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Arbory School News

April Dates

School Closes

Friday 8th April

School Opens

Monday 25th April

Guild Week

23rd April to
30th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

1st April 2022

Dear Parents

Things have been very busy at school over the past couple of weeks and I am sure that the children are looking forward to the Easter break. Hopefully the weather will return to the warm, sunny days that we enjoyed last weekend.

Miss Cunliffe

We are pleased to welcome a student from Edge Hill who will be working with the Year 2 class for a number of weeks alongside Mrs Hickey.

Small Talk

The Small Talk team who described a mystery object on the Manx Radio breakfast programme were invited along to the Manx Radio studios for a visit round the building and met some of the presenters.

Public Speaking

Well done to the Arbory Public Speaking team, Claudia, James and Jonny who won the event on home turf. The evening was introduced brilliantly by Elle and Henrietta and the audience were given five fantastic performances by the teams. The judges were impressed by all the children taking part, but it was Claudia's speech about Virtual Reality, and the overall team performance that enabled Arbory to retain the trophy and receive £500 from the Rotary Club of Rushen and Western Mann. Everyone attending was impressed by the catering and we would like to thank Rotary members, the judges and the Arbory staff team for making the event such a success. Thank you to all the parents who helped with catering and a special thank you to Mrs Hickey who organised the event for us this year, and to Mrs Young who came out of retirement to work with the children.

Manx Folk Awards

Arbory had a huge number of children taking part this year and we had children in Key Stage One choir, singing in Manx, reading in Manx, Manx dancing and folk orchestra. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all the teachers who worked with the children. We received quite a few awards and the children enjoyed competing.

Reading Week

Thank you to Mrs Longshaw, Mrs Collister and the other staff who organised and ran the reading week. The children have been really engaged in the challenges and we are seeing a lot of children doing some extra reading. Thank you also for the support you are giving to the children at home. Last week we were visited by an author and illustrator, Simon Murray, who held workshops in every class. He was really pleased with the children's efforts and said that they listened politely and produced some imaginative work.

Dinners - Summer Term

£11.75 weekly

First Half Term - £61.10**Second Half Term** - £65.80**Full Term** - £126.90

Please pay using ParentPay or by cheque/cash at the office.

Red Nose Day

Well done to the school council who organised events and raised £152.51

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Lunchtime Ancillaries

This term we are saying goodbye to two of our lunchtime ancillaries, Mrs Bridson and Mrs Black. I would like to say thank you for everything they have done for us over their time here and wish them well in the future. The two posts will be advertised shortly on the government's Jobtrain but if you know anyone who may be interested in becoming an ancillary, please get in touch with the school office.

Mrs Hickey

We are very pleased for Mrs.Hickey who announced this week that she is expecting a baby in the autumn. Mrs Hickey will be teaching until the end of the summer term and will commence her maternity leave in September.

Year 6 teacher

There will be a new teacher in Year 6 from September and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Morgan who comes to us from Michael School. Mrs Morgan has already taught at Arbory on supply a number of years ago and comes from the south of the island.

School Grounds and arrival at school

School grounds are open and can be accessed out of school hours but children should be supervised on the school site at all times. Children should not arrive before **8.30am** in the morning unless they are waiting with a parent. There is no supervision of children before 8.40am as all staff are preparing for the day ahead. On wet days, children may come into the hall where there is supervision from 8.30am. Children attending guitar club are able to arrive early on a Tuesday and those attending Folkestra may arrive early on a Friday. Please note that the school office does not open before 8.30am.

New Covid Guidance from 1st April 00.01 Hours

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 infection to self-isolate. If your test is positive, the advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people and sensitive locations (clinical settings) until 48 hours after your symptoms have stopped.

If you have tested positive and are asymptomatic, the advice is similar, you are encouraged to avoid contact with other people particularly those who are vulnerable, until you return a negative LFD test result.

Sizzles

The Circus has been in town and Sizzles has decided to quit his day job as a school dog until the weather improves. He has been invited to join a group of performing dachshunds from Barking who call themselves the 'Badger Boys'. They have promised to take him on their world tour which includes places such as Newfoundland, Labrador, Chihuahua and the Dalmatian coast.

We hope to see him back soon!

Yours sincerely

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