



# Rushen Primary School Newsletter



September 2020



Beautiful September weather...

Dear Parents/Carers,

**\*Please, no dogs on site, even if carrying them, in line with DESC policy**

**\*Change of date for the Photograph Day (see below)**

## Welcome back to the new school year 2020-21!

Welcome as always, to our returning families and to all of our new families who have joined us for the first time! We had 42 new starters in our Reception this year, as well as a number of other children joining us across the classes in different year groups. Although we have almost 300 pupils at Rushen Primary School, we are proud of our 'family feel' and school community focus. The children have made a wonderful start to the new school year and are looking very smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your efforts with uniform and particularly with black shoes. If you have any issues, please write a note to the teacher. The children should only bring trainers to wear at playtime so that the mud from the field doesn't get brought into school. If you have any outgrown uniform, in good condition that you would like to donate to school, please send it in with your child - thank you. Also, please send in **recyclable coloured plastic bottles, coloured yogurt pots and bottle tops for a Craft Club**.

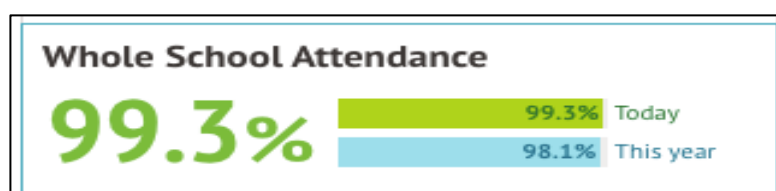
This year, we are planning a big focus on 'links with the community'. We have taken part in events and partnerships over many years and we look forward to building on these. See below for more information about what we have been up to this term already and some of our plans.

This year we are also continuing to reduce our paper use as part of our eco-friendly commitment and as a result will be sending important documents via email. Please ensure that the office have your correct primary email address. Often, we will send links to the website via email, so just click the link to be taken to a folder or document.

Please be careful in all car parks as a car door has been damaged earlier this week when someone opened their door onto a parked car. Please do not use the staff car park (by Reception) or the Ace Base car park - thank you.

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR NEWSLETTERS WHICH FORM THE HISTORY OF RUSHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL THROUGH THE YEARS, AS WELL AS GIVING PARENTS ALL OF THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL, EVENTS AND PLANS. PLEASE SHARE THE NEWSLETTER AS A FAMILY.**

**EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE SO FAR! THANK YOU...If the children are in school, they are learning.**



# Additional Education Needs (AEN) Code of Practice – Stakeholder Views Survey

The DESC are undertaking a survey regarding Additional Education Needs or Special Educational Needs as it is often known. Please click the link and take part if you wish:

<https://consult.gov.im/education-and-children/additional-education-needs-aen-code-of-practice-st/>

## Any worries or questions? Just let us know!

Please contact the class teacher in the first instance with any questions or concerns, when you pick your child up at the end of the day or via telephone. Please leave a voicemail if necessary and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

You can make an appointment to see your child's class teacher most days after school and on a Thursday morning when you can discuss any questions or concerns and find out about your child's learning. We are happy to be flexible and can also do telephone appointments if you are unable to pop in to school.

If your child has a medical/dental appointment, a written note should be given to your child's teacher who will make a note on our system. Please be aware that Mrs Awkal has many administrative tasks and responsibilities and is our only member of office staff. If you need to speak to someone in the School Office please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please note that Mrs Awkal may not always be based in the Office. **It is crucial that you update your contact information when something changes. We MUST be able to contact you in an emergency.**

## Community Police Officers

Our local Community Police Officers visited us in assembly and in KS2 classes on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. They presented the Prefect badges to our first group of Prefects (everyone a leader). The Officer really enjoyed meeting the classes. If you see them out and about, don't forget to say hello to PC Dave and PC Jim!





## BUILDINGS

Once again, during the summer holidays we had a significant amount work done in the school building. I am pleased that the upgrades will benefit the children and improve the learning environment.

