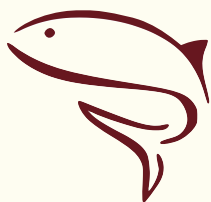


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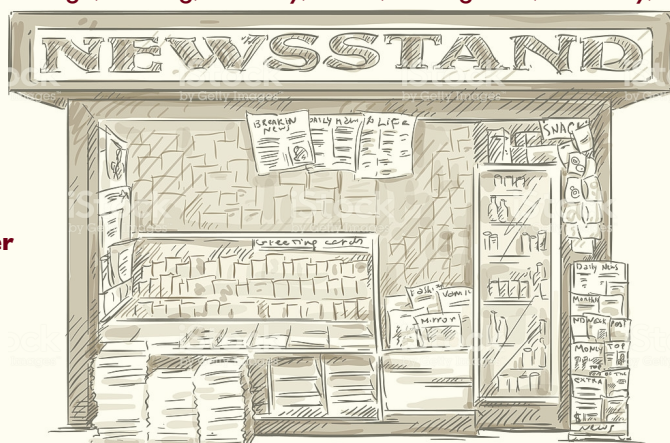
'Bravery, Challenge, Smiling, Honesty, Effort, Failing Well, Positivity, Reflection'



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NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2020

Dates for your diary...

- 07.12.20 Christmas Fair
- 08.12.20 Zoom "Test Events" for Remote Learning - details on website
- 09.12.20 Torchlight Procession
- 09.12.20 Reception Class Christmas Concert
- 10.12.20 Y1/Y2 Christmas Concert
- 11.12.20 Christmas Dinner Day
- 11.12.20 Y3/Y4 Christmas Concert
- 15.12.20 Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert
- 18.12.20 Final day of school term
- 05.01.21 School re-opens for Spring Term

Not an exhaustive list!

Message from Mr Kelly, Executive Headteacher

Where has this term gone? It has been an action packed time at Laxey School with so many fantastic learning opportunities and community events. I am proud to be associated and involved with a school and a community as excellent as Laxey. If you happened to watch the One Show on BBC1 last week, you may have seen the National Teaching Awards being broadcast. Kensington School in Newham, London won "National School of the Year" in recognition of their great work. I mention this because their Headteacher, Mr Ben Levinson, contacted me before COVID19 to ask if he could visit Laxey School to see us in action and learn about all the great things he'd heard about - word has travelled far apparently! It's fantastic to think that a little piece of Laxey has influenced the work which has led to their prestigious recognition and we're all delighted to be associated with them.

On a different note, it has been lovely to see lots of children wearing Christmas jumpers in school this week; remember this can continue all the way up to the last day of term with the rest of the normal school uniform being worn - but in the final week of term we can enjoy a week of non-uniform. On the matter of uniform, children are usually very smart at Laxey School, but I've taken the opportunity to remind everyone about our expectations for uniform and these are printed on the reverse of this letter.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish each and every one of you a restful, peaceful and happy Christmas; a prosperous and positive new year and a well-earned break.

Choking Hazards

All our staff have updated their First Aid training and qualifications this term. Part of our training focused on responding to children who are choking. It has prompted us to remind parents to think carefully about packed lunches, especially the inclusion of grapes. These are absolutely fine to give to children but should be sliced into half **lengthways**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Torchlight Procession

The Torchlight Procession takes place on 9.12.20 starting from Cooil Roi at 6.30pm.

Hamper Raffle

Raffle Tickets for our famous Hampers will be on sale at the Christmas Fair and at the beginning and end of each of the Christmas Concerts. Tickets are sold at £5 per strip. As usual, we will draw the winners at the end of the Yr 5/6 Christmas Concert.

Christmas Concerts 2020

We look forward to seeing parents, friends and families at the annual Christmas Concerts. These are unticketed events and will be professionally filmed as usual. This year we are making the recording available to all parents for no charge - it's been such a challenging year and we feel we would like to make this gesture to you all. Please arrive from 1.15pm onwards and use the Community Entrance on the bottom playground.

Reception class	Wednesday 9th December at 2pm
Y1/Y2	Thursday 10th December at 2pm
Y3/Y4	Friday 11th December at 2pm
Y5/Y6	Tuesday 15th December at 2pm

New Appointments

Following our recruitment process, Laxey School is pleased to let you know that we have recently appointed some new staff to our school. We are all delighted that Miss Sumner has been asked to join our permanent team and she has accepted. Miss Sumner will remain the Y4 class teacher for the remainder of this year. Our other appointments are still subject to pre-employment checks, notice periods in current schools and final HR processes so we're not in a position to make a formal announcement just yet. However, I can say that Mr Taylor will now continue as Y3 teacher until Easter and I will update Mrs Phillip's class about arrangements for January before the end of this term, so watch this space!

LAXEY SCHOOL and

DHOON SCHOOL REMOTE LEARNING "TEST" EVENTS for LIVE ONLINE LESSONS

LXY: Tuesday 8th December
DHN: Wednesday 9th December

Laxey (8.12.2020)

- 4.30pm - Reception
- 4.50pm - Y1 and Y2
- 5.10pm - Y3
- 5.30pm - Y4
- 5.50pm - Y5
- 6.10pm - Y6

See the school website for full details!

Christmas Fair

Don't forget the Laxey School Christmas Fair takes place on Monday 7th December in the Sports Hall straight after school. Children will be dismissed as usual, and if you'd like to then join us for the Fair, please head down to the Community Entrance on the bottom playground. There will be plenty of stalls, lots of mince pies and refreshments... and rumour has it that Father Christmas may make a guest appearance too!

Cake Stall

There will be a cake stall at the Fair - we hope lots of you will bring in cakes on Monday morning so that we can sell them on the stall! Get baking this weekend!



Laxey School Uniform Reminder



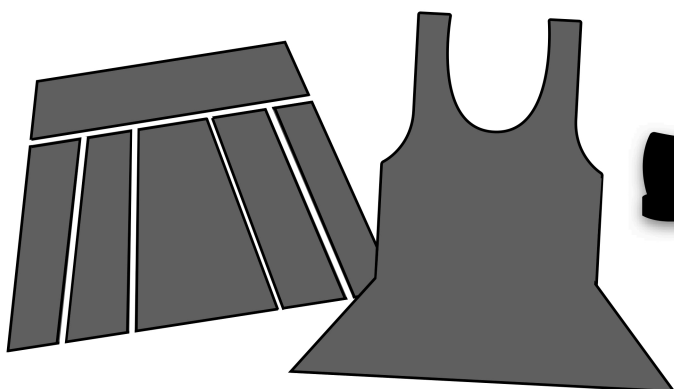
White or sky blue
polo shirt



Grey school
trousers or
shorts

Lets get the little details right!

White, grey
or black
socks



Grey school skirt or dress



Black shoes



Maroon jumper or cardigan



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