



Welcome back, after the half term holiday. Miss Jacobs has begun her maternity leave and we wish her well on her impending arrival. Mrs George will be taking over her teaching commitments in Year 6. 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 the week beginning March 12th, but if you have any queries before then, please contact your child's class teacher. If you are unable to make an appointment in that week please ensure that you make an alternative date/time with your child's class teacher. Below are some general reminders and updates.

Cake Sale: Many thanks to all the families who baked some delicious cakes for our Valentine cake sale and to all the children who bought them. We raised an amazing amount for school funds.



Sporting Events: Congratulations to our netball team who played two friendly matches against Kirk Michael School last half term. PCS won 11-4 in the first game and 14-5 in the second. They played really well and their team spirit and behaviour was impeccable. Madelynne and Thomas were named players of the match. Thank you to teachers and Mrs Kneen for coaching the teams.



Well done also to our Hockey team who did very well at the Western Hockey Tournament. They won 3 out of 4 matches. The children were all wonderful and kept going despite the bitter weather.

Manx Quality Award: We are absolutely delighted to announce that PCS has been awarded the Manx Quality Award for Excellence in Early Years Education in our Reception classes. This is an outstanding achievement by staff who have been working towards this for the past two years and we are the first primary school on the Island to achieve this status. Congratulations to everyone on our wonderful staff team.

Visitors: We have had lots of visitors to our school recently and we are always very proud to show them around. We are very lucky to have such a fabulous school environment which is child friendly and welcoming.



World Book Day: This is on Thursday 1st March. The children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas or dressed up as their favourite book character. We will be having an assembly to celebrate our favourite books and parade the wonderful costumes.

Scholastic Book Fair: There will be a Scholastic book fair in the Key Stage 1 hall during the week 5th - 9th March. The children will be taken in classes to look at the books and they will be available to purchase each night after school. Last year we received £900 to purchase new books for the school.

Easter Bonnet Parade - Key Stage 1: On Wednesday 28th March, will be having our traditional Easter Bonnet parade.

All children in Key Stage 1 are welcome to make a bonnet at home and bring it into school to enter the competition. The children will be parading their bonnets to the juniors and performing some songs. There will be winners in each class

Egg Decorating Competition - Key Stage 2: Also, on Wednesday 28th March Key Stage 2 children can bring in a decorated boiled egg to enter into a competition. The children will be having an assembly and the winners will be announced.

Special Assemblies: Special Assemblies will begin this half term. Each class will be having an assembly and parents, grandparents etc will be invited. These will be held on Thursdays or Fridays at 2.30pm. A separate letter will be sent home.

Stay and Learns: Stay and Learns were well attended by parents last half term. We thank you for supporting these and hope they give you an insight into how the children learn in school.

General Reminders:

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. You will be notified whether the holiday request has been authorised or not.

School Uniform: With the weather hopefully getting warmer can we ask again that all uniform items are named, including shoes! We have a huge amount of lost property accumulated. If you are missing any jumpers etc please check. This is stored by Mrs Jackson's office.

Swimming: This half term swimming continues for Key Stage 2. 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 £62.35. 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 continue to be available on a Friday. Pupils can buy two biscuits at a cost 30p.

Topics this half term: Reception: Inside Out Year 1: Never Ending Story Year 2: We're off to see the Wizard Year 3: The BFG Year 4: Aztecs and Rainforest Year 5: Land of the Dragons Year 6: To Infinity and Beyond Mrs Teare's: Who lives in a house like this?

DATE:	EVENT:
Thursday 22nd February	Year 3 Stay and Learn
Friday 23rd February	Homework issue day 5BG Special Assembly at 2.30pm Dining Room
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day - children to come to school in PJs or as favourite character Year 2 Stay and Learn
Monday 5th - Friday 9th March	Scholastic Book Fair 3.45-4.15pm in Key Stage 1 Hall
Tuesday 6th March	House football/netball matches
Friday 9th March	4D Special Assembly at 2.30pm in Dining Room Homework due in
Week Beginning Monday 12th March	Parents Evening Week
Monday 12th March	Reception Stay and Learn
Tuesday 13th March	Year 1 Trip to Energy Waste Plant
Thursday 15th March	1MW Special Assembly at 2.30pm in Dining Room
Friday 16th March	Homework issue day
Thursday 22nd March	4A Special Assembly at 2.30pm in Dining Room
Week Beg: Monday 26th March	Year 1 Stay and Learn
Tuesday 27th March	Manx Folk Awards
Wednesday 28th March	Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade Key Stage 1 Egg Decorating Competition
Thursday 29th March	3F Special Assembly at 2.30pm in Dining Room *****BREAK UP FOR EASTER*****
Monday 16th April	Return to school