



# Ballacottier Primary School

## Autumn Term 1

A warm welcome to a new academic year! I hope you had a fantastic summer break and took full advantage of the amazing weather. It has been wonderful to see the children return full of energy, smiles and a real eagerness to learn. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, with new opportunities and fresh challenges ahead, and we look forward to all the experiences that this half-term will bring.

This year is particularly special for me as I begin my first full year as Headteacher here at Ballacottier School. I feel very privileged to be part of such a vibrant and caring school community, and I am excited to continue building on the many successes we have already achieved together. There are many engaging learning opportunities planned and I can't wait to share the achievements our wonderful pupils with you over the coming weeks and months. Miss Davies



### Clubs

Connor returns as our Sports Coach this year and will be running a variety of clubs for varying age groups throughout the year. For this half-term he is starting with Year 3/4 Hockey on a Tuesday morning and Year 5/6 Badminton on a Thursday. Both clubs will run from 8:10am until 8:50am.

### Healthy Snack

As a school we are focussing on the importance of healthy snacks. A good snack helps children stay energised, concentrate and feel ready for learning. We kindly ask that snacks such as packets of crisps and chocolate bars are kept for home, and that children bring in fruit, vegetables, cereal bars and other healthy options instead. We also request that snacks be nut free. Together we can help build good habits that support both learning and wellbeing.



### Uniform Pride

A smart uniform helps children feel part of our school community and instills a sense of pride. A gentle reminder that pupils should be wearing school trousers rather than fitted leggings and that 'short shorts' should only be worn under skirts and not as outerwear.

### Site Security

The safety of the children is always our top priority. A new gate will be fitted at the entrance to the front yard/school field. This will be opened daily at around 3:10pm. We kindly ask that parents and carers do not enter through this gate until it is open. Over the summer break, some damage was caused to roof tiles on the school building. For safety reasons, we ask that you speak with any children you have at home about the importance of staying off the school roof.





# Key Dates



| Date                      | Activity   |
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| Wednesday, 3rd September  | Autumn Term Starts   |
| Tuesday Mornings          | Year 3/4 Hockey Club   |
| Thursday Mornings         | Year 5/6 Badminton Club  |
| Thursday, 11th September  | KS2 School Swimming Starts   |
| Monday, 15th September    | Fun Science Sessions Begin<br>(after school paid sessions with Emma) |
| Wednesday, 17th September | Year 6 Junior Achievement Session                                    |
| Thursday, 18th September  | Flu Immunisations  |
| Thursday, 18th September  | Reception Parent Meeting (2:45pm)                                    |
| Friday, 10th October      | School Photos  |
| Friday, 10th October      | KS2 Isle Listen Sessions   |
| Wednesday, 15th October   | Year 3/4 Hockey Competition  |
| 20th - 24th October       | Parent Consultation Evenings   |
| Wednesday, 22nd October   | Year 3 Stars Trip  |
| Wednesday, 22nd October   | Year 5 Outdoor Learning Centre Trip                                  |
| Thursday, 23rd October    | Hop tu Naa Disco   |
| Friday, 24th October      | KS2 Isle Listen Sessions   |
| Friday, 24th October      | Half-Term Break  |



Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Ready