



# Arbory School

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



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Dear Parents

## Welcome Back

I would like to wish all of you a warm welcome back after the summer holidays and hope that despite all the unseasonal weather, you all managed to have an enjoyable and relaxing time. As always, special welcome also goes to all of our new children and parents. It is great to have you with us as part of the Arbory school family.

This year has brought some big changes to school and we are now starting a new era in many ways and we are all looking forward to the challenges and excitement that the new year brings.

At the start of every new year there are also quite a few reminders that we would like you to take a few moments to read.

## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Smith into Y4 and also Mrs Hewins who will be in Year 2 each Friday. Mrs Weeks will continue to cover KS2 classes in order to release staff for their preparation, planning and assessment (PPA) time. This will be a half day for each class on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Kinley will be here on a Friday again to take Y1 in the afternoon for KS1 PPA time.

## Swimming and Games Lessons

Swimming lessons commence this week (10th Sept) for pupils in Y3, Y4 and Y5 on a Thursday morning. Children will need their kit which should include hats for all children with long hair. No bikinis or long shorts are allowed. No jewellery should be worn for swimming or P.E.

Can I also remind you that all the children will need the correct kit: School P. E. T-shirt, shorts and pumps/trainers - a sweat shirt will also be needed when the weather turns cooler. Please make certain that your child has the correct swimming and P. E. kit with them for each of these lessons - all kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name and in a P.E. bag.

## The School Day

Children should not arrive at school before **8.30 am** each day. Children will not be supervised by school staff until **8.40am** and should be in their lines by **8.45 am**. On wet days children are allowed to sit quietly in the hall from the same time.

Children must be at school by **8.50 am** in order for registration to be taken. Any pupil arriving at school after **8.50 am** must report to the school office before going to their class and explain the reason for their late arrival.

### **School Car Park**

I would like to give everyone a gentle reminder after the summer break to use the school car park with care especially when entering and exiting. No-one should park near the crossing in order to keep this area safe for the children. Please cross from the car park using the crossing so that the children get into the habit of using it correctly. Parents should not use the staff parking area for drop off or turning. Please help us to keep the children safe.

### **Uniform**

In order to avoid regular searches for missing sweatshirts etc at school, please may I ask you to ensure that all items of your child's uniform, P.E. and games kit is clearly labelled. May I also remind you that the school uniform consists of a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school crest on), blue polo shirt and grey trousers, skirt or pinafore. New polo shirts are available but the old dark blue shirts can still be worn as they will only be phased out once there are none left.

Can I also remind parents that school shoes should be black and girls tights should be grey.

### **School Dinners**

Dinners Reception **£68.25** 1/2 half term **£136.50** term. (Cheques to IoM Govt)

Dinners Y1 to Y6 **£74.10** for the half term **£142.35** term (Cheques to IoM Govt)

### **School Council**

Elections for the new school council will take place on Friday 21st September. Any children in Y6 wishing to stand for Council Leader should speak to Mrs. Collister. The council leader election will be on Tuesday 18th September after the requisition meeting in assembly on Friday 14th September.

### **Music Workshops**

If any pupils would like to attend the Saturday Morning Music Workshops which are held at Cronk-y-Berry Primary and Victoria Road Schools, please contact the office for an information sheet and application form. Pupils should be between 7 - 13 years of age in order to be eligible to attend the Workshops.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

This is just to remind you all that we hope to support this worthwhile cause and leaflets will be sent out before the end of this half term. If you are hoping to take part, start saving your shoeboxes!

### **Children in Need (16th November)**

The School Council will be organising events to raise money for Children in Need later in the term.

## Emergency Contact Information

Each year we have to update our pupil record forms in case we have to contact you in an emergency. Even if there is no change from last year, we would still appreciate your co-operation in filling in the accompanying sheet with as many details as possible.

## Clubs

These will be starting soon and children need to contact the club leader.

Day	Lunchtime Club	Leader	After School Club	Leader
Monday	Guitar*	Mrs. Weeks	MSR Sports*	Mrs Snidal
Tuesday	School Council	Mrs. Collister		
Tuesday	ICT (KS1)	Mr. Ayres		
Wednesday	Running	Mrs. Collister Mrs. Smith	Football*	Mr. Camarda
Wednesday			Netball*	Mrs. Collister
Thursday			Film Club*	Mrs. Faragher
Friday	Choir	Mrs. Young	Manx Dancing*	Mrs. Collister
Friday	Footsteps Good News Club*	Mr. Weir Mrs. Hewins		
Friday	KS1 Singing	Mrs. Belcher		
*Asterisk	indicates	parental	permission	needed

## Fruit - Help Needed!

Each day, the fruit for morning snack is organised and prepared by a group of parents. We are very grateful to those of you who give your time in the morning to do this job but we are looking for more willing volunteers to spend about half an hour setting out the fruit at the beginning of the day. If you are able to help, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Bell or Mrs Martin for more information.

## Wiki

The school Wiki can be accessed at [www2.sch.im](http://www2.sch.im)

School newsletters, forms, dates and other information is available for you to download.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Thursday 13th September - Swimming Starts (Y345)

Wednesday 19th September - IoM Newspapers Reception Photograph

Monday 24th September - School Photos

Monday 24th - Friday 28th September - Manx Litfest Week

Friday 12th October - School Ceili (tbc)

Friday 19th October - Trafalgar Day Celebration

Monday 22nd October - Parents' Evening 3pm - 5pm

Tuesday 23rd October - Parents' Evening 3pm

Wednesday 24th October - 2pm-3pm Harvest Celebration (Retiring collection for Tear Fund)

School Closes - Friday 26th October

Yours sincerely

J H Ayres

Headteacher