



NEWSLETTER 5

22nd March 2018

Mrs Jones, who has been a staff member at Ballacottier School since it opened, will be leaving us on Thursday 29th March to pursue a life of leisure! As Mrs Jones has worked in Reception class throughout her career at Ballacottier, she has known almost every child who has attended here and we will miss her a great deal. All the best to Mrs Jones and don't be a stranger!!

Miss Quayle, who works in Reception class in the afternoons, will be replacing Mrs Jones in the mornings.

We are sure a lot of you remember that it was around this time last year when we had our "adventure" and moved to Fairfield School due to the norovirus. With this in mind, please can we remind you that if your child does vomit or has diarrhoea that you observe the 48 hour rule (not to return to school until 48 hours after their last bout). We would prefer that parents use the 48 hour rule as a precaution if their child has been sick or has an upset stomach rather than have another outbreak like last year. Thank you.

As the school will be celebrating it's 20th birthday in September we have decided to revamp our school uniform and are in the process of sourcing new tops. With that in mind, we will not be sending out uniform orders this term but still have plenty of second hand uniform on the rail in the porched area of the main entrance if you need something to tide you over. We will be in touch as soon as we have news.

As the old style English pound coins are no longer legal tender, please note that we will be returning any that are sent in to school.

Bills for meals, drinks and snacks (Reception and Rainbow Room) are being sent out at the end of the this week. Deadline for payment is Friday 20th April. If payment is not made by this date a packed lunch will need to be provided for meals and only water will be on offer for drinks and snack. Any changes to drinks need to be made by Wednesday 28th April with the school office and changes to meals options can be made at any time but you need to let the office know.

Although we mention it in almost every newsletter, people are still parking alongside the staff car park, in the hatched area and on the grassed area. Please only park in designated parking spaces in the main car park for the safety of everyone. If there are no spaces, please park somewhere safe outside school grounds and walk in to collect your child.

In the vain hope that we get some proper sunshine after Easter, please remember to apply an 8 hour sun cream to your child before they come to school in the morning.

The Easter Bunny will be in school on the morning of Thursday 29th March to judge the Easter Egg Colouring Competition so please ensure your named entry is in by then.

Just a reminder that swimming lessons will be held after the holidays on Thursday afternoons for years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

If you have any old U rated DVDs you no longer want, the school will gladly take them off your hands for indoor/wet play days.

Diary Dates

Mon 26th March - Manx Folk Awards Week

Thurs 29th March - Easter Egg Comp Judging

Thurs 29th March - School closes for Spring Term

Mon 16th April - School opens for Summer Term

Mon 20th April 2018 - Manx Music Festival begins

Mon 7th May - Bank Holiday

Mon 28th May - Bank Holiday

Tues 29th May - Year 6 Venture Centre Visit

Thurs 31st May - School closes for TT

Mon 11th June - School opens for Half Term

Mon 11th June - LEGO Workshop