2019-20	2020-21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main corridor carpets from KS2 to EYFS</li> <li>• Painting from KS2 to EYFS</li> <li>• Offices</li> <li>• 5 classroom carpets KS2</li> <li>• New boys' toilets KS2</li> <li>• Wall to create a separate Ace Base space</li> <li>• New IT upgrades</li> <li>• New lighting in the Sports Hall</li> <li>• Reception Furniture (phase 1)</li> <li>• Shelters painted and maintained (one part outstanding)</li> <li>• Emergency lighting upgrades</li> <li>• New fire doors leading outside from classrooms</li> <li>• Class furniture and resources upgraded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Upgrades to Early Years Foundation Stage</b></li> </ul> <p>Outside</p> <p>Fence moved to include more green space</p> <p>Fencing attached to metal railings to keep equipment, balls etc., inside</p> <p>Mud kitchen (to be completed)</p> <p>Sand pits (to be completed)</p> <p>Inside</p> <p>Removal of a partition in the shared area, removal of worksurface/sink/sockets</p> <p>Painting and carpets to be completed later this term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Toilet Upgrades KS2</b></li> </ul> <p>Lower KS2 Girls' toilets/bathroom</p> <p>Upper KS2 Boys' toilets/bathroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emergency Lighting upgrades (ongoing)</b></li> <li>• <b>Flat roof in KS1 building (phase one, more to be done over the next 2 years).</b></li> </ul> <p>Roof above kitchen, small hall/dining room, including skylights.</p>

## EYFS upgrades





Phase 1 - Removal of the original fence, new fence built to incorporate a larger grassed area. New wooden fencing attached to the original metal fence to stop equipment rolling away.

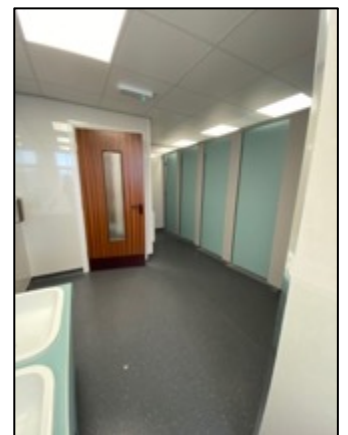
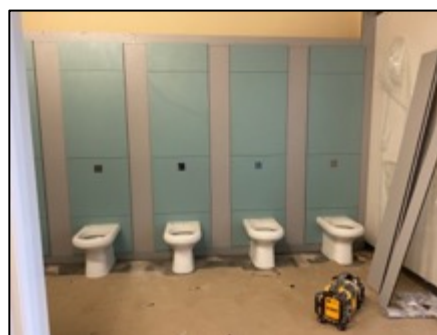
Phase 2 – Completion of the wooden/metal fence, building of a mud kitchen and sand pits and the creation of a shelter for play.



Phase 1 included the removal of panels, removal of work surface, electrical sockets, sink, the re-siting of pipe work and the re-siting of fire safety arrangements.

Phase 2 will include flooring and decoration upgrades.

## Toilet/Bathroom upgrades – KS2 (Lower KS2 Girls and Upper KS2 Boys toilets)





Last year, the children really enjoyed raising money for Alder Hey with the PJ Day... children seem to love coming to school in PJs! 😊

We will be dressing up in PJs, dressing gowns (optional) and slippers. Please consider what you would like your child to wear outside and if it is wet. Your child could bring a tracksuit and trainers in case of cold/wet.

Please send a £1 (or more) donation into school if you wish your child to take part. The dressing up is also optional!

If your child does not wish to take part, they should wear their school uniform.

Some classes will be going to the beach for a beach clean on this day. Please send PJs to school with them and the children will get changed when they return to school after the beach clean.

## **SAFETY- Climbing equipment (outdoor)**

Please ensure that you are present if your child is playing on the outdoor equipment after school and encourage them to stay safe. Accidents can still happen, however.

