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Arbory School News

Dates

Wednesday 26th April

Junior Cross Country
Nobles Park 1pm

Friday 28th April

Choir singing at the Guild
2pm

Wednesday 3rd May

Dolphin Swimming Gala
9.45am NSC

Thursday 4th May

Cake Sale
3pm

Friday 5th May

Soup and Pasta Swap for
the Southern Food Bank

15th-19th May

Scholastic Book fair

Tuesday 30th May

School Sports Day
1pm

Wednesday 31st May

Y6 Crucial Crew

Thursday 1st June

School closes for TT

Monday 12th June

School Opens

6th April 2023

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of another busy term I would like to wish you all the best for Easter and the holiday period to come. Hopefully those of us staying here will get some good weather to enjoy the island, and as our holidays are a bit later than the UK, those of you travelling further afield will not be affected by so many delays and hold-ups.

Please take some time to make a note of this month's information.

Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Well done to the team for winning back the trophy. Jonny, Charlie and Ethan did a fantastic job in beating the other three teams with Jonny's speech about whether Shakespeare should be taught in schools today. With the awards comes a cheque for £750 and the honour of hosting the event yet again next year. We were really pleased to have 20 children taking part in the school competition and thanks goes to Murray and Rachael Cringle for judging that event and to Sarah Williams and Julie Young who worked with the team. Rotary were really impressed and I would like to thank them for organising this event which has helped children to develop their public speaking skills over the years. This event could not happen without the support of the staff team who take on coaching roles before the competition, organise refreshments and help out on the night. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2024!

Manx Folk Awards

Well done to everyone who took part in the Manx Folk Awards this year and thank you to all the staff who worked with the children. In total we had around 94 children taking part from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Classes that we entered were Manx Folk Dance; teams, solos and couples, Songs in English and Manx, Music Making (Folkestra) and Reading in Manx. We had quite a few first and second place awards and we won the **Folktastic Award** on the Tuesday because our Year 1 and Year 2 children all sang beautifully and the dancers were excellent. We were sadly unable to invite parents to many of the events due to space in venues but will let you when videos become available of the performances.

Hi-Viz Jackets

We would like to say a big thank you to **Elliott Storage Ltd** who have provided us with a set of jackets that our younger pupils can wear when walking to and from different venues.

Kiartys - Engineering Week - plaque

Engineering week was a great success and the support from Nick Onyemem and Kiartys was really appreciated. We have been given a plaque to commemorate their involvement in the activities organised by Mr Parry. This is displayed in the school foyer.

School Website

Mrs Harrison regularly updates the school website so please check it from time to time.

Dinners - Spring Term

£11.75 weekly First Half Term £63.45 (Yr6 £61.10) Second Half Term - £65.80 (Y5 and Y6 £63.45)
Full Term £129.25 (Year 5 £126.90 Year 6 £124.55)

Please note that the kitchen staff need two weeks' notice when children are swapping from packed lunch to school dinners and please check your Parent Pay account regularly to stay on top of payments.

School Buses - No1 Service Bus

From 24th April, the No1 service bus will no longer stop at school. Children will need to board the 66 which will stop behind the 64 and travel to Castle Rushen High School. Any children travelling onwards can transfer to the 11A which will go to Douglas. Both buses will pull in to CRHS so there is no need to cross the road. The 66 continues to Peel (QE2) and then Douglas.

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Food Bank Pasta and Bean swap.

We are holding another Swap Shop event in aid of the local Foodbank on Friday 5th May.
Children can bring food items to swap for soup or pasta and parents can join it at 3.30pm (No fresh produce please)

Coronation of King Charles III

We would like to hold a garden lunch party on Friday 5th May. Children can come dressed in clothes that they might wear to a special occasion (eg wedding, party event etc) and should bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided by school.
We will have some different events and competitions on the day and in the afternoon we will have the pasta and soup swap for children and parents to support the food bank.

Yours sincerely

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