# **Laxey Primary School**

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



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Message from Mr Kelly

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break and I 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 13th November Mr Astin and a group of children will 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. Please keep an eye out for letters and dates as these come thick and fast at this time of year. The school website maintains an up-to-date calendar on the homepage which is always a good first port of call! As always, please do get in touch with me directly if you have any questions, comments and queries. With best wishes, Max Kelly

## **Christmas Productions**

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

•Reception class - Tuesday 6th December at 2pm

- •Years land 2 Wednesday 7th December at 2pm
- •Years 3 and 4 Thursday 8th December at 2pm
- •Years 5 and 6 Tuesday 13th December at 2pm Further details will be sent out in due course but at least everyone now has dates for their diaries!

In a slight change to the previously published date, our annual Christmas Fair will now take place one day later on Friday 2nd December straight after school in the Sports Hall. We hope to see you there! We've heard that

🤭 Remembrance Assembly 🔭

We are pleased to inform you that Laxey School, together with Royal British Legion (Isle of Man), will be leading a special "Remembrance Service" in the sports hall on Thursday 10th November, starting at 10.00am. 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 assembly will last around 30 minutes. We'll even

have coffee and refreshments afterwards! There's no need to let school know whether or not you'll be joining us.

NIFORN Have a coffee on us - we'll have a refreshments station set up by the community entrance from 3pm on Friday 25th Nov. Come and have a cuppa before you pick up the kids - a great chance for all parents to have a coffee and a chat! We'll put our free uniform exchange out as well, and watch this space for details about a book swap!

Santa may be making a guest appearance too!

We'd like to invite donations for our famous Christmas Hampers! Bottles of booze, chocolates, teas, coffees, nonperishables, toiletries... all will be gladly accepted. We usually build three hampers, red, gold and green, so if items vaguely hint at one of those colours, all the better!

If you feel you have something to give, we are happy to start accepting donations immediately - just give them to Miss Webb on the front desk.

Tickets for the hampers go on sale at the Christmas Fair and will continue to be on sale throughout the Christmas Productions with the draw taking place on Tuesday 13th December straight after the Y5/Y6 show!

## **MORNING CLUB**

Morning care is now available on the school premises from 8am. For more information, find Cambridge House Childcare on Facebook or contact Lisa on 455467. Book early to avoid disappointment.

A number of schools across the Island (not Laxey on this occasion!) have vacant cleaner positions. There are currently openings on JobTrain via 10M Govt. website (jobs) for relief cleaners and permanent staff. Feel free to check out the vacancies







**Dates for Your Diary** 

04.11.22 Y6 Shropshire Trip deposit due

07.11.22 Poppies on sale in school this week Laxey School Remembrance Service

10.11.22 •13.11.22 Lonan Church Remembrance Service

Children In Need Countryfile Ramble

18.11.22 Children In Need Day

24.11.22 St. Ninians Roadshow for Y6 at 4pm

Coffee n Chat (+ uniform / book swap) 25.11.22 02 12 22 Laxey School Christmas Fair

Reception Christmas Performance 2pm 06 12 22

07.12.22 Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance 2pm

Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance 2pm

13.12.22 Y5/Y6 Christmas Performance 2pm 22 12 22

Close for Christmas at 3.25pm 09.01.23 Open for Spring Term

This is not an exhaustive list

Poppies and Remembrance Merchandise will be available for pupils to buy in school from Monday next week. A suggested minimum donation of 50p for all items.

## Children In Need 2022

This is really exciting news! Laxey School is featuring on the national Children In Need live broadcast on BBCI on Friday 18th November! Some of our children teamed up with peers at Dhoon School to form a Federation Choir which will be singing this year's CiN song alongside choirs from across all the different national regions. We will be featured at approximately 8pm - prime time! - so please tune in and support our children as they entertain the entire nation!

We will be running some events across the week in school to support Children In Need.

On Wednesday 16th November we will be leading a ramble through Laxey involving all of our children. Please send them to school with boots or wellies and we'll be setting off at approximately 9.15am. The route takes about 1.5hrs, starting and finishing at the school. If you'd like to come along too, simply wait for us in the playground after drop off and then tag along! We'll even have a cuppa and a biscuit for you at the end of the walk! Next week we'll send home some more details but we were keen to give you the heads up!

And on Friday 18th November we'll do a dress down day in school and collect optional spare change donations.