



Rushen Primary School Newsletter

July 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has been another successful year for the pupils and staff of Rushen Primary School, where we have worked together and supported each other. Our focus on building positive relationships throughout the school and the community have gone from strength to strength, whether it is our work with local residents at Southlands, Port Erin Commissioners, or in our community work at the beach. In school, parents and carers have been able to see their child's class teacher every day at pick up time, on Thursday mornings or by arranged appointment (this has worked well especially for parents who work after school finishes). This open access has allowed teachers and parents to work together to support their child with their learning and we have seen the significant benefits of this. Knowing you well has meant that if any of us have any worries then a quick phonecall is all that is needed to share concerns. The pupils feel safe and know that we all care. Good communication has contributed to this. Since we have returned to school, we have had several pupils join us either from different schools, or from schools off the Island. I was speaking to some of them today and they were telling me how they had been welcomed. I felt so proud of all of our pupils and staff.

The children's commitment to 'what we do around here' has seen us develop our approach and our school vision. The display in the entrance hall, demonstrates this and we can see our vision 'in action' through the photographs that pupils have chosen and displayed.

I have received many emails, phone calls and face to face messages of thanks for all that the staff do to ensure that your child is happy and able to learn in school. I met with two groups of new intake parents (some of whom already have children who attend our school) last week for cake and tea/coffee. They are very positive about how their child has settled in already through the visits and it was clear that they hold the school in high regard. That is because of you, the families who come to this school and make people feel so welcome and the efforts of the staff to ensure this school is a good school. I would like to say thank you to you all, for this.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who have supported the school during the last year. Many of you have supported us by attending trips, competitions and performances. Without your support and contribution we would not be able to attend these events - thank you!

We are looking forward to next year and the engaging themes and learning opportunities that the teachers have already begun to plan. We also have plans to invite parents into school to find out more about what we have been learning, our vision and approaches. The children will be telling you all about this.

This year has been like no other. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on all of our lives. For all the challenges that we have faced as individuals or as families, many positive moments have also shone through. The feeling of being

an Island community and playing our part during lockdown and a determination to be kind and caring towards each other will hopefully help us move forward together in a positive way.

We wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for a bright and successful future, starting with their move to CRHS and we will miss them all!

On behalf of the Rushen Primary School staff, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

For those returning in September, we will see you all at **8.45am on Wednesday 9th September**. I look forward to seeing our pupils in their smart uniform, ready for the challenges of a new academic year.

Ms Owens

Headteacher

Uniform

Please ensure that the children come to school in full uniform in September.

Please note:

- ✓ School shoes – trainers are not allowed except as a change of footwear for playing on the field.
- ✓ Skirts should be knee length and shorts should be worn underneath as the children will be engaged in active learning.
- ✓ Children need to bring waterproof clothing every day as we will be playing out in all weathers-please ensure a suitable coat, rainproof and with a hood.
- ✓ PE kit (Maroon t-shirt and black shorts) should remain in school during term time.

Transition

New intake

A meeting was held for parents and carers of our new intake on the evening of Thursday 13th July. This was extremely well attended and was very informative. Thank you to our Early Years Foundation Stage leader, Mrs Shaw and the Early Years Team, Mrs Griffiths and Miss Quayle. On the 13th and 16th July, the new intake pupils and parents visited the school for a shared lunch and coffee/tea and cakes (for the parents!).

Y6 and CRHS

Our Y6 pupils attended two days at Castle Rushen High School on the 2nd and 3rd July. They experienced some of the curriculum areas including art, maths, PE, English and many more. The children had a fantastic two days. The highlight of the day for many pupils was lunchtime!

End of Year Performance Y6

Our Y6 presented their end of year performance to pupils and staff (dress rehearsal) and families on Thursday 24th July. The children performed brilliantly and there were many emotional moments and the odd tear!

GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!





Sports Day

It was so disappointing that the weather 'rained off' our sports day after two years of good weather. At least we had detailed information from the Ronaldsway Met Office and we were able to let you know the day before. We all took part in inside activities instead and the children really enjoyed these.





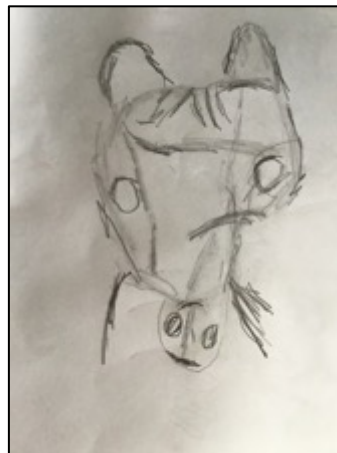
Some examples of Summer Term learning

Lonan Class



Nuria (Spanish teacher) and one of our Spanish pupils planned and led a Spanish morning with Lonan class. They made Spanish food and taught us Spanish words and songs!

Marown Class have been sketching animals



Malew/Braddan

Here are some photos of our field afternoon where we collaborated to play different outdoor games, spent some time doing mindfulness activities and building relationships/friendships. Some of the children also supported Reception/Year 1 practising for sports day.





Braddan Buddies!



Andreas Class – Bug Hotels (Outdoor learning)



Patrick Class – Papier mache!



Home Learning

When schools opened to all pupils, RPS committed to continue to upload Home Learning plans on our website. As a result, there are 6 weeks of home learning available.

During the summer holiday you may wish to continue engaging in some home learning with your child (optional). This would help your child to both consolidate learning and support their transition in September. Should you wish to do so, you can access year group ideas and guidance on the school website in our **Home Learning section > Summer Learning**. Soon, we will upload some 'Key Stage Hints and Tips for Summer Home Learning'. These will be organised into Early Years, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6. You can dip into any of the plans if you are interested.

We aim to share a selection of activities for each year group, which will engage your child with learning and support them in consolidating key skills, knowledge and understanding. In order to support learning at home, we have continued to include various links to visual examples and guidance. We trust that you will find this addition to our website helpful and informative.

Dinner Money

School meals may be paid for weekly/half termly/termly or for the full school year. The cost of school meals for Autumn 2020 term will be:

£11.75 per 5 day week (£7.05 for the first week of term – 3 days)

£77.55 for the first half of term

£159.80 for the full term

£441.80 for the full school year

Please login to your ParentPay account to make a payment and to check your account balance. Dinner money should be paid in advance, however, there are several families who currently owe dinner money. If your account is in arrears please pay any monies owing.

New starters will be issued with a ParentPay code and instructions on the first week of the Autumn term.

If you believe your child will be entitled to receive free meals from September 2020, please complete the online application form on the following link or complete the attached form and send to DESC.

<https://www.gov.im/media/34660/free-school-travel-joint-form-15520.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-free-school-travel-application-form/>

Children will not be eligible to receive free meals in September unless an application has been submitted and processed before the start of the new term.

School Photograph Day will be Thursday 1st October, 2020.

Wednesday 9th September
School opens for the Autumn Term at 8.45am

Please see the School Map for September below, so that you can locate your child's new classroom. School Holiday dates 2020 - 2023 and an Autumn/Winter School Meals menu are also attached.

Rushen Primary School Classrooms
2020 - 2021



Car Park

