



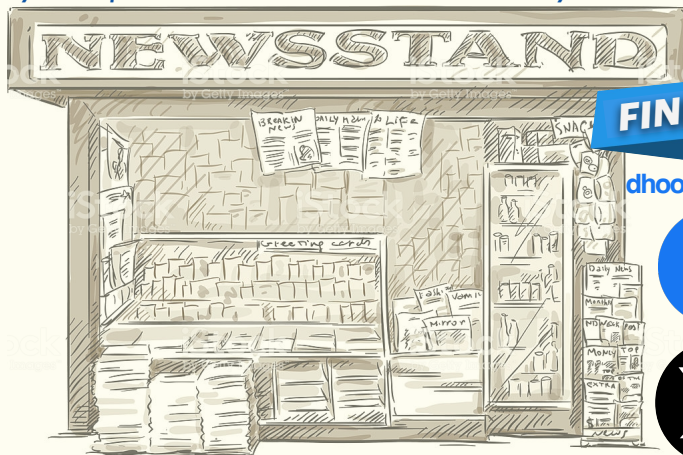
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**NEWSLETTER**  
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## Dates for Your Diary

- 10.11.24 Remembrance Service Maughold Church
- 11.11.24 Remembrance Assembly in school for pupils
- 11.11.24 Martin Jackson QA visit re behaviour
- 12.11.24 Monster Phonics Parent Session
- 13.11.24 Girls Football Tournament
- 14.11.24 Karaoke Night for KS2
- 15.11.24 Non-uniform for Children In Need
- 28.11.24 Christmas Fair in School Hall
- 02.12.24 Christmas Dinners order deadline
- 10.12.24 Christmas Concert at 2pm
- 13.12.24 Christmas Dinner Day
- 19.12.24 Christingle Assembly in School Hall
- 20.12.24 Last day of 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

As we enter November, the festive spirit is just beginning to fill the air, and we have plenty planned to celebrate with our school community! This newsletter will give you all the details on upcoming festive events, from our Christmas Fair to concert performances and festive jumper month—there's so much to look forward to as we build up to and enter December. But before that, this month holds a special time for reflection. Dhoon School is honoured to participate in the Remembrance Day commemorations on Sunday in Maughold, where representatives from our school will lay a wreath to remember and pay tribute to those who served. *Together, we remember.* We're also thrilled to announce that Dhoon, alongside Laxey and Willaston, has been recognised as a finalist in this year's Isle of Man Excellence Awards! This honour highlights the dedication and outstanding achievements of our pupils, staff, and the wider school community, and we couldn't be prouder. Fingers crossed!

Lastly, a quick reminder as we head into colder months and swimming lessons continue: please ensure children have the correct kit, with any earrings removed before the session. This helps us keep everyone safe and prepared for activities. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we journey through a busy, exciting season together! *With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher*

In the interest of the well-being of our school community, 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. This measure helps in curbing the spread of infections and ensures a healthier environment for all.

**ParentPay**  
A gentle reminder to keep your account in credit for school lunch payments!

## School Council Karaoke Night

School Council are delighted to announce a fun after school event for our KS2 children

- KS2 Karaoke Party
- Thursday 14th November 3.30pm - 5.00pm
- Change of clothes for after school if preferred
- £2.00 each to include a drink and snack
- Prize for winner in each year group

Payment can be made online via Parent Pay or by cash to the school office



## Children In Need 2024

On Friday November 15th, we're swapping uniforms for a heartwarming cause – it's dress down day for Children in Need! We encourage our pupils to bring in spare change too to support this wonderful charity.

## Dhoon School Remembers

On Remembrance Sunday (10th November) Mr Davies and a small group of pupil representatives will attend the Maughold Church Service on behalf of the school, and lay a wreath. On Monday 11th November Rev Jo will be in school to present our assembly which will include a 2 minute silence at 11am.  
*Dhoon School Remembers.*

We've noticed sweets and toys creeping into bags and lunchboxes, especially in Reception and KS1. Please help us keep snacks healthy and toys at home—thank you!

**DON'T FORGET**

## Christmas Concert 2024

This half term the staff and children will be busy preparing the annual Dhoon School Christmas Concert. The concert is not a ticketed event, and parents, grandparents, families and friends are duly invited. The Concert will be performed in the sports hall, and as usual we'll have photographs available for keepsakes. Dates and times of the Concert is as follows:

- Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 2pm (doors open from 1.30pm)

### Reminder for Safe Driving

Please drive carefully around the school as our 'Slow Dhoon' campaign continues! A gentle reminder: the staff car park is for staff only. Thank you for keeping our roads safe!

## Monster Phonics

Mrs Corlett and Miss Kirk are hosting an optional Monster Phonics information evening on Tuesday, 12th November, at 3:30pm. Monster Phonics is a fun and effective way to teach reading by linking sounds and letters, with each sound represented by engaging "monsters" that make learning memorable! During the session, we'll cover how the programme works, introduce you to the monsters, and explain how they help children link sounds with letters. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions about supporting reading at home. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Christmas Jumpers

It's time to pull out the festive tops!

From Monday

2nd December, pupils are invited to don their Christmas jumpers, adding a sprinkle of festive cheer to our December school days! Remember, school trousers, skirts and shoes are still the look until our full non-uniform celebration in the last week of term.



## Christmas Fair

Join us on Thursday 28th November straight after school! Hampers, stalls, cakes... and lots of fun! Save the date and we hope to see you there!

