



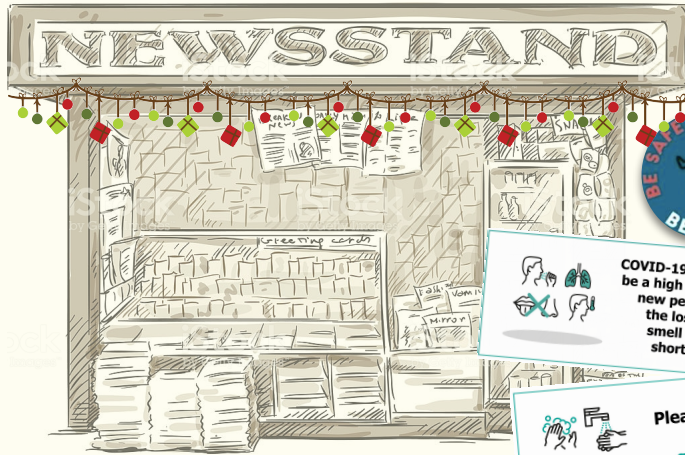
Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'

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COVID-19 symptoms can be a high temperature, a new persistent cough, the loss or change in smell and taste, or a shortness of breath

Please continue to practise good hygiene

NEWSLETTER NOV 2021

Dates for Your Diary

- 01.11.2021 School re-opens after half-term
 - 05.11.2021 HOMEWORK POLICY STARTS
 - 09.11.2021 RockKidz visit
 - 11.11.2021 School Remembrance Service
 - 14.11.2021 Maughold Church Rem Service
 - 19.11.2021 Children In Need Dress Down Day
 - 26.11.2021 Dhoon School IQM assessment
 - 01.12.2021 Christmas jumpers can be worn
 - 03.12.2021 Dhoon School Christmas Fair
 - 10.12.2021 School Council Movie Night
 - 12.12.2021 Dhoon Church Carol Service
 - 13.12.2021 Christmas Production 2pm
 - 13.12.2021 Christmas Production 7pm
 - 16.12.2021 School Christingle Service
 - 17.12.2021 Last day of term (close 3.30pm)
 - 04.01.2022 First day of Spring Term
- This is not an exhaustive list**

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 traditional Remembrance Assembly in school and on Sunday 14th November I will represent Dhoon School, along with pupil ambassadors, at the Maughold Church Remembrance Service. *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 a fair, a concert, community events, and all manner of festive fun. I know the School Council have some ideas for events that they want to organise in the run up to Christmas too. This year we will have to think extra carefully about the measures we will take to keep everyone safe, but our intention is to operate with a "business as normal" approach. *With best wishes as always, Max Kelly.*



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!

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Fair in our Sports Hall on Friday 3rd December straight after school! We hope to see you there! We've heard that Santa may be making a guest appearance!

Christmas Productions

This half-term the staff and the children will be busy preparing for their annual Christmas Concert. This year, for the first time in several years, the school has decided to do something slightly different and change the format from a "concert" to a play. It will still retain 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.

- Afternoon performance - Monday 13th December 2pm
- Evening performance - Monday 13th December 7pm

These productions are not ticketed, and parents, grandparents, families & friends are duly invited.

Prior to performances, we will post a C19 risk assessment to our school website and will make everyone aware of the mitigations we will be putting in place to keep everyone safe. It is likely to include keeping some doors open to increase good ventilation, asking people to sanitise on entry to the sports hall, and the optional but recommended use of face coverings.

Further details will be sent out in due course, but at least everyone now has the dates for their diaries!



You should have received a copy of our new homework policy just before half-term!
Our first homework is being sent home TODAY!

Christmas Hampers

We are asking for donations to fill our hampers for our highly anticipated raffles which will be drawn at the Christmas Fair early next month. We need various bottles for the drinks hamper; tins, biscuits and other dry food goodies for the food hamper, and small games / toys / gifts /sweets for a children's hamper. If you are able to help by donating something towards these hampers, please feel free to start sending items in to the school office. We will also pin some hamper lists in the foyer ready to receive your donations, thank you! We would really appreciate it if donations for the hampers could be sent to school by Monday 29th November in order that we can begin to put them together, thank you. We will be sending home raffle tickets later in the month, so keep an eye out for these too!

Homework

The Giving Machine

The Giving Machine really is a simple way for you to help raise money for the school - and it won't cost you a penny! All you have to do is visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, search for Dhoon School and register as a "giver". Once you've done that, simply visit The Giving Machine site before you get on with your online shopping and follow the link to the shop of your choice (all major high street and online stores are there!). Then, for anything you spend, the school receives a commission!

Christmas is just around the corner! From Wednesday 1st December children will be allowed 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!



COVID-19 SCHOOLS UPDATE

COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are currently circulating within our schools. Here are some handy tips to limit the spread:

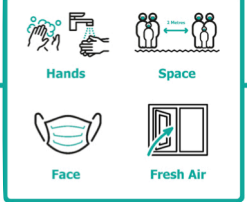


Wear face coverings inside all buildings and on buses



Test yourself twice a week using lateral flow devices

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW



If eligible, register for both the COVID-19 and flu vaccines



If displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, isolate and book a PCR test online immediately

For more information please visit covid-19.gov.uk

For more information on testing please visit covid19.gov.uk/general-information/testing-requires/