

# ST JOHNS SCHOOL



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As we come to the end of a very busy Spring Term we have a few updates about things that have been happening in school and a few notices and reminders to get ready for the return to school after Easter.



## STAFFING UPDATES

After working at St Johns for 25 years Mrs Astill's last official day working in school will be Thursday 2nd April when we close for the Easter holidays.

The process to recruit and appoint our new school administrator is complete and we will welcome Mr Chris Duff in the summer term.

In the transition period, until Mr Duff can start, Mrs Astill has agreed to carry on part time to keep the office running smoothly.

Miss Fallon's last day at St Johns is Thursday 2nd April. She starts her new position at Peel Clothworkers after Easter and we wish her all the very best for her new role.

Ms Titley returns from maternity leave after Easter and will teach the Shearwater class for 2 days each week with Mrs Quine teaching the other three days.

Mrs Fiona Moore has worked at St Johns for many years as a support staff member. She has not been in school for several months due to ill health and has now decided to retire. We wish Mrs Moore all our best wishes in her retirement.

## LUNCH COSTS - Summer Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May =£58.65  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July £84.15  
Full Term £142.80

Milk for the summer term 20<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> July is £14.56

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Raven class visit Easter Experience workshops at St Johns Church and St Johns Methodist Church.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Peregrine class visit Easter Experience workshops at St Johns Church and St Johns Methodist Church.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Year 6 - Junior Achievement Day

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Years 4 & 5 visit the Outdoor Learning Centre at Ard Whallan

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - SCHOOL CLOSSES for Easter

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - SCHOOL OPENS

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Assembly - Recycle/Collect

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Manx Music Festival week starts

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - meeting for Year 6 children and parents about The Venture Centre visit - starts at 3.45pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Girls Football Tournament

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 at QE2 for CSI Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Assembly by Scripture Union

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 visit the Outdoor Learning Centre at Ard Whallan

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Puffin class visit Garey ny Cloie (Woodland Wonders workshop).

## SUMMER UNIFORM

Please can we ask that all children wear correct school uniform as there are one or two personalisations currently being worn.

Polo shirts should be yellow and sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans should be the St Johns blue. These items do not need to have the school logo but they must be the correct colour. Navy blue tops, patterned tops and zip up tracksuit tops are not part of uniform.

Children can wear long trousers or shorts that are black or grey but we ask that sports shorts with logos (eg Puma, Nike) are not worn as uniform. These type of shorts in black or navy can be worn as part of PE kit.

Trainers are not allowed in school as part of uniform and children must have smart school shoes. We understand that some children wear black trainer style shoes and that is fine but trainers that a bright colours and have logos are not acceptable.

Some children like to bring trainers to change into at break times when playing football, especially when we are on the field. This is a good idea as it saves schools shoes being damaged and it stops mud and grass being brought into school. We want our children to look smart and feel pride in belonging to St Johns School and wearing uniform is an important part of this. For older children in Year 5 & 6, getting used to wearing correct uniform (including shoes not trainers) will help prepare them for secondary school where uniform requirements are strictly enforced.

## UNIFORM RAIL

We have large amount of pre owned uniform in the entrance hall and we have recently sorted through this to offer a range of sizes.

As well as jumpers, cardigans and yellow polo tops we have some lovely (little) summer dresses and plenty of grey shorts so please take a look before heading to the shops. At £2 per item these items are great value and a good way to top up if items have been lost.

Please can parents ensure that all uniform items are named.



We have had a really hectic couple of weeks with children taking part in several extra events outside of school.

A huge congratulations must go to Lorcan, Kayden and Mille who represented St Johns at the Rotary Public Speaking competition and won!!!



Ms Radcliffe took our choir to the Manx Folk Awards.

This was a new event for the school and the children did brilliantly competing against 9 other school choirs.

Most of our school choir are children in Year 3 and 4 who were competing against Year 5 & 6 children so the competition was tough. However, it was a great experience and something the choir can learn from and build on next year.



Mr Chapple took our team of runners to the island cross country event at Nobles Park.

6 boys and 5 girls ran and overall the school came 9th out of 24.

There were 150 boys and 150 girls racing in each event and we had 4 boys and 3 girls in the top 50 places.

A special mention must go to Damian who came 8th overall.

Congratulations to all of the runners.

