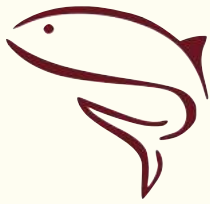


Laxey Primary School

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



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NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2020

Dates for your diary...

- 08.11.20** All Saints Church Remembrance Service
- 13.11.20** Laxey School Remembrance Service
- 07.12.20** Christmas Fair
- 09.12.20** Torchlight Procession
PROVISIONAL date - details TBC
- 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

Not an exhaustive list!

Message from Mr Kelly

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break and would like to welcome back all of our pupils and families for what we know will be a very busy and fun-filled half term at Laxey. In the week before half-term we all had tremendous fun celebrating Hop Tu Naa, with many of the children coming to school on the final Friday wearing fantastically spooky costumes and we also enjoyed some great activities such as the key stage discos! As part of our celebrations every child received a chocolate or toffee apple, and we hope that everyone enjoyed the occasion.

On Sunday a group of children, Mr Kelly and Mr Astin will represent the school at the All Saints Church Service. This will be followed with our Remembrance Service on Friday 13th November in the school from 10am. All of our KS2 pupils will be attending – and we'd like to extend the invite to parents, grandparents, friends and families too. Year 6 take a lead role in the service, so parents of Year 6 children are especially encouraged to attend, though the invite applies to everyone. We'll have seats out in the hall and if you'd like to come along, the doors by the sports hall will be open from around 9.40am. The service will last around 30 minutes. We'll even have coffee and cake afterwards! There's no need to let school know whether or not you'll be joining us. **Laxey School Remembers.**

And finally for now, there is a distinctly seasonal and festive tone to this newsletter, which can mean only one thing....Blink and it's Christmas! I've tried to include as many dates as possible for what is always an extra busy time of year. The usual Laxey School traditions will also apply, with December being Christmas Jumper month, meaning that from Tuesday 1st, the children will be allowed to wear Christmas Jumpers to school for the remainder of the term. The usual school trousers, skirts and shoes still apply until the last week of term which will be a complete non-uniform week! As always, any questions or queries, then please do get in touch.

Mr Kelly, Executive Headteacher

Christmas Lunch

We will serve a Christmas Lunch on Friday 11th December to all children who usually have a school dinner. If your child doesn't usually have school dinner but would like a Christmas lunch, please send an email to the school by Tuesday 1st December. Payment of £2.35 can be made on ParentPay or by cash / cheque before the end of term.

Christmas Concerts 2020

Laxey School thought that parents and families would like to have early notification of the proposed dates for this year's Christmas Concerts. All the details are still to be worked out and will be communicated in due course, but the timetable we are working to is as follows:

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

Traffic

Laxey School is happy to endorse a request from the residents of Quarry Road in reminding parents not to use Quarry Rd for drop-offs / pick ups. We encourage parents to use the football pitch car park and walk up the ramp. Don't forget there is a Walking Bus on Wednesday mornings organised by a group of parents. Check out their Facebook page for more information:

Laxey Walking Bus

Mhelliiah 2020

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in the Mhelliiah - whether helping out or attending on the night! We raised circa £2k which is brilliant! *Well done !*

Christmas Fair

The Laxey School Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Monday 7th December straight after school. There will be the usual mix of fun and games - hope to see you there.

Daffodil Competition

Garff Commissioners will be planting Daffodil bulbs with all our infant pupils w/c 16th November for this year's competition. Good luck!

School Website Revamp

The school has recently completed an overhaul of the official website. This has included cleaning up some of the navigation and organisational aspects as well as updating some of the key content. You will now find an online calendar on the homepage with all the key dates and additional information about the various events. We have a comprehensive section on COVID19 which includes all of our risk assessments and plans, and the new Remote Learning section details our contingency plans for education should anything COVID related come along again in the future. We've also left our home-learning offer from the original lockdown available as an archived resource. Check it out at laxey.sch.im



Remote Learning Contingency Plans

We live in uncertain times - the threat of COVID19 to our way of life and the way we educate children remains high. We have developed robust contingency plans to enable remote learning should we find ourselves in a position where we have to close our school, fully or partially, or if you find that you need to isolate your child due to COVID19.

We have produced two strands in our contingencies: "Plan A" which is how we intend to ensure that your child's education can continue uninterrupted if they have to self-isolate or isolate with their household. In this scenario, Laxey School remains open and all the other pupils and teachers are still at school as normal: it is your child(ren) absenting themselves from the school.

4 SCHEDULE
The link will also contain a suggested daily timetable, including reference to the learning activities provided, but also ideas for breaks, reading and exercise.

3 ACCESS
The link will enable your child to access two week's worth of activities planned by their teacher and linked to core skills for their current class.

2 LINK
Once it is confirmed that your child is self-isolating (although not as a result of non-essential travel) a link to an online learning package will be provided.

1 NOTIFY
As soon as you are aware that your child has to self-isolate, contact the school and let us know.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID FOR EDUCATION
for children not attending school due to self-isolation

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5 LEARNING
As soon as your child accesses the learning activities and suggested timetable from our link, they can begin taking part in their learning.

6 CONTACT
Use your teacher's google email address to send through any questions, queries and/or examples of completed work

7 FEEDBACK
Your child's teacher will be busy working with their class back in school, but will check their google email every couple of days to see how your child is getting on and to offer feedback.

8 RETURN
Once your child's period of self-isolation is over they may return to school. Obviously they will have missed the day-to-day experience but their learning will not have stopped.

The other strand in our contingencies is "Plan B" which outlines how we intend to deliver education remotely in the event of a full school closure, or a partial closure where particular classes or year groups are asked not to attend.

<p>1</p> <p>As soon as school is closed, or becomes closed for a particular class or year group, live online Zoom lessons will begin for all pupils affected.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Live online lessons will be scheduled for all affected pupils every school day during a closure. Where there are multiple classes or year groups affected, the live lessons will take place over the course of the day one after another.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Teachers have already shared their Google email addresses with pupils & families, and will monitor these during any school closure to deal with queries and to offer feedback on work which has been completed.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>A cycle of weekly phone-calls would begin immediately. Vulnerable families can expect phone contact in the first week of closure; SEN pupils in the second week; all parents/families in the third week; and all pupils in the fourth.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>In addition to the live online lessons, home-learning activities will be available on the school website. These activities will be specific for the class or year groups affected and will go live within 24 hours of any closure.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>A daily video message will be recorded by the teacher which will direct pupils towards identified activities on the home-learning grids. These messages will also include some helpful instruction / input to help your child complete the activities independently.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Our school website will remain updated with home-learning activities, a resource bank, letters and important documents. You can already find and download our emergency plan; COVID risk assessment; and our Zoom information pack.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>And you can expect the same special touches that we developed during the original lockdown closures such as an active social media presence, video messages from the Headteacher, online assemblies, wellbeing checks and frequent communication.</p>

At the end of last half-term we held a live webinar for our parents where we shared and explained all of our contingency plans. A re-watch of the webinar can be viewed on our website, together with high resolution versions of our planning documents at laxey.sch.im > Remote Learning > Remote Learning Contingency Plans 2020 - 2021