



Arbory School

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



Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a great holiday and are looking forward to the new year. Please take a few moments to read the latest news from school.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mrs. Longshaw will be running the Book Fair next week and parents will be able to buy books between 8.30am-9am and 3.30pm-4pm each day in the hall.

Diarrhoea & Vomiting illness - Message from DEC and Public Health

You may be aware from recent media reports that the level of sickness caused by norovirus – diarrhoea and/or vomiting has been much higher than in previous years. You may also be aware that the virus spreads easily between people and if introduced into semi-closed settings such as schools or care homes, the virus can spread rapidly.

We want to ensure that norovirus outbreaks do not lead to school closures. To help us achieve this we would like to request you to observe the following:

- If your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, please do not send your child to school.
- Please do not take your child to hospital or GP surgery. If you need medical advice, please contact your GP or MEDS by phone.
- Practice good hygiene especially hand washing.
- Follow the "48 hour rule": please do not send your child back to school for 48 hours after all the symptoms have stopped, because the child continues to excrete the virus during this time. The most common cause for outbreaks is believed to be failure to follow the 48 hour rule.

For further information on norovirus, please refer to: http://www.gov.im/health/services/Public_Health/HP/CD/dv_norovirus.xml

Dr Kishore
Director of Public Health

Martin Barrow
Director of Education

Minibus Update

After looking at a second hand vehicle, we decided not to purchase that particular minibus as it was similar in age and condition to the one we have. We are now looking to purchase a bus between 3 and 5 years old. I will let you know as soon as there is more news.

Carol Service Retiring Collection - Manx Blind Welfare

Thank you to everyone who contributed, we will be sending £65.16.



School Dinners

Half term - £ 48.75 Whole term - £97.50

Dinners should be paid for weekly (£9.75) on a Monday morning if you are unable to pay for the term.

Swimming

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

Clubs

All clubs resume next week and children will need to check with the teachers involved.

Hockey training for Y3/4 children will start soon on a Monday. The date of the first session will be confirmed very soon.

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th January - Friday 18th February - Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 8th February - School Closes for Half Term holidays

Monday 18th February - School Opens

Tuesday 19th February - CRHS Open evening for all Y5/6 parents and pupils

Monday 25th February - Friday 1st March - Junior Achievement for Y1-Y6 pupils

Monday 25th February - Friday 8th March - Fairtrade Fortnight

Tuesday 26th February - Hockey Southern Final @ CRHS Astro turf 4pm-6pm (Y3/4)

Monday 4th March - Y1 at Manx Museum

Monday 4th March - Arbory Public Speaking 6.30pm

Friday 8th March - Y4 Community Farm

Tuesday 12th March - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 5pm

Wednesday 13th March - 10am-3pm Netball at Buchan Y4-Y6

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Monday 18th March - Wednesday 20th March - Manx Folk Awards

Monday 18th March - Rotary Public Speaking at Arbory School

Tuesday 19th March - Y5 Trip to Manx Museum

Thursday 21st March - Primary School Cross Country at Nobles Park

Thursday 21st March - Hockey Final at NSC

Friday 22nd March - Close for Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April - School Opens for Summer Term