

Ballacottier News

January 2024



Be safe

Be respectful

Be ready

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term at Ballacottier School.

We have a short but busy term ahead. Dates for your diary can be found below.

It is very cold at the moment so please make sure your child is wrapped up warmly as we always try to get outside when the weather permits. It would be a great help if all hats, scarves and gloves are named as well as coats, so we can return any mislaid items to children.

Mrs Forrester

Valentine Disco

If you are able to help at the Valentine Discos on Tuesday 13th February please let the school office know 😍

New Starters

If your child is turning 5 between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025 you will need to register them for school. Please let anyone know who may have a child due to start school in our catchment area and ask them to contact the school office to enrol their child.

Thanks

Additional Forest School Sessions

Additional Forest School sessions have been secured this year.

Our Year 4 classes will have 8 sessions each this term, and Year 1 and Year 2 classes will have four sessions each during the summer term. More details will be sent home nearer the time.

All of these sessions will be subsidised with money raised from fundraising events at school that took place during the autumn term.

New format Curriculum Outlines

Today you should receive your child's Curriculum Outline for the Spring Term. The format has changed so that each class provides the same amount and type of information for parents regarding what their child will be learning about during each term.

On the Parent Survey some parents asked for advice on how best to support their child at home and therefore a box has been included with some pointers to help you get involved at home.

Car Park

Please can car park visitors stop using the Staff Car Park, this is designated for staff only for reasons that have been shared in previous newsletters.. Also pulling in at the entrance to the Staff Car Park blocks the way for other vehicles, so please do not do this - instead park in the parking spaces provided. The hatched markings on the road at the entrance to Sandcastles Nursery indicate that you should not park there - this is not a drop-off zone.

Please help to keep our Car Park safe and show respect to all who use it. Thanks.

DATES FOR THE TERM

JANUARY

- Fri 12th - KS2 Isle Listen Workshops
- Tues 23rd - Ladybird Class RE 'Stars' Trip
- Wed 24th - Year 4 Cookie Fundraising Event
- Wed 24th - Y6 Parent Information Evening at SNHS
- Thu 25th - Y6 Parent Information Evening at BHS
- Wed 31st - KS2 Isle Listen Workshops

FEBRUARY

- Tues 13th - Valentine Disco
- Fri 16th - Isle Of Play Fun Day
 - School closes for Half Term Holiday
- Mon 26th - School Re-opens to pupils

MARCH

- Tues 5th - Daffodil judging
- Wed 6th - Grasshopper Class start Forest School (Fortnightly for for 16 weeks)
- Thu 7th - World Book Day
 - Cross Country Competition
- Wed 13th - Dragonflies Class start Forest School (Fortnightly for for 16 weeks)
- Mon 18th - Athletics Tournament (Year 4-6)
 - Parent Evening Week
 - Manx Folk Awards Week
- Thu 21st - Girls Football Tournament (Year 4-6)
- Thu 28th - Easter Art Exhibition
 - School closes for Easter

Keep in Touch with School

You can call on 01624 612558 or email us at ballacottierenquiries@sch.im
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