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Summer 2 Newsletter – Reception

Key Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th June – Return to school
Wednesday 10th June – Class Photos
Tuesday 23rd June – Library Visit
Wednesday 24th June – FS/KS1 Sports Day
Monday 29th June – Pirate Day
Friday 3rd July – Whole School Transition Day
Monday 6th July – Tynwald Day
Tuesday 7th July – Transition Day (New and Current Reception only)
8th, 9th, 10th July – 150 School Celebrations
Tuesday 14th July – Wildlife Park Trip
Tuesday 21st July – Molly Quirk's Glen
Thursday 23rd July – School finishes for Summer

Welcome to our Final Half-Term in Foundation Stage!

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching our final half-term in Reception – this year has really flown by! The children have grown so much since September, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved so far.

This half-term is always a special one as we continue to enjoy lots of exciting learning opportunities and begin preparing the children for their transition into Year 1. Over the coming weeks, we will focus on building independence, confidence and readiness for their next exciting step in school.

Topic

This half-term, our learning will begin with an exciting pirate theme, where the children will set sail on adventures through stories, role play and exploration. We will be developing our communication and language skills, creating maps, solving problems and using our imaginations as we discover life at sea!

As we move through the half-term, our learning will then focus on summer and seasonal changes, giving the children opportunities to explore the world around them and reflect on their experiences throughout the year. We will also begin preparing for the exciting transition into Year 1 and encourage the children to reflect on all they have achieved during their Reception journey.

There will be an exhibition held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of July to celebrate 150 Years of Onchan School, along with some other special activities. You will have the opportunities to see what we have all been up to in school, as well as reminisce about school life over the years.

Onchan School Values
Compassion - Integrity - Endeavour - Courage - Respect



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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.

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.

Pirate Day

On **Monday 29th June**, we will be holding a special Pirate Day as part of our learning this half-term. Children are invited to come to school dressed as pirates and can look forward to a day filled with exciting, themed activities, treasure hunting, role play and creative challenges. We cannot wait to embark on this pirate adventure together!

Wildlife Park Trip

To round off our Reception year, the children will be visiting the Wildlife Park on **Tuesday 14th July**. This exciting visit will link to our summer learning and provide an opportunity for the children to revisit and reflect on their previous learning about habitats and the animals that live within them. We know this will be a wonderful experience together before the end of Reception. Further details 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 ☺