



Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas and New Year. We already have a very busy diary for the half term, so please check the back of the newsletter to ensure you are aware of important dates. Class information letters will be sent home as usual with specific information for your child's class. Parents' evening week is not until March but if you have any queries before then, please contact your child's class teacher. Below are some general reminders and updates.

Kind regards, Mrs Jackson.

Christmas productions: Many thanks and well done to all of our children and teaching staff for putting on such wonderful Nativities and Christmas productions. All in all we had three traditional Nativities (two at school and one at the Cathedral), one concert and a Carol Service at the Cathedral. The children did incredibly well and did the school proud.

On the last day of term we held a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Children in Need. The total raised was £248.32 this has kindly been doubled by Barclays Wealth raising a total of £496.64. Thank you everyone for your support.

Christmas Fayre: The school's Christmas Fayre was a great success. Thank you to those nine parents who kindly volunteered to help set up. We raised approximately £3102.59 and really appreciate everyone's efforts.

Holiday Requests: All holiday requests should be made in writing to Mrs Jackson. Please bear in mind that we consider each pupil's attendance record whilst making decisions on special requests.

School Uniform / PE kits: Can we ask again that all uniform items are named, including shoes! We have a huge amount of lost property accumulated already in the first week. If you are missing any jumpers etc please check lost property. This is stored by Mrs Jackson's office. Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform on at all times, including shoes and not trainers. We are of course understanding at the end of academic terms, and appreciate that parents occasionally wait until the next academic term to purchase new ones. It is imperative that children have their jumpers and coats in this cold weather. PE kits should also be in school at all times and only taken home during school holidays for washing. PE is compulsory and children need the suitable kit in order to participate safely.

Swimming: This half term all of KS2 are swimming. 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. Please ensure earrings are taken out on swimming days.

Dinners: Dinners this half term are £53.75 Please ensure that dinner payments are made promptly and that they are up to date. We have lots of outstanding dinner payments and administrators are spending a lot of time requesting these be paid. Cheques must be made payable to the Isle of Man Government.

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.

Drinks and Snacks: We encourage children to bring in a healthy snack, such as fruit. Lately some children have been bringing in chocolate and crisps for snacks. Of course we would never prevent your child from eating their snack but healthy snacks and non fizzy drinks are preferred.

Child pick up arrangements: If you need to change your child's pick up arrangements, instructions must come from the child's parent / guardian and not from a third party i.e. child minder. If parents are going to be late picking their child up from school for any reason, please notify the school office ASAP.

Visitors: We have lots of visitors to our school and we are always very proud to show them around. On Thursday we are looking forward to welcoming the Lieutenant Governor to PCS who will take a brief tour and watch a performance from our choirs.

3FM Carol Cup Competition: Congratulations to our school choir who were this year's winner of the 3FM Carol Cup Competition. Also, well done to our Y4 children who were runners up.



Parking: Please do not park on the double yellow lines in and around our school car park. The Western Police do drop by regularly and will be telephoned if cars are parked illegally.

Toilets: If parents need to take a toddler or a preschool sibling to the toilet, please use the public or adult toilets in the school and not the pupil toilets.

Topics this half term:

Reception: Inside Out

Year 1: The Incredibles

Year 2: Extreme Earth

Year 3: Wonderful World of Roald Dahl

Years 4: Rainforest Magic

Year 5: Going Green

Year 6: To Infinity and Beyond

DATE:	EVENT:
Thursday 18 January	Western Maths Olympiad. Lieutenant Governor visit.
Friday 19 January	Homework due in today.
Tuesday 23 January	Y4 Stay and Learn in dining hall details TBC. QE2 Open Evening for Y6 children and parents at QE2 High School 6pm-8pm.
Thursday 25 January	School Council Mtg.
Friday 26 January	<u>School Council dress down day - Proceeds to go towards playground equipment.</u> Open the Book assembly.
Friday 2 February	Y4 Rainforest Workshop at the Wildlife Park details TBC.
Monday 5 February	MSR Hockey Festival.
Thursday 8 February	Valentine's Cake Sale - donations of cakes sent in on this gratefully received. All funds raised to go towards school funds.
Friday 9 February	Y4 Rainforest Workshop at the Wildlife Park details TBC. <u>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM.</u>
Monday 19 February	<u>RETURN TO SCHOOL.</u>
Wednesday 21 February	Y4 Rainforest Workshop at the Wildlife Park details TBC.