**Dates for your Diary**

**6th September –** Autumn Term Begins

**9th October** **–** Meet the Teacher (more info to follow)

**20thOctober –** Last day of Half Term

**30th October –** Half Term Begins

**20th December –** SPC Christmas Party

**22nd December –** End of Autumn Term

**Autumn Newsletter – Specialist Provision Centre**

**Dear Parents**

Welcome back to school and the start of the school year! We welcome 6 new children to Onchan this year. Everyone is settling in well to their new classrooms and routines and we are all getting to know their individual personalities. We also welcome a few new members to the Onchan SPC team.

We welcome Lucy Kheir who has been appointed our second teacher at Onchan and is doing a limited term contract until June 2024. Lucy is based in the Whales class and supporting her is Kerry Mills, Megan Whitehead, Amy Wright and Ellie Moffit.

Within the Seals class we have Lucy Gaylor, Chris Hermann and Ashlea Dentith supported by myself, Kirsten Hall.

Within the Otters class we have Vicky Roberts, Georgia Meggit, Eva Boyd and Lillie Wooton supported by myself.

**What to bring to school**

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to help keep them hydrated all day and a healthy snack for mid-morning. No nut products are allowed due to allergies in school and ideally the snack provided should be a healthy one where possible. I realise that we have some fussy eaters so we are flexible in this respect.

Please will you ensure that spare clothing, nappies and wipes are sent into school regulary, including socks! We like to get involved in Messy Play activities so the need for spare clothes is a must ☺ We have also ordered some new more waterproof aprons which we will encourage them to wear.

Communication books are sent home daily, please have a read after school to check for any messages and we will do the same when they return to school. If you would prefer to contact

myself or Lucy directly, you can do this via the ClassDojo. If urgent please call school directly as I don’t always have access to my laptop during the school day.

**Tapestry**

We are so lucky as a school to be able to use the Tapestry app to share photo’s/video’s and observations of your child during their time with us at school. If it is well supported I would hope that school will contune to use this until your child reaches year 6. At the end of their time with us you will be able to download their learning journal permanently and keep this as a keepsake for them to look back on when they move on to highschool. As a family you can also share the same with us via Tapestry, we love seeing video’s and photo’s of their home experiences and interests. We welcome these

**Outdoor Learning**

As a school we are delighted with our Forest School Area and we incorporate this into our learning as much as possible. We access the Forest School Area on a Friday so comfortable, old clothing can be worn on this day and wellie boots are a must especially with the change in season upon us.

**If you have any questions please just ask.**

**Many thanks**

**Kirsten**