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Autumn 1 Newsletter – Reception

Key Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th September – FS Children start

Tuesday 21st October – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 17th September – Reception Photos

Wednesday 22nd October – Molly Quirk's Glen Trip

Thursday 2nd October – Flu vaccinations

Friday 24th October – Break up for half-term

Wednesday 15th October – Rock Kidz

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

This year, the Foundation Stage team is made up of Miss Diack (Owl Class) and Mr Jones (Penguin Class). Classes are supported by Miss Kirk, Miss Dale and, Mrs Cowin. We are also lucky to have Miss Sullivan joining us as a student teacher and Mr Clegg as a student support member.

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

Topic

The first few weeks have been spent getting to know your children and learning about our class animals (Penguins and Owls). For the rest of the half-term we will be learning all about Ourselves and Our Feelings. The children will be talking about their likes and dislikes, being unique, and their families.

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 Miss Kirk and Miss Dale 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 Values
Compassion - Integrity - Endeavour - Courage - Respect



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PE Kits

Reception will have PE lessons on Thursday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of each half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

Outdoor Learning

As a school we are delighted with our Outdoor Learning Area, and we incorporate this into our learning as much as possible. Outdoor Learning will take place on a Tuesday. Every Tuesday, in Reception, we will be utilising our outdoor space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a Tuesday, Reception need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! No school uniform is needed on a Tuesday for Reception. We will be starting our Outdoor Learning on **Tuesday 23rd September**.

If your child does not yet have a pair of wellies in school, please could these be brought in as soon as possible ready for our outdoor learning sessions to commence.

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 in the next couple of weeks. Lilac books have no words and encourage young children to tell their own stories.

Sharing wordless books is a terrific way to build important literacy skills, including listening skills, vocabulary, comprehension – and an increased awareness of how stories are “built,” as the storyteller often uses a beginning, middle, end format.

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 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



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Molly Quirk's Glen Trip

On Wednesday 21st October the children will take part in their first school trip to Molly Quirk's Glen! This will support our exploration of Harvest where the children will.... We will be leaving school after the register and returning in time for lunch time. Children can wear outdoor learning clothes that can get muddy – and will be wearing their wellies. Parents are not required for this visit. Further information will be shared closed to the time.

Tapestry

You will shortly be able to be receiving an email which will take you to the Tapestry page 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.

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!

Home-School Communications

If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office at **onchanEnquiries@sch.im** and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see your class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all.

If you have any questions,
please feel free to pop in and speak to a member
of the Foundation Stage Team ☺