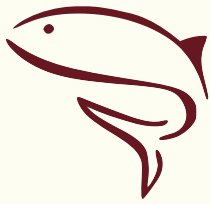


# Laxey Primary School

'Bravery, Challenge, Smiling, Honesty, Effort, Failing Well, Positivity, Reflection'



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NEWSLETTER  
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## Dates for your diary...

- 25.9.20 Parents Info Sheets issued
- 25.9.20 Consent Forms issued  
Medical Forms issued  
Data Collection Forms issued
- 26.9.20 Fell running championships
- 28.9.20 Cycle training starts for Y6
- 2.10.20 School photographs
- 9.10.20 Flu Vaccination for children
- 21.10.20 Formal parents evening
- 22.10.20 Formal parents evening
- 23.10.20 Hop Tu Naa Day  
Details to follow
- 24.10.20 School Mhelliiah  
Details to follow

**Not an exhaustive list!**

## Welcome back to pupils and parents

I hope that everyone – staff, pupils and parents – have had a fabulous summer break and are feeling refreshed and energised for the school year ahead. It certainly promises to be an exciting and positive one, building on the successes of last year (despite the disruptions!) It has been lovely to welcome new pupils and new families into the Laxey School community. Our Reception children have settled in extremely well, and our new pupils in other year groups have made a very positive start. A warm welcome is extended to all of you who are new. As ever, if you have any matters which you wish to raise with the school or discuss, please feel free to make an appointment to see me or Mr Astin and we will be very happy to meet with you. I wish everyone associated with the school all the very best for the forthcoming school year!

Mr Kelly, Executive Headteacher

## School Roof

Thank you to everyone for your continued patience with the various disruptions caused whilst our new roof is completed. I am pleased to be able to tell you that the work is due for completion later next week (weather dependent) and it shouldn't be too much longer before everything looks and feels a bit more normal outside!

## Social Media

Laxey School can be found on social media – we have a Facebook Page and Twitter feed. Please remember to “like” us on Facebook and “follow” us on Twitter to ensure that you are kept up to date with photographs, information, reminders and useful dates.

## School Photographs

Andrew Barton will be visiting school on the morning of Friday 2nd October, to take our school photographs. Andrew will be in the school hall from 8.30am for any parents who wish to have their children photographed with younger siblings not presently attending Laxey School. If you make your own way into the hall, through the Community Entrance, Andrew will organize you and make sure that the photographs are taken in the groupings that you would like. During the morning, Andrew will then work his way through each class taking individual, sibling and class photos. Proofs and purchasing details will follow.

## School Car Park

A timely reminder for everyone and an important message for parents and families new to our school concerns car parking. I will have to ask that parents /carers / relatives do not make use of the staff car park. There are very real safety reasons for this: reducing traffic congestion in this area is part of how the school manages the risk of on site traffic.

## Parental consent and medical information form

Please look out for the annual Parental Consent and Medical Information Form which will be sent home this time next week. We'd really appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this form and return it to the school office. There is also a data collection sheet which shows all of the information we currently hold in relation to addresses and emergency contact details. I urge you to check this, and mark any amendments clearly so that we have the most up-to-date information you can provide. We would like all sheets returned and signed (though there is no “official” place to sign, there is plenty of blank space at the end of the page to put a signature and date) – even those where no amendments have been necessary. Please return these to the office as soon as you can.





## **Formal Parents Evening and Interim Written Reports**

As promised in a communication towards the end of last term, I have asked the teachers to prepare an interim written report which will be shared at a formal parents evening in the first term. These arrangements have been made in recognition of the disruption caused due to the COVID19 pandemic last academic year.

The dates for these formal parents evenings are as follows:

- Wednesday 21st October (4pm – 7pm).
- Thursday 22nd October (4pm – 5.30pm).

### Wednesday 21st October (4pm – 7pm)

As I'm sure you can appreciate, after all afternoon in the classroom, the teachers will require a short break and an opportunity to prepare for the Parents' Evening; as such, once the children have been dismissed at the end of the school day, the doors for the school will be closed, re-opening for the Parents' Evening at 4pm. Doors will be locked again from 6.50pm onwards.

### Thursday 22nd October (4pm - 5.30pm)

There will be a shorter parents evening on Thursday 22nd October to meet with any parents who were unable to attend on the Wednesday. Again, once the children have been dismissed at the end of the school day, the doors for the school will be closed, re-opening for the Parents' Evening at 4pm. Doors will be locked again from 5.20pm onwards.

From this coming Monday (21st September) up until Friday 16th October, there will be appointment sheets on display in the Main Entrance Area. Parents will be able to sign up to an appointment with the teachers they would like to see. Please can school request that the appointment sheet is filled in by parents and not their children. Any parents who have not made an appointment by Friday 16th October will be contacted by telephone and offered free slots. Obviously if you do not sign up for an appointment for a time of your choosing, the slots offered to you by telephone may not be as convenient to you. Our expectation is that every child will be represented by a parent at one of the two evenings, and we encourage you to sign up for an appointment as soon as possible.

## **Isle of Man Junior Fell Running Championships 2020**

This is being held at Knockaloe Beg Farm, Kirk Patrick, on Saturday 26th September from 12noon. Races are for primary school children in Y2 through to and including Y6. If you would like to enter please complete the form and return it to school as soon as you can and we will collate these and send in the entries. However, please note that this is not a school event and our involvement with it does not extend beyond compiling the entries. Laxey will not be staffing the races as it is a Manx Fell Runners Event, with parents responsible for the supervision of their children on the day.

## **Reception Photographs**

Isle of Man Newspapers produces a supplement every year with pictures of the new Reception classes across all the schools in the Isle of Man. The photographer is visiting Laxey School on the morning of Tuesday 29th September, and the supplement will be published and available to buy in shops within the next couple of weeks.

## **School clubs**

A range of lunchtime and after-school clubs have been planned for the children to opt-in to if they wish. Please see the accompanying letter with all the details and information about how to sign up! Have fun!

## **Lunch/milk/snack**

Information regarding school dinners has been posted to the Facebook Page. Due to very low demand, we have made the decision to discontinue offering milk through the school as the administration involved was disproportionate in respect of the number of children choosing to have it. However, children can bring in their own drinks, and we have always encouraged pupils to bring a water bottle with them each day. We also encourage a healthy snack to be brought each day which can be eaten at morning breaktime. As an eco-aware school, it would be great to see reusable drinks containers and snack containers used wherever possible!

