# Laxey Primary School

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



#### Message from Mr Kelly

I hope that everyone - staff, pupils and parents - has 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 new 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!

## End of Year Reports

For those of you who have yet to return a signed copy of the end-of-year reports issued in July, please could you do so as soon as possible this term.



Our C19 mitigation plan and risk assessment is available from the school website. We have also produced a short video to explain our mitigations: Homepage > Covid19 > Living and working with Cl 9...

## **Parents' Evening**

Following the introduction of Remote Parents Evening meetings via Zoom during the height of the CI9 restrictions, and subsequent parental feedback, we are pleased to offer our next parents evenings as a "hybrid" event. The teachers will be based in the school building, and you will have a choice as to whether to attend in person, or to dial in from home using Zoom.We are also delighted to be able to introduce an online booking system, although you will still be able to call in or telephone to make an appointment if you prefer. Details about how to access the online booking system and how the hybrid parents evening will work will be sent out in due course, but for now we thought you'd appreciate

early notice of the dates:

- Wednesday 13th October (4pm 7pm)
- Thursday 14th October (4pm 5.30pm)

## **School Photographs**

Andrew Barton will be visiting school on the morning of Friday 1st 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 organise you and make sure that the photographs are taken in the groupings that you want. During the morning Andrew will work his way through each class taking individual, sibling and class photos. Proofs / purchasing details will follow.

Children in Y3 to Y6 will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure they bring a swimming kit and towel.

Following our parent survey, we are almost ready to launch our new homework policy, which we intend to do in a few weeks time! This will be the first time we've had a formal homework policy and we hope it will be well received.



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.











## **Dates for Your Diary**

	14.09.2021 Swimming lessons start (Y3 - Y6)
	24.09.2021 Learning at Laxey info published
	27.09.2021 Inclusion Quality Mark review
(	27.09.202   Active Travel Week
	27.09.202   Active Travel Assembly
(	01.10.2021 School photographs day
	08.10.2021 Flu vaccinations for children
	09.10.2021 Mhelliah 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)
Ì	22.10.2021 Close for half-term at 3.30pm
	01.11.2021 School re-opens after half-term
	12.11.2021 School Remembrance Service
	06.12.2021 Laxey School Christmas Fair

## **Active Travel and Road Safety**

Laxey School is taking part in Active Travel Week w/c 27th September. The children will take part in a special assembly, workshops and lessons, and will be learning about safe walking, cycling and encouraged to think of alternatives to travelling to school by car. All of the work that the children produce will be displayed across the school to help promote the value and importance of Active Travel.

The school has also been invited to participate in a highways group which includes some of our parents, members of the Laxey and Lonan community, Commissioners, MHKs and Dol/ Government Officers. At the last meeting the school agreed that we would be a touch point for parents and community members to report "near misses" or other incidents of fast driving, difficulties in road crossing and poor parking. School is simply logging these incidents so that a data set can be compiled - we have no jurisdiction in terms of following them up. However we hope that the data we compile will help future discussions so that better solutions can be found to some of these issues.

If you have a near miss incident to report in or around Laxey, then please notify us in writing, including the date, time and location, using the following email address: laxeyenquiries@sch.im

The staff are learning "signalong" to support some of our pupils. Check out our 3 comments 309 views video on our Facebook page - we'd love it if you and your children had a go too!