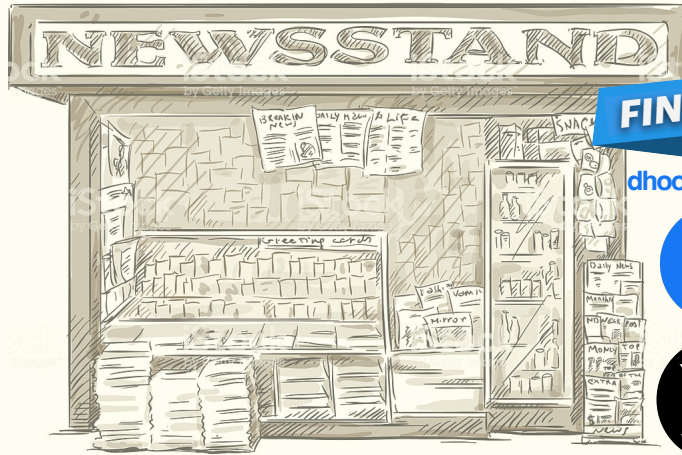




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## Dates for Your Diary

22.04.24	Y5 Cycle Week begins
26.04.24	Parent Information Sheets
02.05.24	Class 3 Visit Government House
06.05.24	Bank Holiday - school closed
07.05.24	Manx Week begins
13.05.24	Y6 Shropshire Trip begins
17.05.24	Y6s return from Shropshire Trip
20.5.24	Y5 Venture Centre Trip
21.05.24	Y5 Venture Centre Trip
21.05.24	Y6 Crucial Crew Trip
22.05.24	Peter J Murray - Author Visit
27.05.24	Bank Holiday - school closed
28.05.24	Sports Day
30.05.24	Last day of half-term
31.05.24	Teacher INSET Day - no pupils in

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Mr Maxim Kelly

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## Message From Mr Kelly

As the spring season unfolds, I am delighted to bring you the latest news and updates from Dhoon School. It's a time of excitement and activity as our pupils eagerly embrace new opportunities and experiences. Thank you for your continued support as we strive for excellence in education and enrichment opportunities for our pupils. With best wishes as always, Max Kelly, Executive 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.

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 our catchment area 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!

## Junior Fell Running Championships

Entries are now open for the Junior Fell Running Championships on Saturday 4th May.

ALL entries can now be made online by parents/guardians, so schools have only been asked to signpost the event this year.

Any child from year 2 to 7 is welcome to have a go at racing and transport and supervision remains with the parents/guardians.

The venue remains at Knockaloe Beg Farm, that provides a selection of fantastic age-appropriate courses.

Please register using the following link, and do let us know how you get on! (If you'd like to run under school colours, let us know and we can provide a Dhoon School kit!)

<https://manxfellrunners.org/junior-fell-running-championship-2024-entry>

## Sports Day 2024

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 28th May and will follow the usual format arranged on the sports field. Turn up from 1.30pm onwards and we'll get underway just as soon as all the children are changed in to their PE kits following the lunchtime break.

In the event of inclement weather we will postpone and use the following day - Wednesday 29th May - as a reserve date.

Please remember to drive and park considerably when using the roads around our school :) Oh... and SLOW DHOON!

## Holiday Requests - reminder of protocol

Holidays and planned absences from schools must be applied for in advance. Holiday request forms are available from Mrs Kelly in the Office and can be downloaded from our school websites. Holiday absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised' on your child's official attendance register unless prior authorisation has been sought and agreed.

The Executive Headteacher has discretion to authorise up to 10 days approved holiday - this is not an automatic right for parents; it is a professional decision that rests with the school.

## Mrs Stewart

Mrs Stewart has notified the school that this will be her final term at Dhoon 😞 Mrs Stewart is a long-serving member of our team and has made a fantastic contribution to our school over many years. As the first face that our pupils get to know, Mrs Stewart will be remembered with fondness by all of our children. She has been the driving force behind whole-schools projects such as The Big Splash Dolphin Trail and in recent years has taken a lead contribution in our Christmas Concerts. Alongside her classroom duties, Mrs Stewart has worked with our School Council and co-ordinates a school entry into the annual Royal Show art competition. Most recently, Mrs Stewart has brought "Forest School" to Dhoon School and has enjoyed teaching our children in the great Manx outdoors.

Mrs Stewart is pursuing new professional interests and I am sure everyone will join with her colleagues in wishing her all the very best with her next move. She will be missed.

We are currently advertising for a replacement teacher and have been inundated with applications! We cannot believe how many high-calibre teachers want to come and join our team at Dhoon! It's been incredible!

With so many candidates to consider we are not yet ready to announce an appointment, but as soon as we have offered the job to a suitable applicant we will let you all know! Watch this space!

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