



Ballacottier Primary School

'Bright futures begin here.'

Autumn Term 2

Welcome back to what is always one of our busiest and most exciting half-terms, as we begin the lead-up to Christmas!

There is already plenty in the calendar and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children shine in their Christmas productions later in December.

Thank you to everyone who attended a parents' evening with your child's class teacher. We really appreciate the time you took to meet with us and the opportunity to share and celebrate the wonderful achievements of the children.

Last half-term was a particularly busy one, with a number of visitors and trips taking place. Year 6 enjoyed engaging sessions with Young Engineers and Junior Achievement, we welcomed the author Pauline Hazelwood for a series of fantastic workshops, and our Hockey team represented the school brilliantly at their tournament at the NSC. Miss Davies

Hop tu Naa Disco

The disco was a huge success and the children all looked amazing in their fantastic costumes. A huge thanks to our FOBs groups for the organising and decorating and to our friends from the Family Library for the DJ skills!

Dogs on Site

Please can we remind families that dogs are not permitted on the school site at any time. We have also had a number of incidents of dog fouling on the school field, which poses a health and safety risk for our pupils. We kindly ask everyone to help us keep our grounds clean and safe for the children.

School Council & Prefects

A big well done to our new School Council and Prefect teams. They are already doing a fantastic job and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make.



Christmas

Our amazing Christmas concerts are fast approaching, and we are very much looking forward to celebrating the season with you. This year, our Key Stage 2 performance will take place at Braddan Church, while the Infant performances will be held in school. Full dates and times can be found on the Key Dates page of this newsletter.

Vision & Values

Our new school vision, mission and values have now been finalised, and we are excited to share them with our school community. They will help guide our priorities and the decisions we make as we continue to move forward together. The full vision and values will be available on our school website for families to view.

Winter Weather

With winter weather now upon us, we kindly ask that all children bring a suitable coat to school each day. Outdoor play continues in most conditions, so appropriate clothing is important.





Key Dates



Date	Activity
Monday, 3rd November	Return to School
Tuesday Mornings	Year 3/4 Football
Thursday Mornings	Year 5/6 Badminton
Wednesday, 13th November	Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament
Thursday, 13th November	No School Swimming
Thursday, 13th November	World Kindness Day Assembly by Isle Listen
Friday, 14th November	Children in Need Spotty Day!
Tuesday, 25th November	Year 4/5/6 Badminton Tournament
Friday, 5th December	KS2 Isle Listen Sessions
Tuesday, 9th December	KS2 Dress Rehearsal (Braddan Church Morning Session)
Wednesday, 10th December	Infants Christmas Production 2pm Start
Friday, 12th December	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
Friday, 12th December	KS2 Isle Listen Sessions
Tuesday, 16th December	KS2 Christmas Production Braddan Church 2pm
Tuesday, 16th December	Infant Christmas Parties
Wednesday, 17th December	Junior Christmas Parties
Friday, 19th December	Last Day of Term
Monday, 5th January	Start of Spring Term



Respect

Resilience

Ambition