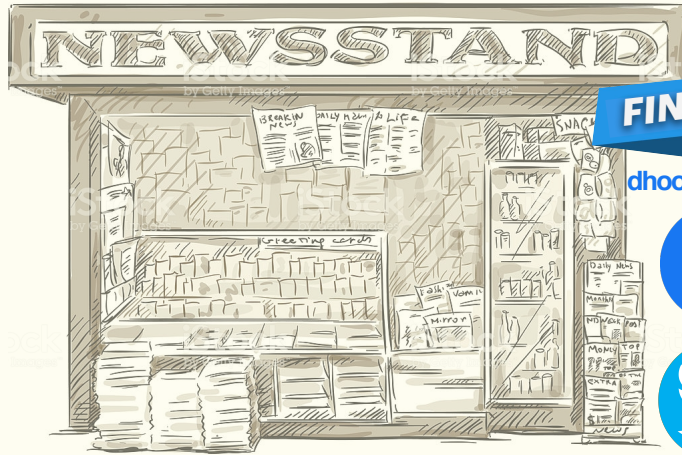




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# NEWSLETTER NOV 2022

## Dates for Your Diary

- 04.11.22 Y6 Shropshire Trip deposit due
- 07.11.22 Poppies on sale in school this week
- 09.11.22 Dhoon School Remembrance Assembly
- 13.11.22 Maughold Church Remembrance Service
- 18.11.22 Children In Need Day (PJ day!)
- 18.11.22 Dhoon School on BBC1 at approx 8pm
- 28.11.22 IIC Celebration Evening (details TBC)
- 01.12.22 Dhoon School Christmas Fair
- 02.12.22 Y6 Shropshire Trip 2nd payment due
- 09.12.22 Movie Night (details to follow)
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (afternoon perf 2pm)
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (evening perf 6pm)
- 16.12.22 Christmas Dinner Day! (Details TBC)
- 22.12.22 Close for Christmas at 3.25pm
- 09.01.23 Open for Spring Term

This is not an exhaustive list

No doubt more dates and events will be confirmed soon! Please keep your eye out on our website - we have a calendar of dates on our homepage which is always up to date - and follow us on Facebook so you never miss an announcement!

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## Message from Mr Kelly

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break and would like to welcome back all of our pupils and families for what we know will be a very busy and fun-filled half term at Dhoon. We have reopened in the midst of the Remembrance period - next week we hold our usual Remembrance Assembly in school and on Sunday 13th November Mr Cross and a pupil representative will attend the Maughold Church Remembrance Service on behalf of Dhoon. *Dhoon School Remembers*. In the weeks that follow, everyone will be preparing for.... whisper it.... Christmas! As a school we will be celebrating in style with our usual mix of fairs, concert, community events and all manner of festive fun. Please keep an eye out for letters and dates as these come thick and fast at this time of year. The school website maintains an up-to-date calendar on the homepage which is always a good first port of call! As always, please do get in touch with me directly if you have any questions, comments and queries. *With best wishes, Max Kelly*



## Dhoon School Christmas Concert

This half-term the staff and the children will be busy preparing for their annual Christmas Concert. This year, following on from the success of 2021's Christmas show, the school has decided to retain the format change from a "concert" to a play. It will still keep a traditional Christmas feel, and will involve every one of our pupils, and I am sure that it will put everyone in the mood for the festive period - certainly something to look forward to.

- Monday 12th December (2pm) - afternoon performance
  - Monday 12th December (6pm) - evening performance
- Further details will be sent out in due course but at least everyone now has dates for their diaries!

In a slight change to the previously published date, our annual Christmas Fair will now take place one day earlier on Thursday 1st December straight after school in the Sports Hall. We hope to see you there! We've heard that Santa may be making a guest appearance too!

Tin whistles are available to purchase from Mrs Kelly for £7.50 each. For hygiene reasons, we encourage children who are learning to play tin whistle to use their own instrument rather than share.

We'd like to invite donations for our famous Christmas Hampers which we raffle off at the Christmas Fair! Bottles of booze, chocolates, teas, coffees, non-perishables, toiletries... all will be gladly accepted. The more items we receive, the better the hampers will be!

If you feel you have something to give, we are happy to start accepting donations immediately - just give them to Mrs Kelly in the office.

We are sending home £10 worth of raffle tickets with this newsletter (£5 for the adults raffle, and £5 for the children's raffle) - if you'd like to keep these tickets please send £10 into school in a named envelope so we can track who has paid. Simply return the tickets if they are unwanted. Additional tickets can be obtained from Mrs Kelly in the school office, or in person at the Christmas Fair on Thursday 1st December.

We will also run a cake stall at the Christmas Fair, donations for which should be brought in on the morning of the fair.

Poppies and Remembrance Merchandise will be available for pupils to buy in school from Monday next week. A suggested minimum donation of 50p for all items.

## Remembrance Assembly

In keeping with our recent way of marking Remembrance, we won't be staging a full-length formal service in school. Instead, we are holding a shorter Act of Remembrance just for the pupils and staff which will be led by Nigel Cretney from Dhoon School. After the Act of Remembrance, Nigel will work with Class 3 delivering a session which explores some of the key themes of Remembrance in greater depth. We believe this is a more age-appropriate experience for our pupils. *Dhoon School Remembers.*

If you know of any families who have a child due to start at Dhoon School next September, please would you ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to register a place with us.

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## IOM Schools Need You!

A number of schools across the Island (not Dhoon on this occasion!) have vacant cleaner positions. There are currently openings on JobTrain via IOM Govt. website (jobs) for relief cleaners and permanent staff. Feel free to check out the vacancies

## Children in Need

This is really exciting news! Dhoon School is featuring on the national Children in Need live broadcast on BBC1 on Friday 18th November! Some of our children teamed up with peers at Laxey School to form a Federation Choir which will be singing this year's CiN song alongside choirs from across all the different national regions. We will be featured at approximately 8pm - prime time! - so please tune in and support our children as they entertain the entire nation!

Huge thanks to Mrs Shimmin for working with the choir to prepare them for this huge honour.

On Children in Need Day (Friday 18th November) the School Council would like to raise some money to donate to the cause. As such, they have planned for a pyjama day at school! Children can come to school wearing onesies or full-set pyjamas (nothing too flimsy please and choices must be appropriate for school). It is optional to take part, so children can choose to come in school uniform if they prefer, and we'll be collecting a voluntary donation from everybody who takes parts - we're recommending a donation of £2 per child!