## **Events**

### **Rushen Runners – Annual Junior Fell Run**

This year's Junior Fell Running Championship was held on Saturday 26th September at Knockaloe Beg Farm (with plenty of parking). Around 50 of our pupils took part out of a grand total of 400 runners on the day. Thank you to parents for supporting this event and taking your child/ren along and it was lovely to see you there on the day. It was a beautiful sunny day and our pupils did very well, on a challenging course. They thoroughly enjoyed the day...well done Rushen Runners!







**WELL DONE – FIRST PLACE!**



# Beach Buddies with Bill Dale

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Bill Dale visited RPS. He came to assembly and delivered a presentation to our children. Bill was so pleased to visit and reminisced about Rushen Primary School being the first school to ever get involved with the Beach Buddies. Bill was impressed with our community work and together we have planned some future events.

Rushen Primary School staff and pupils have decided to plan a whole school event at the beach later in the year.

Bill wrote us a lovely comment in our visitors' book:

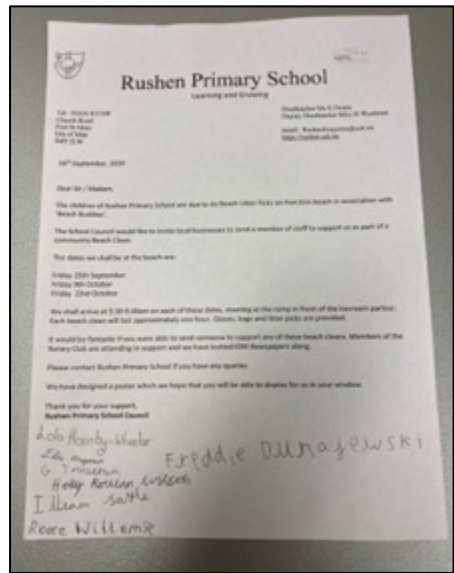
**"I LAST VISITED YOUR SCHOOL IN 2011 AND IT'S JUST FANTASTIC HOW THINGS HAVE PROGRESSED, AND HOW RUSHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL IS SETTING A GREAT EXAMPLE TO THE COMMUNITY."**

Thanks Bill! 😊

Bill's assembly:



At Rushen Primary School, we believe that it is important to teach our children about our local community and our Island UNESCO Biosphere status. We also believe keeping our beaches and land clean is the responsibility of the whole community. Therefore, we decided to approach the businesses of Port Erin to see if they would like to be involved and join us at the beach. They were delighted to be asked and some representatives joined us last Friday (25<sup>th</sup> September) at our beach clean.



Our School Council representatives designed a poster and wrote a letter. They visited the businesses to persuade people to take part!

Thank you to those businesses who have agreed to put our poster in their window.



**Beach Clean 25.9.20 Fleshwick, Cornaa and Fenella classes buddied up and headed to Port Erin Beach (adopted by Rushen Primary School).**





## 6R

### Readiness...

This is the first of our 6Rs and something we ask you to focus on with your child, talking about how they can be ready for school and for learning. Please encourage independence and involve your child in their own preparations.

- ✓ **Children need to be in school every day.** They should arrive on time for the school day at 8:45am (8.51am will be marked as late in the Register) and be collected promptly at 3:30pm (Reception pupils at 3.25pm). Children who arrive early **must** be supervised by parents/carers. Teachers have commitments before and after school so are not available to provide supervision at these times. Children should be made aware of end of school pick up arrangements before they leave for school. If there is an emergency and parents are going to be late, please contact school in advance in order to share your alternative arrangements.
- ✓ **Coats** – it is essential that all children bring a suitable coat (named) with a hood, to school every day. **The children will be going out in all weathers unless it is extremely wet.**
- ✓ **Uniform** – children should wear a maroon sweatshirt/cardigan with the school's logo, white polo shirt, black/grey skirt or trousers, black school shoes (**NOT trainers**). Each item must be named. No jewellery, except a watch and stud earrings (no hoops etc.), is allowed. Long hair should always be tied up with a simple hair band (no large bows or bands). Children must not wear make-up or nail varnish to school. Please ensure skirts are not too short as the children sit on benches and will be moving about in their uniform during learning activities - this will also be outside
- ✓ **Water Bottle** – children must bring a water bottle and these must **ONLY** contain water.
- ✓ Please ensure that **PE kit** is named and that it stays in school every day to afford flexibility for our timetable. Stud earrings must be removed or covered with tape from home for PE lessons.
- ✓ **School dinners MUST** be paid for in advance through ParentPay.
- ✓ Please read all **newsletters and written communications** that are sent home - you may need to encourage your child to tell you when they have letters from school. We are encouraging the children to be independent.

