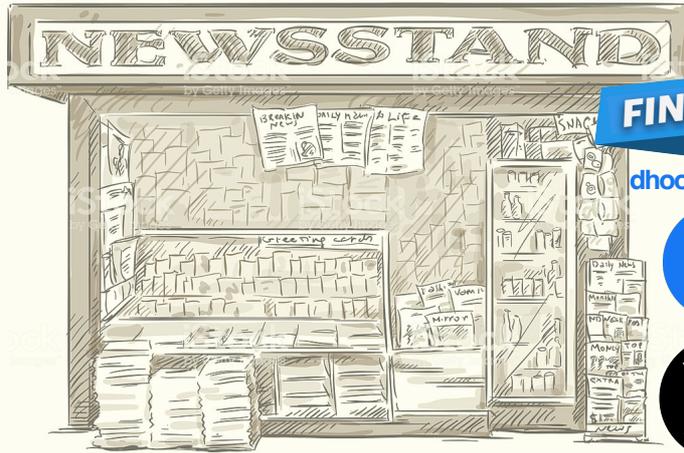




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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 16.01.24 Knit and Stitch resumes
- 17.01.24 Open The Book Assembly
- 17.01.24 Cornerstones team Visit Dhoon
- 18.01.24 Toast Club resumes
- 19.01.24 Parent Information Sheets published
- 19.01.24 Coffee and Chat at 3pm
- 23.01.24 Tag Rugby Club begins (Y2/Y3)
- 24.01.24 IQM External Assessment
- 31.01.24 Rev Jo Assembly
- 09.02.24 Class 3 Visit to Swagelok
- 16.02.24 MSPCA Dress As An Animal day
- 16.02.24 School closes for half-term break
- 26.02.24 School re-opens for new half-term

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

Message From Mr Kelly

Can you believe it is now 2024?! Allow me to extend my best wishes for a prosperous, successful and healthy new year to everyone. The children have settled back into school routines quickly and eagerly and there have already been lots of super learning activities taking place in each of our classes. New learning themes are being explored with great enthusiasm and I'm sure you'll hear further details about these from your children in the coming weeks. Keep your eye out for our parent information sheets which will detail the topic / theme being studied in each class. These will be sent home shortly. It was an incredibly busy and productive end to the last term, and I hope that you all enjoyed our Christmas Concert. I thought the children were magnificent and it was a real privilege to watch the performances. School really couldn't do everything it does without the wonderful support of the parent community! I hope you find all the information in the newsletter useful: don't forget we publish newsletters on the first Friday of the month throughout term time. You can also find a plethora of information on our website, and via our social feeds on facebook and Twitter. *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.

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!



MSPCA Dress As

An Animal Day



Dhoon School will be supporting the MSPCA by joining in with "Dress As An Animal Day" on Friday 16th February.

It is optional to take part - if your child is more comfortable in dress down clothes or school uniform then that will be fine. We are asking for an optional donation of £1 per child if you take part, which can be brought in on the day. Your outfit can be as elaborate or low key as you like - a bit of black eyeliner and some black paper triangles clipped to a hairband can make a quick and easy cat; onesies can often be a quick and easy costume too!

More info to follow on this - we thought it would be useful to give you an early "heads-up!"



Coffee and Chat



Come and have a coffee on us! On Friday 19th January at 3pm we are inviting parents to pop into the school hall from 3pm to have a cuppa and a chat with fellow parents and some of our staff team too!

Exciting Clubs

Toast Club: Resuming on Thursday, 18th January.

Knit and Stitch Club: Starting again on Tuesday, 16th January.

Tag Rugby Club: Mr. Dunderdale will be leading this club for Years 2-3, starting Tuesday, 23rd January, from 3:30-4:25 pm.



Flagship School for Inclusion - Re-assessment

On Wednesday 24th January, Dhoon School will be visited by an external assessor from the UK to validate our status as a Flagship School for Inclusion. The assessor will ask to speak with a group of parents to check their experiences of the school - if any parent would like to volunteer to be part of this group please drop an email to dhoonenquiries@sch.im and register your interest.

Kindness Matters - 30 Day Challenge

Dhoon School is thrilled to launch our 30-Day Kindness Challenge, an initiative aimed at fostering a culture of compassion and empathy among our pupils. This exciting endeavour commenced with a live online assembly, collaboratively hosted with Laxey and Willaston Schools. During this interactive session, pupils across our partnership schools explored the profound importance of kindness in our daily lives.

Our challenge encourages pupils to perform daily acts of kindness, whether it's helping a friend, sharing a smile, or expressing gratitude to family and staff. We believe that these small gestures can make a significant impact on our school environment and extend into our wider community.

Parents and guardians, you play a vital role in this journey. We invite you to engage in conversations with your children about their daily acts of kindness in the classroom.

We're excited to see the positive changes this challenge will bring to our schools and community. Let's work together to make kindness a fundamental part of our daily lives and watch as it transforms our interactions and relationships for the better.

Together, let's make kindness the norm, not the exception!



Gift Gratitude

A BIG thank you from our teachers and school staff for the thoughtful cards and presents received during the Christmas season.

Dhoon School is proud to continue our partnership with Ombrosa School in France. We are offering an exciting opportunity for Years Five and Six pupils to host a French student from Ombrosa between 16th and 30th June. This cultural exchange will be a unique chance for our pupils to make international friends, learn about French culture, and enhance their language skills. Host families will receive a financial contribution (£70 per week) for their hospitality. Interested families are encouraged to collect a form from the school office. Please return completed forms by early March to facilitate timely arrangements.

