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Arbory School News

January Dates

Wednesday 17th Jan

Castle Rushen Open
Evening for all Y6 parents
and students
6pm

February Dates

Thursday 1st Feb

Friends of Arbory Drop In
9am

Monday 12th Feb

Arbory School
Public Speaking
competition
4pm

Tuesday 13th Feb

Y3 Tag Rugby Competition
9.30am NSC

19th to 23rd Feb

Half Term

March Dates

Mon 4th/Tues 5th/ Thurs

7th March

Parents Meetings

18th March

Rotary Junior Public
Speaking Competition 6pm
(at Arbory)

18th - 22nd March

Manx Folk Awards

12th January 2024

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! It's great to see the children back in school this week and hopefully you all enjoyed the Christmas break despite the weather and the travel disruption.

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

New starters

As usual, we are asked to submit our predicted number for September by the end of this month. Please can you ask relatives and friends to enrol any children who are due to commence school this September. Forms are available at the office.

Isle of Man Creameries

Thanks to Isle of Man Creameries for providing milk for the hot chocolate afternoon and to the parents who helped organise the event and make the drinks. The children really enjoyed the treat!

Dinners - Spring Term

£12.00 weekly

First Half Term - £72.00 Second Half Term - £57.60 Full Term £129.60

Please note that the kitchen staff need two weeks' notice when children are swapping from packed lunch to school dinners.

Mrs Quayle

After working as a school cook for the past 25 years, and before that as a lunchtime ancillary, Mrs Quayle has decided to retire at the end of this month.

We are really grateful to her for all the hard work and dedication she has shown over the years despite many changes in the working environment and the way in which meals are delivered, cooked and served. There have been many times when the kitchen staff have supported us in cooking food for special events and ensuring that the hall is available for use straight after lunchtime, no mean feat as we do not have a separate dining area!

The Christmas meal was always one of Mrs. Quayle's strong points and she always went the extra mile to ensure that all the children had something extra on the day, often buying crackers and other items to supplement the meal.

We are sorry to see her go but wish her all the best in her retirement, hoping that it will be a long a long and happy one.

Mrs Hurst will be working with a new colleague from the start of February.

Fund Raising

Thanks to everyone who was involved with the various fundraising events last term in any way. Your support is really appreciated. The following amounts were raised.

School Raffle- £1022.69

Hot Chocolate - £129.72

School Photos - £392.16

Clubs

Tag Rugby for Y2/3, Monday, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Guitar Club for KS2 - Tuesday before school - 8.20am

Running Club for all years, Wednesday lunchtimes

Choir for KS2, Thursday lunchtime

Craft Club for Y1 and Y2, Friday lunchtime

Manx dancing for KS2, Friday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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Advance Notice

Parents Evenings - Monday 4th March, Tuesday 5th March and Thursday 7th (Y1 only)
Bookings can be made on Arbor from Monday 12th February

Pay it Forward

You may have heard of a new scheme, Kids Grub Club launched recently by Isle Pay it Forward which helps lower-income families to get a free meal for their children during school holidays. Schools in the south have distributed these cards to children who have free school meals and there are currently a number of outlets in Douglas and the South who are participating in the scheme. The scheme is driven by customer donations, so if you are happy to participate in the scheme, please look out for the signs in local cafes. A list of outlets is available from school, or by contacting Tina Brennan 424806.

Friends of Arbory

There will be an informal meeting to discuss future events on Thursday 1st February at 9am in the staff room. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend, please contact Mrs Harrison.

Food Bank

Thanks again to everyone who continues to support the Food Bank. Collections will continue on a Tuesday and a list of items that they need is available in the school entrance.

Yours sincerely



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