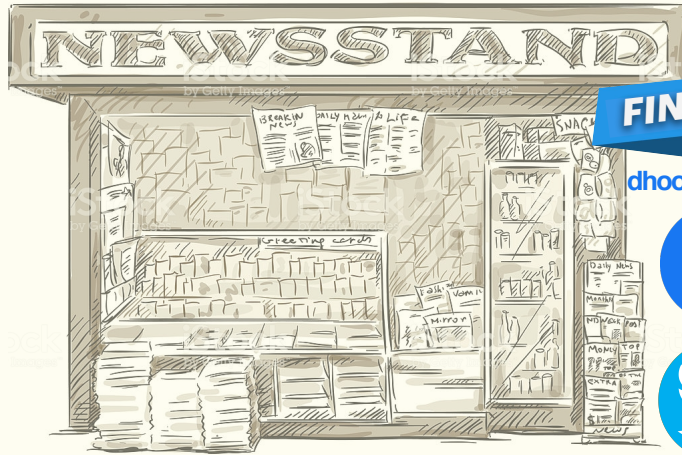




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NEWSLETTER  
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## Dates for Your Diary

- 01.12.22 Dhoon School Christmas Fair
- 02.12.22 Y6 Police Treat - Ballakermeen School
- 02.12.22 Y6 Shropshire Trip 2nd payment due
- 05.12.22 Christmas Dinner Day - order deadline
- 09.12.22 Coffee and Chat Event
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (afternoon perf 2pm)
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (evening perf 6pm)
- 15.12.22 School Council Movie Night
- 16.12.22 Christmas Dinner Day
- 18.12.22 Dhoon Church Carol Service 6.30pm
- 21.12.22 Christingle Service Dhoon School 2pm
- 22.12.22 Close for Christmas at 3.25pm
- 09.01.23 Open for Spring Term
- 26.01.23 IQM Assessment Day at Dhoon School
- 17.02.23 School closes for half term at 3.25pm

This is not an exhaustive list

The Dhoon Church Carol Service is always a highlight of our year. It takes place from 6.30pm on Sunday 18th December - a separate letter for the Choir will be sent from Mrs Shimmin.

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## Message from Mr Kelly

Where has this term gone? It has been an action packed time at Dhoon School with so many fantastic learning opportunities and community events. I am so proud to be associated and involved with a school and a community as excellent as Dhoon. If you happened to watch the BBC Children In Need Show on BBC1 last month, you will have seen Dhoon School featuring in the Children's Choir, singing opposite the Laxey Wheel. The IOM looked magnificent, the children were brilliant and it's fantastic to see that our lovely little school has represented the Isle of Man in this prestigious primetime TV programme. On a different note, it has been lovely to see lots of children wearing Christmas jumpers in school during the latter part of this week; remember this can continue all the way up to the last day of term with the rest of the normal school uniform being worn - but in the final week of term we can enjoy a week of non-uniform. Finally, it just remains for me to wish each and every one of you a restful, peaceful and happy Christmas; a prosperous and positive new year and a well-earned break. *With best wishes, Max Kelly*

## Coffee and Chat

Have a coffee on us - we'll have a refreshments station set up near the sport hall doors from 3pm on Friday 9th December. Come and have a cuppa before you pick up the kids - a great chance for all parents to have a coffee and a chat.

## Christmas Concert

The children are almost ready to perform their Christmas Shows! These concerts are not ticketed events, and parents, grandparents, families & friends are duly invited. Please note the time of the evening performance which we have brought forward from previous years so that our younger children are not too tired in school the next day.

- Monday 12th December (2pm) - afternoon performance
- Monday 12th December (6pm) - evening performance

We look forward to seeing you there and trust you will enjoy the performances!

**The Giving Machine**  
Please check out [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk), search for Dhoon School and register as a "giver". If you do any online shopping through this gateway the school receives a commission! It's a great way to support Dhoon School!

## Christmas Dinner Day



We will serve a Christmas Lunch on Friday 16th December to all children who usually have a school dinner. If your child doesn't usually have school dinner but would like a Christmas lunch, please send an email to the school by Monday 5th December. Payment of £2.35 can be made on ParentPay or by cash /cheque before the end of term.

Can you believe its December already! Christmas is just around the corner! We will allow children to wear Christmas Jumpers to school for the remainder of the term. The usual school trousers, skirts and shoes still apply until the last week of term which will be a complete non-uniform week! We'd be very happy to accept outgrown Christmas jumpers which we will add to our pre-loved stock. If any parents wished to take a Christmas Jumper, or swap an outgrown one for a better sized one, we'd be happy to facilitate that!

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Nigel Cretney from Dhoon Church is leading a Christingle Service in the School Hall on 21.12.22 at 2pm. All of our pupils will be attending - we'd like to extend the invite to all parents too. If you'd like to come along, the doors by the sports hall will be open from around 1.45pm. There's no need to let us know whether or not you'll be joining us. We hope to see you if you can make it.

## Register For Sept. 23

If you have a child due to start with us at Dhoon School in September, please get in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around Maughold with children who will be school age in September, please encourage them to get in touch with us so they can register a place too!

## Mrs Cross

Mrs Cross has taken the difficult and personal decision to step back from regular teaching at this time. Mrs Cross will finish with us at the end of this term. We are currently recruiting a new, full time teacher who will work with Class 2 on a permanent basis from next term. More news on that very soon - and in the meantime we're sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Cross all the very best.

## Tractor Run 2022

The Young Farmers Tractor Run returns on Saturday night (3rd December 2022) and will be passing through the Maughold area between 8pm and 9pm! It's an amazing sight and well worth staying up late for!



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How amazing were the children of Dhoon and Laxey Schools who appeared on BBC Northwest Tonight and BBC Children In need on Friday 18th November? We are all very proud of these children. If you haven't yet seen their performance of "Somewhere Only We Know" you can check out a video clip over on our Facebook page!



Dhoon School's Choir children will be taking part in this year's 3FM Carol Cup Competition! Keep an eye out for it on the 3FM Facebook Page this December!



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