



Peel Clothworkers' School

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Welcome

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very warm welcome to the start of a new school year. I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and that the children are feeling excited and ready for the term ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school and to see the enthusiasm and positive attitudes they have brought with them. The school has been full of energy as children have settled into their new classes, reconnected with friends and embarked on new learning experiences. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our new starters and their families, who have made such a positive start to their school journey.

This term, we will be planning our class topics around the concept of Courage. Please look out for your child's Parent Topic Letter, which will be emailed at the start of each half term. These contain key dates, reminders and details of the learning that will be taking place in class.

This year promises to be another exciting one, filled with opportunities for our children to learn, grow and achieve. Our dedicated staff team is committed to providing a rich, engaging and supportive learning environment where every child can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Staff are continuing their professional development with a continued focus on philosophical enquiry and dialogue-based learning, helping children become confident thinkers, communicators and learners alongside the use of coaching. Through carefully structured discussions and the continued, embedded use of Thinking Moves, pupils learn how to listen attentively, build on one another's ideas, ask thoughtful questions, explain their reasoning and consider different perspectives. These skills support learning across all areas of the curriculum, encouraging deeper understanding, greater independence and enhanced problem-solving. By creating classrooms where talk is valued as a powerful tool for learning, we are helping children develop confidence, curiosity and the critical-thinking skills they need both in school and beyond.

We greatly value the partnership between home and school and thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the very best opportunities to succeed and develop confidence, resilience and a lifelong love of learning.

We look forward to sharing the many achievements, experiences and celebrations that lie ahead and to working together to make this another successful and enjoyable year for all our children.

With best wishes,

Anna Jackson

Head Teacher

Pupil Absence

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, please telephone the School Office at the start of the school day before 9.15am. School Holiday request forms may be found on our school website should you need to request any holidays. Please be aware that a child's attendance will be reviewed when considering such requests.

Office

Just a reminder that we ask parents not to walk through the school building unaccompanied and to report to the School Office when visiting. The office is open between 8.55am and 9.15am and after school from 3.30-4pm, should you need to drop anything off or speak to the office staff. A big welcome to Mrs Leadley, Mrs Wade and Miss Tweedy who are our new office staff.

New Signing In/Out Procedure:

For the safety of all pupils and to comply with fire evacuation regulations, if you collect your child from school during the school day for any reason, you must sign them out using the In/Out Record located on the School Office counter. If your child returns to school later that day, please ensure they are signed back in using the same record. Additionally, if you bring your child in after 9am, please ensure they are signed in - the gates close at 09:05am. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our attendance records accurate and our pupils safe.



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Autumn Term 1

ParentPay

Many families already use ParentPay to pay for school meals, and we are pleased to be extending its use to include school trips, activities and other items. Cash payments will still be accepted during the transition period, but we encourage parents and carers to use ParentPay wherever possible. It provides a simple, secure and convenient way to make payments online, and we hope it will make managing school payments easier for families, particularly as fewer people now carry cash on a regular basis.

Parents and guardians will be informed when new trips, activities or other relevant payment items become available. School book bags and PE bags can now be purchased via ParentPay.

PE kits / Uniform

Please ensure that your child's belongings are named. Lost property is located in the corridor beside the main office. All pupils are asked to bring to school their PE kit at the start of each half term and will be asked to take it home at the end of each half term for a wash. Sometimes our P.E. lessons will take place outside, so please ensure suitable footwear.

Swimming

Lessons have recommenced for years Y3-Y6. Further information has been sent out to all relevant classes.

Staff

We'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our new staff members this year and inform you of our current Senior Leadership Team structure.

Executive Headteacher - Mrs A Jackson

Deputy Head Teacher - Mrs T Quayle

Assistant Headteacher - Mrs A Wheeler

Mrs Wheeler has been seconded to DESC for one day a week as the new DESC Maths Lead. Mr Crookall has been appointed to cover this day per week in the capacity as Assistant Headteacher.

Arbor

Arbor will be used when booking upcoming Parents' Evening appointments. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure all personal information and contacts are kept up to date via Arbor.

Car Parking

For the safety of our staff, pupils and visitor, we ask you to be extra vigilant when driving on school premises. Please do not park in the staff car park or around the roundabout in front of the main entrance. The staff carpark is closed to parents.

Phone calls home

Over the last academic year, we had a lot of children asking the office to ring home as they had forgotten to bring things into school. Moving forward we will no longer be allowing children to call home for non-essential items that they have forgotten.

Lunch prices

The daily cost is £2.55, and the total for this half term is £94.35. Please ensure your child's Parent Pay account remains in credit.

Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are welcome into school to listen to children read, etc. If you are interested in helping, please contact your child's class teacher. Please note that a DBS check will be required.

Meet the Staff

Each newsletter this year, we will include a short feature on our staff to get to know them a little more!

Let's begin with.... Miss Sawers!

Miss Sawers has recently joined us as one of our Year 2 class teachers. Here are some of her favourites!

Food – Chocolate & pasta.
Hobbies – Hiking, running & yoga
Interests – Gardening & science





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Dates for the diary

Thursday 3rd September	First day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 16th September	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 21st September	Fair Trade Fortnight
Tuesday 22nd September	Year 6 Bluey Online Safety Roadshow by Manx Telecom
Wednesday 23rd September	Year 6 Venture centre - Trip 1
Wednesday 30th September	Year 6 Venture centre - Trip 2
Monday 5th October	Year R Stay & Learn
Wednesday 7th October	Year 4 Stay & Learn
Wednesday 14th October	School Photos
Thursday 15th October	School Photos
Friday 16th October	School Photos
Monday 19th October	Year 2 Stay & Learn
Tuesday 20th October	Year 5 Stay & Learn
Tuesday 20th October	Hop Tu Naa Disco
Thursday 22nd October	Year 1 Stay & Learn
Friday 23rd October	KS2 Open the Book Assembly
Friday 23rd October	KS1 Open the Book Assembly
Friday 23rd October	Break up for October half-term
Thursday 5th November	Year 3 Stay & Learn
Tuesday 10th November	Year 6 Stay & Learn



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Wednesday 11th November	Year 6 Remembrance Service at Cathedral
Friday 13th November	KS2 Open the Book Assembly
Monday 16th November	KS2 Pantomime
Monday 30th November	Smile of Mann Team – Fluoride Treatment
Tuesday 1st December	Smile of Mann Team – Fluoride Treatment
Thursday 3rd December	Year 1 Christmas Concert - TBC
Friday 4th December	Dress Down - Bring a Bottle
Wednesday 9th December	Year R Christmas Concert - TBC
Friday 11th December	Year 5 Christmas Concert - TBC
Monday 14th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert - TBC
Tuesday 15th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert - TBC
Wednesday 16th December	Year 6 Christmas Concert - TBC
Thursday 17th December	Breakfast with Father Christmas KS1
Thursday 17th December	Year 4 Christmas Concert - TBC
Friday 18th December	Breakfast with Father Christmas KS2
Tuesday 22nd December	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 6th January	School Opens – Spring Term