## 'Meet the Teacher' meetings

'Meet the Teacher' meetings are underway this week. We hope that all parents/carers attend to find out about how the children will learn, how the classroom is managed, how you can help at home and whole school expectations. Please note that the parent meetings for Reception Classes will be held later in the term.

## Curriculum and Assessment Information/Learning at Rushen

A pack of information will be added to the website under the 'Learning at Rushen' tab along with the Curriculum Overview Sheet for each class for this term. This will include details of the themes the children will be learning, the 'Learning at Rushen' letter, National Curriculum Assessment information, how you can help at home and information about the 6Rs and Learning Muscles.

The website now holds a lot of information about learning, home learning activities (learning sequences that have been carefully planned to follow the school curriculum, differentiated and which ensure learning progression), links to websites of interest and much more! Dip in and see what's there or read everything to find out more!

We will send an email with some links to enable you to access the updated documents which we have improved for this year.

## Prefects

As part of our focus on 'everyone a leader', we choose Y6 pupils to be 'Prefects'. All children were asked if they wanted to apply in the Summer Term, some did and wrote fantastic letters of application. All 14 pupils were successful. The second group of Prefects will be chosen by the class teachers. We are hoping that every child in Year 6 meets the criteria and if they do, they will be able to be a Prefect at some point this year.

Next week, the Headteacher will be leading a Leadership development course for Prefects.

### Rushen Primary School - Prefects



#### Person Specification

##### A Prefect is a pupil who:

- ✓ is a positive role model for all members of the school community
- ✓ demonstrates a high standard of behaviour, conduct and dress (smart uniform)
- ✓ supports and demonstrates 'what we do around here' on a daily basis
- ✓ has a high standard of attendance and punctuality
- ✓ can communicate well with others and build positive, meaningful relationships, exercising common sense and sensitivity when dealing with other children
- ✓ has an excellent attitude to learning, positive and enthusiastic, encouraging and motivating fellow pupils
- ✓ plays an active part in the life of the school
- ✓ has the ability to take initiative and follow instructions
- ✓ is co-operative, helpful, well-mannered, trustworthy, kind and responsible
- ✓ is respectful towards teachers, peers, and the school environment
- ✓ treats other pupils fairly, without showing favour to friends or relatives
- ✓ is an excellent ambassador for the school, representing the school at events

##### Job Description:

- ✓ contribute to the school newsletter
- ✓ encourage other children to demonstrate 'what we do around here', eg. walking in the corridors calmly and quietly, show respect to others, use restorative practice (talk through our problems to find solutions) etc
- ✓ work with classes during wet break times or lunch times to engage other children in activities
- ✓ show visitors around the school
- ✓ assist at school fairs and events
- ✓ support in the dining hall and when lining up for lunch
- ✓ support children to line up quietly outside
- ✓ undertake (be punctual for) duties, keep to plans and rotas and attend all Prefect meetings
- ✓ be able to speak confidently to children, parents, staff and visitors
- ✓ to act as a friend and Buddy for those who need support

**Reports to:**

Key Stage Leaders: Mrs Higgins(KS2) and Mrs Shaw (KS1 and EYFS)

**Training:**

A short training course must be undertaken and a certificate received.

