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NEWSLETTER  
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## Dates for Your Diary

- 30.11.23 Christmas Fair
- 10.12.23 Dhoon Church Carol Service
- 11.12.23 Dhoon School Christmas Concert 2pm
- 14.12.23 School Council Film Night
- 15.12.23 Christmas Dinner Day
- 21.12.23 Christingle Service
- 22.12.23 Deadline for Parent Gov nominations
- 22.12.23 Last day of term
- 08.01.24 School re-opens for Spring Term
- 24.01.24 Dhoon School IQM Assessment

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website has a live calendar of events - check it out!

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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 was particularly heartened to hear about the strong willingness we have amongst our parent base to help us deliver even better experiences for our pupils, and I extend a huge thank you to those of you who signed up to join the Families Task team that Mrs Shimmin is running 🙏. I have also been delighted to see trips out, visitors in, fundraising events such as Children In Need, and sporting successes with the recent Badminton Team being a standout example of that 🏸. I am so proud to be associated and involved with a school and a community as excellent as Dhoon. On a different note, it has been lovely to see lots of children wearing Christmas jumpers in school today; 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, Headteacher*

We wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school.

A gentle nudge to all - please remember not to park in the bus space outside the school. Let's honour our children's "Slow Dhoon" message and be considerate road users. Your cooperation helps keep our little ones safe and our community happy. 🚌

## 🎵 Christmas Concert 🎵

This year, Dhoon School's Concert will have one special performance on Monday, 11th December at 2pm. Come and be mesmerised by our children's talent - no tickets required, just bring your festive spirit (and maybe a tissue or two)! Doors open at 1:30 pm, and we welcome all friends and family to this cherished event.

Paying for Care  
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For more information, visit - <https://consult.gov.im/cabinet-office/what-will-care-cost-you/> or scan the QR code.



## 🍊 Christingle Service 🍊

Rev Jo is leading a Christingle Service in the School Hall on 21.12.23 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.

## 🚒 NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe 🚒

Dhoon School is pleased to offer our pupils some assemblies and lessons around safeguarding messages which are presented in an age appropriate way. The *Speak Out Stay Safe* programme is delivered in schools throughout the UK and Isle of Man, and will be rolled out in Dhoon during December. If any parent has any queries please don't hesitate to speak to Mr Kelly or Mrs Shimmin.



👏👏👏 Thank You! 👏👏👏  
Dhoon School raised an AMAZING  
£12744 for Children In Need!

## 🎄 Christmas Jumpers

As the Christmas countdown begins, from 1st December, children are invited to swap their school jumpers for festive jumpers throughout December!

## 🎵 Dhoon Church Carol Service

The Dhoon Church Carol Service is always a highlight of our year. It takes place from 6.30pm on Sunday 10th December - a separate letter for the Choir will be sent from Mrs Shimmin.

## 👤 Parent Governor

Your Parent Governor is Zoe Murray. Zoe's term of service has expired - she is happy to commit to a further two year term as is allowed under the articles of governance, however if any other parents would like the opportunity to serve, please inform Mr Kelly by 22nd Dec so that an election can be arranged for early next term.

## 💻 Social Media and Website 💻

There is SO much going on over December - it's always one of our busiest months in school - so plans and dates are subject to change and to be added to! Please remember that our website has a live calendar of events, and our Facebook Page is a must for all the latest information!

## 🎬 School Council Film Night 🎬

This will take place in Dhoon School on 14th December! All children welcome! More details to follow in due course!

## 🍷 Christmas Dinner Day

Ready for a yuletide feast? Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday, 15th December. If your child doesn't usually have school dinner but would like to join, please let us know by 4th December. A festive meal awaits for just £2.40, payable via ParentPay or the traditional way.



## 🎵 Carol Cup 🎵

Dhoon School 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!

