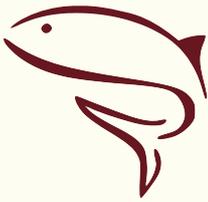


Laxey Primary School

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



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Dates for Your Diary

- 05.11.2021 HOMEWORK POLICY STARTS
- 10.11.2021 RockKidz visit
- 12.11.2021 School Remembrance Service
- 14.11.2021 All Saints Church Rem Service
- 18.11.2021 SNHS Y6 Roadshow at Laxey 4pm
- 19.11.2021 Children In Need Dress Down Day
- 25.11.2021 Laxey School IQM Assessment
- 01.12.2021 Christmas jumpers can be worn
- 06.12.2021 Laxey School Christmas Fair
- 07.12.2021 Rec Christmas Production 2pm
- 08.12.2021 Y1/Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
- 09.12.2021 Y3/Y4 Christmas Production 2pm
- 10.12.2021 Y5/Y6 Christmas Production 2pm
- 14.12.2021 RNLI Torchlight Procession (TBC)
- 17.12.2021 Last day of term (close 3.30pm)
- 04.01.2022 First day of Spring Term

This is 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. We have reopened in the midst of the Remembrance period - next week we hold our traditional Remembrance Service in school and on Sunday 14th November I will be with Mr Astin, Mr Clague and a group of children to represent the School at the All Saints Church Remembrance Service. *Laxey School Remembers*. In the weeks that follow everyone will be preparing for.... whisper it.... Christmas! As a school we will be celebrating in style with our usual mix of fairs, productions, community events, and all manner of festive fun. This year we will have to think extra carefully about the measures we will take to keep everyone safe, but our intention is to operate with a "business as normal" approach. As always, please do get in touch with me directly if you have any questions, comments and queries. *With best wishes, Max Kelly.*



No doubt more dates and events will be confirmed soon! Please keep your eye out on our website - we have a calendar of dates on our homepage which is always up to date - and follow us on Facebook so you never miss an announcement!

Swimming

Now that the Minorca Hill road closure is in effect the closest bus stop that we can use is located at the top of the hill. This makes it more challenging in terms of staffing the various swimming groups which now include a walk to and from the school building. The following solution will be applied to enable children's swimming lessons to still go ahead: We will take one group (made up of two classes) swimming each side of Christmas. From this coming Tuesday until the end of term Year 3 and Year 6 will swim. After Christmas until February Year 4 and Year 5 will swim. They will have a longer session in the pool to compensate for not going both half-terms and we are confident this means that they achieve the same amount of opportunity to swim as usual. Everyone will return to swimming altogether after February half-term. This plan means that we can adequately staff the walk to and from the bus stop, the bus journey and the swimming sessions.

Christmas Productions

This half-term the staff and the children will be busy preparing for their annual Christmas Productions.

- Reception Class – 7th December at 2pm
- Years 1 and 2 – 8th December at 2pm
- Years 3 and 4 – 9th December at 2pm
- Years 5 and 6 – 10th December at 2pm

These productions are not ticketed events, and parents, grandparents, families & friends are duly invited. Productions are performed in the sports hall, and as usual we'll be filming them so that you can retain a copy as a keepsake.

Prior to performances, we will post a C19 risk assessment to our school website and will make everyone aware of the mitigations we will be putting in place to keep everyone safe. It is likely to include keeping some doors open to increase good ventilation, asking people to sanitise on entry to the sports hall, and the optional but recommended use of face coverings.

Further details will be sent out in due course, but at least everyone now has the dates for their diaries!



You should have received a copy of our new homework policy just before half-term!
Our first homework is being sent home TODAY!



Staff Car Park

A big reminder that the staff car park is precisely that - a staff car park. We don't have capacity to allow parents to use it, and we rely on parents not using it as part of our safety management plan - the car park has a natural bleed into the playground area next to the pupil entrance, so we don't want to increase traffic in this area especially at drop-off and pick-up times when there are a lot of children around. We should also be respectful to our neighbours who reside on Quarry Road. They regularly report instances of poor driving, or their driveways / access points being blocked by vehicles which shouldn't be trying to get into our car park in the first place.

Christmas is just around the corner! From Wednesday 1st December 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!

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Fair in our Sports Hall on Monday 6th December straight after school! We hope to see you there! We've heard that Santa may be making a guest appearance!

COVID-19 SCHOOLS UPDATE

COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are currently circulating within our schools. Here are some handy tips to limit the spread:

Wear face coverings inside all buildings and on buses

Test yourself twice a week using lateral flow devices

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW

Hands Space Face Fresh Air

If eligible, register for both the COVID-19 and flu vaccines

If displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, isolate and book a PCR test online immediately