



# Rushen Primary School Newsletter



December 2020



Rushen Primary School - a beautiful December morning 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final Newsletter of the first term. It has been another wonderful term with many exciting events, visits, visitors, community events and performances and as the Newsletters show, we have been very busy!

The KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances were a resounding success. Thank you for so many positive comments, emails, feedback and congratulations, which have been passed on to the children and staff, who have worked tirelessly to make the celebrations and performances the best they could be. I would like to thank the audiences who were so generous with their applause and recognition of the children and of the teachers' efforts and for your support - thank you! The parties have been enjoyed by the children and the Y5/6 Disco was a lot of fun - see below for further details!

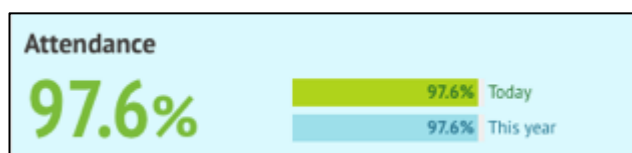
Everyone a learner, everyone a leader...The children are doing very well. The children are growing in confidence and are using their learning to learn skills (Learning Muscles). They are working hard to improve their Literacy and Mathematical understanding as well as being scientists and historians, geographers, artists and designers to name but a few.

Congratulations and welcome to our new Parent Governor, Mrs Kerr. Thank you for the interest from the other candidates and for your commitment to support the school. We would also like to thank Mrs Mansfield, our Education Governor, for her service to the school, as she steps down. We wish her well.

I hope that you all have a lovely family Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in January, ready for our next term of learning.

Ms Owens, Headteacher

**Fantastic attendance! BEST YET! Let's aim for this next term!**



# The Great Rushen Bake Off 2020!



Thank you to all of the families who supported the 'Great Rushen Bake Off 2020!' We really appreciate all of the donations and the effort that families went to, baking together to produce lovely cakes and fantastic 'show stoppers'.



Thank you also for buying the cakes and to the judges, our kitchen chefs, Mrs Moore and Mrs Drinkwater and Mrs Awkal and Mrs Griffiths (both keen bakers), who had a very difficult job! There were many high-quality cakes and this made the decision even more difficult.

I would also like to thank the 'Friends of Rushen School' who worked with school to plan, organise and ensure the sale was a success. Thank you to both parents and staff who volunteered. Many stayed and helped to clean and tidy up afterwards.

And.... the winners are:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bella

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Russell

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Zahra and Asha

The amount raised was £518.04 (we don't know why the total amount included 4p, as all the cakes were 50p or £1, but it was probably a donation...☺) which will be used towards the purchase of school team PE kit- thank you.

## Christmas at RPS

Entrance Hall refurbishment, Christmas decorations and our Christmas Post Box!



## Christmas Performances

All of our Christmas Performances were very well attended. Thank you so much to all parents, carers, grandparents, family members and friends who came. The children did so well! They helped to plan the performances, learned their lines and dances and contributed to costumes. The singing was superb! We got lots of lovely feedback about how well the children had done and thanks to the staff for all their hard work – what a lovely school community we have!

### KS1



### KS2







## Parties and School Disco

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their parties, which were held this week. We organised these in year groups so that the children would take part and be able to enjoy the time together. They danced, played games and ate snacks!

## Disco

The Year 5/6 Disco was a resounding success! The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the evening immensely. They danced and ate plenty of food! Their singing was phenomenal and it was great to hear 'GHOSTBUSTERS' at the top of their voices ☺ Thank you again to so many staff who gave up their time after school. Also thanks to Mr Steriopulos, the DJ, who ensured much fun was had!





## Community Links

### Visits to Southlands

'After a three week busy rehearsal schedule and a week of performances, Fleshwick Class thoroughly enjoyed their calm, relaxing afternoon of Christmas Crafts with the residents of Southlands. Whilst busily creating cards and designs the children chatted about their preparations for Christmas. They were also proud to receive such positive feedback about the school's Christmas performances from the Southlands residents and staff who had been able to attend. Thank you! We're really pleased that you enjoyed them! Thank you too for the warm and friendly welcome, the supply of creative resources and the welcome refreshments at the end of a tiring but exciting week!' Mrs Shaw







This term Glen Wyllin visited Southlands Residential Home. They completed activities such as making Christmas cards, paper chain decorations and decorating gingerbread Santas. The children enjoyed talking to the residents and staff about Christmas. Mrs McMeiken

"The best part was getting to eat the Santa biscuit."

"I enjoyed meeting new people."

"I liked giving them the Christmas cards."



## Choir at St Catherine's Church, Port Erin

The school choir did an amazing performance in St Catherine's Church as part of the Port Erin Commissioners Carols service. Emily, Russell, and Libby delivered a reading to the church with clear voices and confidence. All children were superbly behaved, representing our school brilliantly. There were many positive comments by the public at the end of the event. Mrs Higgins

## School Dinners

School Dinners will cost £68.15 for the first half of next term, or £126.90 for the whole of Spring term. Please pay for school meals in advance, using our online system 'ParentPay'.

***School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 for the Christmas Holiday.  
School re-opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020.***

**All the staff at Rushen Primary School wish you a very  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!**

