



# Arbory News



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## Dear Parents

Please take a moment to read the information in this month's newsletter.

### Crossroads Caring for Carers

Thanks to all who supported the children at the Christmas Carol Service which we had to hold in school because of the stormy weather. The retiring collection for Crossroads Young Carers came to £61.60.

### Transition Meetings

Castle Rushen High School are holding an open evening for all Y5 and Y6 children and their parents on Tuesday 21 January 2014 from 6pm to 8pm.

### Island of Culture - Bollywood Dancing

This year, as part of the Island of Culture, we are taking advantage of any opportunities that are linked to learning about culture in its widest sense. We were pleased to welcome Polly Casson who came in to teach Indian dance to most classes last week. The children enjoyed the experience and had great fun trying out some new moves.

### Island of Culture

In partnership with other southern schools, we are joining in with a Viking themed project. We hope to produce some work linked to the Vikings which will be displayed in a central location. Year 3 and Year 4 children are learning about different aspects of Viking life which will lead into a performance in the last week of term. The whole school will also be involved in celebrating our Viking heritage that week and we will hopefully link this with some work about the burial site at Balladoole.

### Clubs

Most clubs have now started and teachers have informed the children. After school clubs are as follows:-

Monday - Netball (KS2)

Tuesday - Football (at school) (KS2) - Starts Tuesday 21 January (3.30-4.30pm)

Wednesday - Manx Dancing - all years

Thursday - Film Club - Y5 and Y6

Friday - Hockey - Y3 and Y4 - Starts Friday 24 January for 6 weeks (3.30-4.30pm)

### Student Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Miss Titley who is training at University of Chester. She will be teaching the children in Reception until half term.

## Dates

20th - 24th Jan  
Scholastic Book Fair

21st Jan  
CRHS  
Open Evening  
6pm-8pm

31st Jan  
RNLI SoS Day

9th Feb  
Choir singing at  
Arbory Civic Service  
at 10.30am

Half Term  
14th Feb - Close  
24th Feb - Open

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**RNLI SoS Day**

Although we limit the number of charities we support, we are keen to get involved with the RNLI SoS day again this year as it has national and local links. As you will probably agree, the RNLI provides a vital service to the Isle of Man and we are happy to continue our association with Port St Mary Lifeboat.

The children can come into school on Friday 31st January dressed in **Spots or Stripes** for a donation of £1.

**Dinner Money**

Please make sure that dinners are paid for as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to 'IoM Government'.  
£10 weekly - First Half Term - **£60** and Second Half Term **£70** - **Whole Term £130**.

**Registering new children**

If you know of any children within catchment who are due to start school in September 2014, please can you ask parents to come and see us at school.

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Books will be available for sale in the hall before school at 8.30am and after school until 4pm.

Yours sincerely

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