.
Monday 6 November	Return to school today.
Friday 10 November	Y6 planting remembrance crosses at the Cathedral.
WB Monday 13 November	Parents' Evening Week - letters with appointment times and days will be sent home nearer the time.
Tuesday 14 November	Y5 Stay and Learn - details TBC.
Friday 17 November	Children in Need day - dress down and bring in donation.