



Arbory School

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*"A caring community of creative, confident learners."
"Co-phobble kenjal dy ynseydee chrootagh as yarrooagh."*



Dear Parents

We are nearly at the end of another term and this one always proves to be very busy with the culmination of all the children's efforts being seen in the school plays. This year we are breaking up early so that the usual events have been squashed into a shorter timespan. This has produced a great deal of frenetic activity in school and I am sure that you have felt the effects at home also. I would like to thank you all for your continued support in providing costumes, props and a helping hand where needed in order to make sure that your children are able to put in a great performance.

Hopefully the information below will answer all your questions about the next couple of weeks, but do get in touch if there is anything that you would like explained more fully.

Christmas Concerts

We must stick to a **ticket-only** admission because of fire regulations. There are still some tickets left for all performances so please get in touch with the office if you require extras.

Concert Parking

Both the visitor car park and the playground will be available for parking. Please do not park in the staff car park or block the entrance to it. Many thanks.

Parties

Please note that this year we are changing the food arrangements.

All children need to bring a selection of food on a **named plate** for themselves.

Plates should be taken to the hall on the morning of their party.

At the party, the children will be given their own plate of food. Drinks will be provided by school. All parties will be finished by 3.30pm.

Party Dates

Classes R, 1 and 2	Monday 12th December
Classes 3 and 4	Thursday 15th December
Classes 5 and 6	Wednesday 14th December

Carol Service

The carol service will be held on Friday 16th December at 2pm, at Arbory Parish Church. Parents are welcome to attend but please be aware that space is very limited as we have 174 children to fit into church this year!

Christmas Holidays

School Closes - Friday 16th December 2011
School Opens - Wednesday 4th January 2012

Christmas Bag Pack - Port Erin Shoprite - 10am-4pm - Saturday 17th December. Please sign up to help out. There is a list on the notice board by the office.

Christmas Post

The Post Box is now in the foyer and Reception Class will be in charge of sorting and delivering the mail. Please make sure that envelopes are clearly marked with the child's name, (and surname where necessary - we have lots of Thomas's and Owen's!) and the class number.

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DVDs

Orders for Christmas Concert DVDs must be received by Mrs. Bell by Thursday 8th December. The cost this year is £10 for the first copy and £8 for subsequent copies.

Christmas Raffle

The draw will be held on Thursday evening. All prize winners will be notified by Friday 9th December if they are not at the Thursday concert. The money from ticket sales goes towards props, costumes, presents and Christmas parties.

Staffing

We are sorry to be losing two members of staff in the new year. Mrs. McLoughlin, who is one of our lunchtime ancillaries will be moving to a similar post at Rushen School and Madame Callow, our peripatetic French teacher will be moving to Buchan/KWC to take up a post teaching French to KS2 and KS3. We wish them well in their new schools and hope that they will be as happy as they have been at Arbory.

School Dinners, Milk and Fruit - Spring Term

Dinners	1st Half term - £ 61.05 - 2nd Half term - £46.25 - Whole term - £107.30
Milk	Whole term - £10.44
Fruit	Whole term - £14.50

Poppies

Thank you all for supporting this appeal. The school managed to raise £140.75.

Children in Need

The school council disco went well and was well supported by children, staff and parents. There was a huge selection of cakes and when all the money was counted, the final amount came to £393.04. Well done to everyone involved. A special mention must also go to Spencer in Y3 who raised over £50 on his own.

Jumble Sale

Many thanks to all those of you who gave up your time to help sort the jumble, work on the stalls and provide items for sale; not to mention all of you who came on the night. There was a great turn out and we managed to raise £497.25 for school funds. Special thanks goes to Mrs Snidal for all her efforts in organising the event.

Swimming

Children in Y3, Y5 and Y6 will be swimming next half term on Thursdays.

Operation Christmas Child

Through your efforts, a total of 41 shoeboxes were sent off to children in other parts of the world.

Adventure Playground Update

A cone climber and a springy see-saw have been ordered for the playground and should be in place early next term.

School Trips

Reception and Y1 had a great time at The Grove Museum in Ramsey learning about a Victorian Christmas and Y1 followed this with a trip to Douglas to find out about Toys and Games in the past.

West Midland Theatre Company

The children all enjoyed a performance of 'The Bluebird' which was based on a Russian folk tale. We hope to invite this company back to perform again next year.

King William's College Scholarships

Any parents of children in Y6 who are interested in applying for a Y7 Academic Scholarship, should contact the school office for more details.

Open Evening - Tuesday 13th December 5pm-6.30pm

Application Deadline - 7th January

Examinations -14th January

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and my best wishes for 2012. Nolllick Ghennal as Yeeearreeyn Share son y vlein 2012.