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Dear Parents

Sports Day & BBQ

We were so lucky to have our Sports Day this year; an event that many other schools have had to forfeit. A gallery of our Stars are on the website so have a look through. In just two days, staff pulled together a fun programme including plans for a BBQ and all the associated domestics. A special thank you to Miles, Benn and others in the team who organised and served the BBQ. Becky's cakes were enjoyed by many, together with my gingerbread and donations for both were collected for the Isle of Man Foodbank. Other donations covered the BBQ costs with the balance of £79.80 benefitting School Fund. Thank you for all your support – it looked like everybody enjoyed the afternoon.

Survey – re: Educational provision during Covid-19 Lockdown

Our letter was circulated to all families earlier this week and it has since been pointed out to us there is an error in the survey. Everyone has to answer the question 'why didn't you make use of the online materials?' and they are prompted to answer this even if they *did* utilise the resource. We will bear this in mind when we analyse the results.

Annual School Report

Before the end of term, the children's annual school report will be sent home marked for the attention of the Parent / Guardian and we ask you return the slip to confirm receipt – no need to return the actual report.

PE Kit

Kits will be sent home with the children before the end of term to be washed and checked. Please see further information below under 'News for 2020/21'.

2020 Leavers

We would like to wish our Year 6 Leavers well in their next schools. We will miss them all but we are also excited for them to start their new life in other learning environments.

Just to remind you that we invite all the families of Year 6 children to come in for the Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 23rd July at 2.30pm.

Continuing Manx provision at Secondary school level

At QEII, some lessons will continue to be delivered through Manx as well as provision made for the child to sit the Manx GCSE but this cannot be assured in other Island secondary schools simply due to time constraints and resources. The Skimmee Ghaelgagh team work hard across the whole of the Department of Education, Sport and Culture's secondary education system and Rob Teare (Robert.Teare@sch.im) is the point of contact for further information of secondary provision each year.

Mooijer Veggey News:

Pre-School Nurseries: Mooijer Veggey is opening a Nursery in St John's school which will be open school term-time only:- 5 mornings 8.45 – 12.45 and Mon/Wed/Friday afternoon 12.45 to 3.45. The fees will be £18 for the morning and £15 for the afternoon. There are also places available at Mooijer Veggey Braddan Nursery, 8.30 – 12.15 daily.

Pre school Credit will cover 2 full school days and a half day or 5 mornings.

Homemade Cakes needed: Mooijer Veggey will be running the refreshment stall the Yn Chruinnaght – Celtic Gathering Fair from 12noon on Saturday 25th July to raise some much needed funds. Please can you drop off any contributions at the Corrin Hall on the day, or bring to school on Friday 24th if you can't make it to the Corrin Hall.

Please contact Helen on 801925 admin@mooijerveggey.org.im for further information on any of these points.

Last Day

Children may dress down on the last Friday raising donations for SnyP. Some parents organised for Mike Wade to come in and take a last day photo of Brastyl 6 / B4 producing a keepsake for both the children and Bnr Kissack. With this in mind, those children should arrive at school dressed in their uniform but can bring their casual wear with them and get changed into it after the photo-shoot.

At 1.50pm, SnyP have arranged for the ice-cream van to visit and give us all a treat! Let us know if you'd prefer for your child to abstain for any reason.

If you could ensure that your children take the rest of their personal belongings home on the last day.

News for 2020/21:

Staffing

A little different this year – we are really looking forward to the new dynamic in school.

Year R: Bnr Blindell Yrs 1&2: Teacher to be appointed before the end of this term to cover maternity and then Bnr O Meara to return next year. Yrs 3&4: Mnr Cain Yrs 5&6: Bnr Clague

Cycle Training

Please note, that we are booked in for week commencing 5th October 2020. This will be for the **then Year 5** (7 children). We thought we would mention this now so you can consider bicycles and helmets over the summer term. As you'd expect, more information will follow in the new academic year.

PE Kit

We expect every child to have ready for the first day back: T shirt, plain shorts (no pockets or decorative features) and pumps which fit. These items should all be named and be in a named bag which should remain on the child's school coat peg. PE is part of the curriculum and all children are expected to take part so please note it is essential the kit is kept in school.

Please encourage your child to develop their independence and confidence by encouraging them to organise kits themselves. We do think that many of the problems we have with kits is down to the children relying heavily on their parents organising and carrying their bags on a frequent basis! Why not pass the responsibility on? Of course, a quick check that they have everything may be wise but delegation would help them, you and us.

Music Lessons through Gaelg

Former Bunscoil teacher, Paul Rogers is offering instrumental lessons, (guitar/mandolin), in Manx. If you are interested contact Paul on p.rogers.music@gmail.com or tel 07624 221533. Note that Culture Vannin have some mandolins available to borrow if you wished to try before committing to buy.

VERY IMPORTANT SNYP NEWS

Sadly, due to a few members stepping down this year, (with an accumulative 22+ years' service) unless 4 new members join, we will be forced to disband, which would be a huge disappointment to the Bunscoil and to the children.

Some of the wonderful events that you and your children have enjoyed during the last few years include...

Christmas Fayre, Valentines disco, Easter egg raffle, Hop Tu Naa disco, Mhelliachs, Ceilidhs, bingo nights, beetle drives, picnics, quiz nights and keepsakes for the Year 6 leavers.

Monies raised from these events has included purchases for: Lego coding kits, iPads, a projector, laptops, outdoor equipment and storage, inside shelving, bumbags for medication, school hoodies for away sports games, the bus cards, school trips to The Venture Centre and Ardwhallan, end of term ice creams, book bags for new starters, leavers gifts, puppet show/story telling groups coming into school to name just a few.

We're asking you now, for a little of your time. Come to our meetings, (roughly 5 each year) help with fundraising ideas and help make them happen, obviously the more people involved the less we will all need to do. The alternative will be that this ends September 2020.

If you would like discuss further what would be involved, please contact one of us either through our SnyP FaceBook page, via our WhatsApp group or speak to Marion, Netty, Jo or Karen in the playground. Alternatively, we are happy for you to telephone/message us directly 432742 (Marion), 473480 (Netty), 457922 (Jo) or 463282 (Karen).

OTHER NEWS

Please look out for posters in your children's book bags, on our SnyP FaceBook page and around the school advertising our end of year party which is being held at St John's Football Club on the evening of the last day of school (Friday, 24th July 2020).

Yours faithfully



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Handy dates

- Venture Centre trip for B4: Monday 20th July – Wednesday 22nd July:
ALL FORM C'S MUST BE BACK AT SCHOOL BY NEXT MONDAY 13TH JULY
- Leavers' Assembly: Thursday 23rd July 2.30pm
Invitation to all parents of Year 6 pupils
- Last Day Plans: Friday 24th July. Dress down –
** uniform for B4 but bring your other clothes to change into **
Donation to SnyP please to be considered by all
- Back to school September: Wednesday 9th September 2020
Prompt 9am start
- October Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
- Christmas Holidays: Last day, Friday 18th December and back to school ready for a 9am start Tuesday 5th January 2021