## Class Names

We decided that we would like to continue with our theme of 'everything Manx' and call our classes after Manx beaches and bays:

Class Name	Year Group	Teacher
Garwick	R/1	Miss Quayle
Niarbyl	R/1	Mrs Griffiths
Scarlett	1/2	Miss Wilson
Glen Wyllin	1/2	Mrs McMeiken
Fleshwick	2/3	Mrs Shaw
Cornaa	3/4	Miss Irving
Fenella	3/4	Mr Moultrie / Mrs Bousfield
Perwick	4/5	Mrs Ollier
Lewaigue	5/6	Mrs Higgins
Gansey	6	Miss Smiley
Derbyhaven	Ace Base/Unit	Mrs Hermann
Cover	Across the school	Mrs Daniel

## Reminders

**School Dinners**

We encourage all children to have a school dinner. We have wonderful kitchen staff who cook fresh and healthy options. Pupils may choose daily from a healthy hot meal menu and a salad bar. We believe that this is good value for money when compared to buying ingredients for a packed lunch.

**Please ensure school dinners are paid for in advance via ParentPay**, there are a number of families who are currently in debt on their school dinner account. If you have not yet signed up for ParentPay and require a reminder of your activation code, please ask Mrs Awkal in the School Office.

Should your child decide to swap from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa, please give the class teacher one week's notice in advance (in a written note), so that we can alert the kitchen and arrange for meal charges to be stopped/started for your child.

School dinners this term cost £77.55 until half term, £159.80 until the end of term, £441.80 for the school year or £11.75 per 5 day week.

**Medical**

Inhalers (named) must be left in school every day. Children will take these with them if they go out of school for any reason.

Asthma forms were sent home last week with all pupils who have an inhaler in school. It is vital that this information is kept up to date and we would be grateful if you could complete and return the form to school immediately if you have not already done so. Please ensure that any updates are communicated to school immediately.

## Clubs

Please find below a list of the current school clubs. Children will be informed in assembly of new after school clubs that are starting and asked to collect a letter to bring home. Please sign and return the permission slip attached to the information letters. Children will be informed about lunchtime clubs but there will be no letters/permission slips required for these.

Badminton	Year 5	Monday lunchtimes
Netball	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 &	Mondays 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Craft	Years 1, 2	Thursdays 3:30pm – 4.30pm
Girls' Football	Years 2, 3, 4, 5,6	Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Choir	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Wednesday lunchtimes
Hockey (MSR)	Years 3, 4	Wednesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Ball Skills (MSR)	Years 1, 2	Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm

### MSR October Half Term Programme

The MSR holiday Schemes are very popular with activities available starting from Reception age. If you would like to register your child for an MSR Scorecard so that you can book holiday activities please apply at

[MSR.gov.im/scorecard](https://msr.gov.im/scorecard)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - School Photograph Day (*change of date*)

Please ensure your child is smartly dressed in full school uniform. All pupils will be photographed individually and with their school age siblings during the day. If you wish your pre-schoolers and secondary school children to be photographed with their Rushen Primary School siblings, please take your children directly to the Sports Hall at 8.30am. Any families with Secondary School pupils will be photographed first, so that they can get to school as early as possible.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - PJ Day (see above)** classes visiting the beach please bring PJs etc., to change into.

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Everything Manx – Hop Tu Naa

##### Expectations for the day

★ Children should come to school dressed in something appropriate for 'Hop Tu Naa' - this could be as a witch, wizard, or other traditional Manx costume. Children must not come dressed in football kit or superhero costumes, for example.

★ If the children do not wish to come to school dressed up as the suggestions above, they must wear school uniform.

★ Please bring in a carved MOOT (turnip/swede), which the family can produce together. We will place them on tables in the Main Hall and classes will have the opportunity to view them during the day.

★ In class, children will be learning about the day and customs, comparing celebrations from the past and present and the different types of celebrations around the world etc. Hogmanay, Halloween and Trick or Treat etc.

**Class Assemblies will be held on the following dates at 9.00am in the Sports Hall. Parents/Carers are invited to attend.**

Lewaigue	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2020
Glen Wyllin	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021
Fleshwick	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021
Scarlett	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021
Cornaa	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021
Fenella	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021
Perwick	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Niarbyl	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Gansey	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Garwick	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021

# Rushen Primary School Classrooms 2020 - 2021

