



Isle of Man Department of Education

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Foundation Stage - September Newsletter

Welcome to Foundation Stage!

We hope you have had a lovely Summer and are looking forward to your child's first academic year here at Onchan.

The children have all settled well and are making new friends. We are currently enjoying interacting with, observing and getting to know your children and their interests.

The Foundation Stage team

The Foundation Stage team consists of class teachers Miss Cornmell and Miss Cubbon along with support staff Mrs Bird and Mrs Watterson.

Mrs Richardson, along with Mrs Bird and Mrs Watterson, will cover PPA in both the Lions and Penguins on a Tuesday afternoon. Andy from MSR will cover an additional session in the Lions class on a Thursday morning.

Snack

This year your child will be provided a healthy snack by the Foundation Stage team. Children will also have the option of a drink of milk along with their snack if they choose; alternatively, the children will have a drink of water.

Snack costs £15 per half term and paid in cash. Snack money can be given to any member of our Foundation Stage team and we would greatly appreciate if this could be paid in a **named and sealed** envelope.

Learning Language & Learning Powers

Your child will soon be coming home talking about our Learning Powers and using our Learning Language.

Our Learning Powers are six different characters representing the 6Rs (six dispositions for learning taken from the Island's Essentials for Learning curriculum). The Learning Language links in with each character.

Check out our website to find a copy of our Learning Powers and our Learning Language.

Class Dojo

We will be using Class Dojo as a reward system for the children whilst also using it as a communication tool to share generic messages/reminders to parents/guardians.

The Class Dojo messaging service is **not** to be used to contact directly with your child's class teacher. Instead we ask that all enquiries are sent to the school email: onchanenquiries@sch.im and our Administration staff will forward any emails to the team.

Onchan's Website

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website <https://onchan.sch.im/> as we will be regularly updating our page with newsletters/blog posts and photos of your children's learning.

We will also be sharing lots of information about our Foundation Stage or useful links/ideas to help your child at home.

Outdoor Learning

As a part of the children's learning journey in Foundation Stage we will be taking some of our learning outdoors. We would like to ask that all children bring in a named waterproof coat and is possible a pair of wellies/old trainers as we will be using the outdoor area whatever the weather!

How can you get involved?

We are always looking for willing helpers and if you feel that you would like to get involved, please contact your child's teacher.

We are also always looking for art and craft supplies (cardboard boxes, tubes, bottles, spare wallpaper, pots, etc.). If you think you have something which may be useful please have a chat with a team member.



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A final note...

If you have any questions please ask a member of the Foundation Stage team. Alternatively you can ask or email onchanenquiries@sch.im for a suitable appointment should you wish to have a longer chat.

We are looking forward to a rewarding, happy and fun year ahead working with you and your children.

Many thanks,

Miss Cornmell and Miss Cubbon

Dates for your diary

Mon 16th Sept – School Photos with Steve Woodley

Tues 17th Sept – School Photos with Steve Woodley

Thurs 19th Sept – Little Starters Photos (newspaper)

Fri 20th Sept – Jeans for Genes Day

Mon 30th Sept – Fri 4th Oct – Book Fair

Tues 1st Oct – Meet the Teacher Evening

Friday 25th Oct – School closes for half term

