



Isle of Man Department of Education

"Learning is a journey, to be taken together, one step at a time"



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Foundation Stage - November Newsletter

Topic

We will be very busy this half term with our learning! We are going to begin by learning about why we celebrate Bonfire Night and then learning about the Hindu festival Diwali. We will be looking back at Africa briefly to cover a few areas we didn't manage to squeeze in before half term before beginning to look at the Christmas Story and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

We aim to foster a love of learning and feel the best way to achieve this is by following the interest of the children. Learning will, therefore, follow a number of different routes this half term because we are guided by the children.

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.

Dates for your diary

- Fri 8th Nov** – Dress Down Day – teddies & toys
- Fri 15th Nov** – Children in Need
- Fri 22nd Nov** – Dress Down Day - chocolate
- Fri 29th Nov** – Dress Down Day – gifts for grown ups
- Tues 3rd Dec** – Dress Down Day – cakes
- Tues 3rd Dec** – OSA Christmas Fair
- Wed 11th Dec** – Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (afternoon, time tbc)
- Thurs 12th Dec** – Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (morning, time tbc)
- Fri 13th Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day
- Mon 16th Dec** – Children's Christmas Dinner
- Thurs 19th Dec** – Foundation Stage Christmas Party
- Fri 20th Dec** – End of term

Snack

Snack payments are now due for this half term. Please could any snack payments (£15 cash) be brought into school as soon as possible in a named and sealed envelope. Thank you.

Reading & Sound Books

We are now well underway with our Phonics learning with new sounds being taught to your child each week. We will begin sending home a little blue sound book each week with your child containing the sounds/words currently being focused on during our Phonics sessions. Please can we ask that you practice these sounds for at least five minutes every day with your child at home.

When your child has reached the stage of blending sounds to make words independently, we will be sending home reading books. We would really appreciate it if you could practice reading these books at home once your child is ready. Please don't forget to note when you have read with your child in the reading records.

Christmas!

It's getting closer to that time of year again and we will soon begin preparations for our Christmas Performance. We would appreciate it if you could let us know of any planned absences, such as holidays, from school as soon as possible.

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.

Many thanks,

Miss Cornmell and Miss Cubbon