



Arbory Primary School

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



Dear Parents

Please take a few minutes to look at the latest news and information for this month.

Operation Christmas Child

We are supporting this charity once again and you should have received all the details on the last newsletter. Boxes can be delivered to school and will be taken to the Shoebox Express on Wednesday 2nd November.

Harvest Celebration

The children produced a great Harvest concert and it was wonderful to see so many family and friends packed into the hall. The retiring collection raised £109 for Tear Fund's East Africa Appeal. Thank you to all who attended to support this event.

Badminton

The badminton team will be taking part in the island competition this Thursday at the NSC. We are grateful for the time and effort that the Young Leaders from CRHS have given in order to get the team ready and we wish them the best of luck for Thursday.

Parking

The DoI have now painted new school signs and yellow zig-zag lines at the front of the school. They have also put double yellow lines at each side of the car park access road. Please help by respecting the no parking areas.

School Dinners

Dinners for the second half of the term for all children will be £64.75. Please make cheques payable to IOM Government.

Coats

As the weather gets colder, could I please ask you to check that your children have coats with them for school. Even on some cold and wet days last month, children were arriving at school with no coats. We ask all the children to put on a coat for playtimes if the weather is cold and/or wet and those children without coats may be disappointed at not being able to play outside with their friends.

Fruit

You may know that in the past Mrs. McKenna has organised the fruit for morning snack. She has always looked for the best deals and has used her own time at weekends to purchase the fruit and then deliver it to school on a Monday. In the process, some money was raised to buy new equipment for the Foundation Stage classroom and playground. We are very grateful to Mrs. McKenna for all her efforts in developing and managing the healthy snack initiative.

As from this week, Mrs Yukie Martin has volunteered to take on this role and has decided to organise morning snack. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office or Mrs Martin herself.

Friends of Arbory

The next meeting will be a fundraising meeting on Monday 7th November 7pm in the KS2 Area.

Poppies

Poppies are now available in school. The children will be able to buy poppies and wrist bands to support the British Legion Appeal and we suggest that a minimum donation of 50p should be given.

Swimming Reminder

Children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 will be swimming this half term on a Thursday.

Junior Achievement

We have been fortunate enough to be included in the Junior Achievement Isle of Man programme for this academic year. They are always looking for volunteers to deliver sessions in school, so please read the information that is attached to this newsletter regarding both the programme and the work of volunteers.

Dates For Your Diary

5th November - Port Erin Commissioner's - Fireworks Event.

Best illuminated lantern and best Guy Fawkes competition. 6.45pm at the Railway Station and 7pm judging at the Cosy 'Nook. Prizes of £15, £10 and £5 donated by Bridge Bookshop.

8th November - Manx Dyslexia Association - Informal Meeting at the Whitestone Pub, Ballasalla 7.30pm - 9pm. This for any parents of pupils in southern schools.

11.11.11 Remembrance Day Service - KS2 will be taking part in a short act of remembrance at Arbory Church to mark the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

18th November - Children in Need - School Council will be organising a school disco 6pm-7.30pm in the school hall - more information from them to follow.

Date Change - Jumble/Good as New Sale - Friday 18th November 6.30pm-8.00pm -

NOW 25th November 2011

The Bluebird - West Midland Children's Theatre - 28th November

KS1 Christmas Plays morning and evening - 6th December

KS2 Performances - 7th December and 8th December

Parties - KS1 - 12th December

Y5/6 - 14th December

Y3/4 - 15th December

Carol Service 16th December

School Closes 16th December

Yours sincerely

J H Ayres Headteacher