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Dear Parents

Failt Erash!

Welcome back everyone and especially to our newcomers. Everyone seems to be settling well.

We have four classes this year:

Bnr Blindell, Brastyl Greeba (Reception).

Bnr Saunders, Bnr Kissack and Mnr Rogers with Bnr Matthews overseeing Brastyl Bradda (Years 1&2). Mnr Cain, Brastyl Barrule (Years 3&4).

Bnr Clague, Brastyl Sniaul (Years 5&6).

Brastyl Barrule's configuration: Bnr Saunders will be teaching each Monday taking charge of all reading. Bnr Kissack to teach on Wednesday and Thursday taking charge of Maths and topic work. Mnr Rogers teaching Tuesday and Friday taking charge of language and science. The teachers will be in touch with each other and myself to ensure continuity. This year, Bnr McVerry will be assigned to this class full time adding further consistency and continuity.

Parents' Meetings

We intend to hold our autumn meetings on 21st and 22nd September to chat informally about your children in their new classes. It is an opportunity to raise any concerns and ideas for the future. (I will meet with the parents of Brastyl Bradda as teacher in charge of that class at the current time). Letters have gone to you all via classes.

Flu Vaccination

By now, you should have received a letter from the Department of Health and Social Care outlining the programme for flu immunisation throughout the Island's schools this half term. (Reception received their form via ourselves.) Everyone has now been given a consent form which should be returned to Department of Health and Social Care as per their instructions. (We have spares at school if you require them or you can download from their website. Any queries about this programme can be directed through their website or by calling 686709. We also have booklets in school if anyone requires more information.)

Immunisation day for us is Friday 6th November and comprises a nasal spray rather than injection.

Shapp Scobbey

We will not be providing a snack for shapp scobbey at present. If you wish to send in a snack then you can do so but please consider good health and avoid sugary items. Cool, filtered water is available in school and so any bottles the children bring in can be re-filled throughout the day. Toast will be available on Friday mornings and the money for this (25p) should be brought in on that day when it will be collected first thing.

Bree Ghaelgagh

A new extension of Bree called 'Bree Ghaelgagh' is aimed at school years 6-8 as a way of keeping the new high school students in touch with each other and using their Manx out of school. It will be run by Paul Rogers through Manx and will include easy music-making and other fun activities.

For the first one, we'll combine it with the next Bree music session on Saturday 19th September, from 2 -3.30pm at Culture Vannin. It should appeal to some regular Bree musicians who've come from the Bunscoill, but other students from Year 6 who are fluent in Manx, are invited to come along too. If they already play instruments, they should bring them along, but if not, there will be percussion and chime bars to use. Free of charge.

News from Moonjer Veggey

Moonjer Veggey runs 2 Nurseries during school term time at Braddan and St John's. It provides an excellent introduction to the language for children who will be going to attend the Bunscoill. For more information contact admin@moonjerveggey.org.im or check out the website www.moonjerveggey.org.im

Moonjer Veggey Nurseries are always on the look out for flexible supply staff to help out from time to time. We would be interested in hearing from anyone with a level 3 qualification in childcare and/or anyone with basic (or more) Manx.

Moonjer Veggey is holding a Baby Boot sale on Sat 10th October from 10a.m. To book your table (£10) please email Helen admin@moonjerveggey.org.im

School Photos

Via the annual Parent Consent, families may also consent for their children to have the annual school photo taken. Our photographer, Steve Woodley, is scheduled to come and take family and individual photos on Wednesday 21st October.

Fys File

In our school newsletters, we will often make reference to school's 'Fys File'. This is a lever arch file within the shelving unit outside the office and contains information that expands on subjects which may be mentioned in a school newsletter. It often also contains master copies and various forms that you may need to complete for school which can be retrieved when the office is closed or if Bnr Moore, the school administrator, is unavailable. We also include a copy of our most recent newsletter in the file.

Bus Agreement – all children who travel to or from to school

Families whose children use the Service bus for school travel, should ensure a School:Home Bus Agreement form is completed for each child. (This form is enduring negating the need for annual repetition). New recruits must complete and return the form before their child uses the bus. Please come in and ask Bnr Moore or take a copy from the Fys File at your convenience.

PE Kit and School Uniform

All children should have a full kit in school all year round. T shirt, plain shorts (no pockets or decorative features) and pumps which fit. This should all be named and put into a named bag which can be kept on the child's coat peg. We are keen to reduce the time wasted hunting for spares at the start of the lessons.

Make making your purchases for uniform please consider that as we do physical activities throughout the day such as dance and running, so a practical uniform with suitable shoes, such as trainers, is essential.

We have managed to collect rather a lot of used uniform for which we are a grateful. We have enough to have a sale and will be offering items at £2 each or 3 for £5. The items will be out on sale during the parents evening nights next week and an honesty box will be there to take the funds. Feel free to have a rumage.

Recycling

We are keen to educate and encourage our school family to recycle and invite you to make use of our cardboard, glass and plastic bottle recycle stations in the yard. This may be useful to know if you cannot get to the amenity site or similar with your own supplies.

'Approved Drivers'

Getting out and about, we try to use the service buses where practical, but otherwise, Approved Volunteer Drivers are needed to transport our children to get us to other places where buses cannot go. Private buses are more a luxury as they are so expensive and so we rely heavily on the goodwill of parents to sign up at the start of each year. Paperwork needs annual completion and has been sent home to those registered last year. This procedure gives us a list to call on to see if you would be free to drive for a trip any time. If you are new to school and would like to help or just need to renew paperwork, please ask us for the forms. (Alternatively, renewal forms are now in the Fys File.)

The sooner you sign up the better as if a Police Check is required (if you have not had a previous one with us), this can take some time.

Saving paper – receive our newsletters by email

For those who have expressed explicit consent for us to do so, newsletters will be sent by email. Otherwise, paper copies will be used. You can amend your choice at any time by sending in an email to Bnr Moore in the office.

Yours faithfully

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