**Dates for your Diary**

Thursday 5th September – FS Children start

Wednesday 18th September – Reception Photos

Tuesday 1st October – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 2nd October – Rock Kidz

Thursday 3rd October – Flu vaccinations

Thursday 10th October – Wildlife Park Trip

Wednesday 23rd October – Halloween Disco

Friday 25th October – Break up for half-term

Autumn 1 Newsletter – Foundation Stage

**Welcome to Foundation Stage!**

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer and are looking forward to your children starting their learning journey with us at Onchan School.

We have been really impressed with how well the children have settled into school life and we are enjoying getting to know them. We have been spending time observing and chatting to your children and finding out all about their interests.

**The Foundation Stage Team**

The Foundation Stage team consists of class teachers, Mr Jones (Penguins) and Miss Quinn (Giraffes), along with support staff, Mrs Watterson Miss Kirk and Miss Kneen.

Miss Wooding (teacher) will be covering PPA sessions throughout the year, as well as Andy from MSR.

**Tapestry**

By now you should all be able to access your child’s individual learning journey on Tapestry. This is where we capture some of the special learning experiences your child has completed. You are also able to like, comment and even post on to your child’s profile.

**Snack**

Your child will be provided a healthy snack and the choice of milk or water. Throughout the year the children will have the opportunity to accompany Mrs Watterson and Miss Kirk to Tesco to buy the snack for the following week. The children will then help to prepare the snack for that particular day. This is extremely beneficial to the children, as they will learn about money, weight, road safety and lots more!

Snack costs £15 **per half term** and we kindly ask for this to be paid in cash to a member of the team. We would really appreciate it if this could be paid in a named envelope.

**Onchan School Website**

Make sure to keep an eye on our school website <https://onchan.sch.im/> as we will be regularly updating

our page with newsletters/blog posts and photos of your children’s learning journey!

**We are always looking for…**

Any art and craft supplies eg. cardboard boxes, tubes, bottles, wallpaper etc. as long as there are no traces of nuts due to allergies in school.

**Topic**

The first few weeks will be spent getting to know your children and learning about our class animals (Penguins and Giraffes).

For the rest of the half-term we will be learning all about Ourselves. The children will be talking about their likes and dislikes, being unique, and their families.

**Phonics Learning Logs**

We will soon be sending home a Phonics Learning Log with your child, to support phonics learning. Inside the learning log you will find a letter that explains this.

Phonics is taught daily within classes and will focus on 2 sounds per week. Each sound has two sessions devoted to it. The first is a reading focus and the second a writing focus (including formation and handwriting). Phonics Learning Logs will be sent home every week with the 2 new sounds and you can practise those at home with your child if you have any moments spare. We will then check them in school with the children at the end of the week.

**Reading Books in Foundation Stage**

Children will start bringing reading books home soon. They will all receive a lilac banded book which only contains pictures. This is so the children can develop their language, vocabulary, get used to holding the books and hopefully develop a love for stories before making the jump to books with words after we have started phonics. We will change the books at the start of every week so please make sure they are in book bags. The reading records are a place where we will write how your child has read that day.

Please try and read with your child as much as you can at home, we know this can be tricky with busy routines but we find this greatly impacts their development and just a quick comment in the reading record to say you have read is massively appreciated.

**Updates**

**Website** – Photos of current learning

**Tapestry** – Individual children’s learning and class updates from Mr Jones/Miss Quinn

**Email** – general school updates

**If you have any questions please feel free to pop in and speak to a member of the Foundation Stage team.**

**Many thanks,**

**Mr Jones, Miss Quinn, Mrs Watterson, Miss Kirk and Miss Kneen**