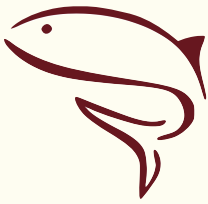


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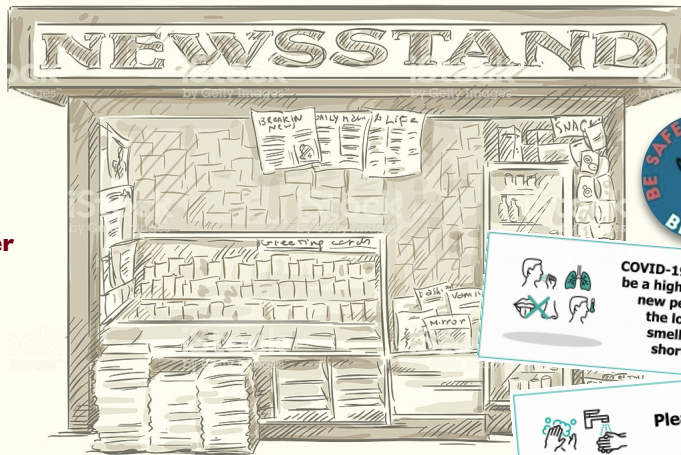
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Dates for Your Diary

- 01.10.2021 School photographs day
 - 08.10.2021 Flu vaccinations for children
 - 09.10.2021 Mhelliiah at the WMI
 - 13.10.2021 Pete Murray (author visit)
 - 13.10.2021 Parents' Evening (1)
 - 14.10.2021 Parents' Evening (2)
 - 22.10.2021 Hop Tu Naa Day (dress up)
 - 22.10.2021 Close for half-term at 3.30pm
 - 01.11.2021 School re-opens after half-term
 - 01.11.2021 Kids Fun Club opens up
 - 09.11.2021 RockKidz visit - details TBA
 - 25.11.2021 Laxey School IQM Assessment
 - 12.11.2021 School Remembrance Service
 - 06.12.2021 Laxey School Christmas Fair
 - 17.12.2021 Last day of term (close 3.30pm)
- This is not an exhaustive list**

Message from Mr Kelly

It has been a fantastic first month of the school year at Laxey! I'm really pleased with how well all of our new children settled into their classes and routines. Whenever I have walked around the classrooms to see what is going on, I have been struck at how engaged and happy the children are - their smiles tell their own stories. It has also been lovely to see our wonderful school community coming back together after all the recent C19 lockdowns and restrictions. Hopefully we can continue to build back - our mitigations remain in place to help keep us open for business and operating as safely as possible. If you'd like to see our mitigation plan and risk assessment, you'll find it on our website. In fact, I'd encourage you to head over to our website for a look: you will find loads of information including policies, correspondence and an updated calendar of events. Of course, we still have an active presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, so remember to give our socials a follow too! With best wishes as always, Mr Kelly.

Parents' Evening

You should have received details about how to log-in to the Arbor Parent Portal - please get in touch with the school if you have not yet had this information. From 9am on Monday 4th October you will have access to our online booking system for the upcoming parents' evenings. Please log-in and choose the day and time that works for you - but be quick as they are offered on a *first come first served* basis. The system will only show you the slots that are available - they are blocked off once somebody books them! The booking system will close on Friday 8th October at 5pm. If you don't have online access you are welcome to ring the school on 861373 and ask Mrs Webb to book you into one of our available slots.

As previously mentioned we are offering you a choice as to whether to attend an online session or a face-to-face meeting. The online meetings are on Wednesday 13th October and the face-to-face meetings are on Thursday 14th October; again, it is all *first come-first served* in terms of your preferences. This is our first attempt at using an online booking service, so please bear with us. Any feedback about how it has gone, what worked well and what needs to be improved, is always welcome, and we look forward to receiving any comments to help us provide a really good service to you. The dates / times for the parents evening are:

- Wednesday 13th October (4pm - 7pm) - online meetings (the link will be shared on our website)
- Thursday 14th October (4pm - 5.30pm) - face-to-face meetings in the school building.



Kids Fun Club

Laxey School is offering after school child care provision each afternoon from the end of the school day until 4.30pm.

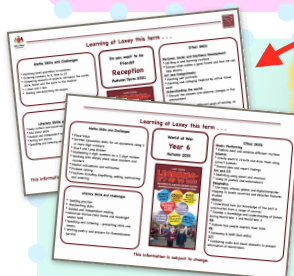
Our new "KFC" provision (Kids Fun Club) will operate Monday to Friday in term-time offering children a chance to read, play board games, watch TV, catch up on homework, and even play outside if the weather is good. We'll provide a drink and a snack and look after the children until 4.30pm.

Miss Adams will be running the club and places will be limited to 15 on a *first come-first served* basis. We'll be monitoring attendance and if you're regularly not taking advantage of your place we'll have to take you off the register and offer the spot to someone else.

We'll be asking for a **voluntary** donation from users of £1 per session / £5 per week to help cover costs of snacks and resources. We'll have a box in the club that the children can throw some coins in each week if you're able to help. **If you'd like to sign up for the club please email laxeyenquiries@sch.im** - we open for business straight after half-term on Mon 1st Nov 2021.

Don't forget our Mhelliiah on Sat 9th October from 7pm at the Institute. It's always a great night... tickets are £10 available from Mr Astin! And its BYO!

You should have received your latest copy of your child's "Learning at Laxey" sheet which details what they will be learning in school this term. Do get in touch if you've not had yours!



Author Visit

Children's author Peter J Murray will be visiting Laxey School on 13th October to work with each class to inspire their writing. Peter will be sharing his latest story "Poppy Warrior" with the children during the day and will have copies of his book available to buy for anyone interested... details to follow

If you've given Manx Care consent your child will receive a nasal flu vaccine on Friday 8th October. Manx Care will not vaccinate any child without parental consent.



Hop Tu Naa Day

On the last Friday of this half-term (22nd October) the children can come to school dressed up for Hop Tu Naa. We recognise the Manx tradition, not Halloween, and as such we don't encourage really scary or gory costumes. Witches, black cats & skeletons are much more suitable for school. There is no charge, it's just for fun, and we'll organise some Hop Tu Naa activities for the children too.

