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Summer Newsletter – Reception

Key Dates for your Diary

Summer 1

Monday 20th April – Return to school
Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May – Molly Corrooin's Cottage Visit
Wednesday 6th May – Molly Corrooin's Cottage Visit
Tuesday 12th May – Meadow View Day Centre Visit
Friday 15th May – Nursery Rhyme Day
Thursday 21st May – Teddy Bears Picnic
Thursday 21st May – Break up for TT

Summer 2

Monday 8th June – Return to school
Wednesday 10th June – Class Photos
Thursday 11th June – FS/KS1 Sports Day (TBC)
Wednesday 24th June – Library Visit
Wednesday 1st July – Molly Quirk's Glen
Friday 3rd July – Whole School Transition Day
Monday 6th July – Tynwald Day
8th, 9th, 10th July – 150 School Celebrations
Wb 13th July – Wildlife Park Trip (TBC)
Thursday 23rd July – School finishes for Summer

Welcome Back to Foundation Stage!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some special time with family and friends. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school, and they have returned settled, happy, and ready to learn. This half-term promises to be full of exciting opportunities as we approach the TT holiday.

Our team consists of: Miss Diack (Owl Class) and Mr Jones (Penguin Class). Classes are supported by Miss Kirk, Mrs Cowin and Mr Watterson. We are also lucky to have Miss Sullivan with us again as a student teacher. Miss Wooding (teacher) will be covering PPA sessions throughout the year, as well as Andy from MSR.

Topic

This half-term, our learning will be centered around our upcoming 150th celebration of Onchan School. The children will explore what a celebration is and why they are important, as well as developing their understanding of what 150 looks like. We will also be learning about the past and present by comparing home and school life, jobs and shops, and even exploring nursery rhymes, music and games through the years.

If you have any ideas, stories, photographs or items from home that you feel could support our learning, we would love for you to share them with us.

We will be holding an exhibition in July, along with some other special activities where you will have the opportunity to see what we have been up to, as well as reminisce about school life over the years.

Water Bottles, Suncream and Sun Hats

As the weather is getting warmer, we would like to send a reminder about a couple of things to help keep the children comfortable during the school day. Although the children have access to water and milk throughout the day, it is very helpful if they can bring their own water bottle into school. This ensures they always have easy access to a drink, especially during busy and active times.

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When appropriate, we ask that suncream is applied at home before your child comes into school. Children are welcome to bring a named sun hat to wear outside. Please note that due to safety, sunglasses should not be worn in school.

Molly Cooroin's Cottage

On Tuesday 5th May (Owl Class) and Wednesday 6th May (Penguin Class), the children will be visiting Molly Cooroin's Cottage in Onchan to explore what life was like for Molly and her family when they lived there. This visit will support our learning about the past and how life has changed over time.

We are very fortunate to be able to arrange this experience with the Friends of Onchan Heritage.

Meadow View Day Centre

On Tuesday 12th May, as part of our learning and after rehearsing a variety of nursery rhymes, the children will be visiting Meadow View Day Centre to perform to the people who attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to sing to an audience and bring smiles to others. More information to follow.

Nursery Rhyme Day - Dress Up

On Friday 15th May, as part of our nursery rhyme learning, we will be holding a special Nursery Rhyme Day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a nursery rhyme. Please do not feel that you need to buy a costume - we encourage you to use items you already have at home. For example, the MSPC Animal Day Costume could be used for Old MacDonald, or a mouse for Hickory Dickory Dock. It could even be something creative and simple, such as a star headband or yellow clothing for Twinkle Twinkle Little Star or wearing a crown for Sing a Song of Sixpence. Further information to follow.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

On the final day of the half-term - Thursday 21st May, the children will go on a short walk around the school and onto the school field for our Teddy Bear's Picnic. During that week the children will take part in buying and preparing the refreshments for the picnic in an old-style shop set up in school. The only thing the children need to bring in for this day is a teddy bear or soft toy. More information to follow.

Onchan School Website

Make sure to keep an eye on our school website <https://onchan.sch.im/> as we will be regularly updating our class 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. Thank you, the Reception Team ☺

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