



September 2020

School Absences

If your child is ill, please don't forget to contact school via email or telephone preferably before 9.15am, to let us know. Children suffering from diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not return to school until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.

Please do not send your child to school if they are showing any Covid-19 symptoms. Follow the guidelines on the Isle of Man government website <https://covid19.gov.im/> and call Mrs Kennaugh in the school office to keep us updated.

Helpers

We are most grateful for the hard work and support parents/family members give to our school. Should anybody wish to help (or continue to help) please speak to Mrs Kennaugh in the School Office who will make an appointment for you to meet with our Volunteer Coordinator.

Punctuality and Attendance

Please do your best to ensure your child arrives on time to school. Persistent lateness can be disruptive to your child's learning. Research has shown that this can have a huge impact on their attainment, achievement



Welcome!

A very warm welcome back to all of our pupils and parents. We are all looking forward to enjoying a great year at Cronk Y Berry. It has been lovely to see how quickly and confidently our children have settled into their classes and back to their learning.

Please remember if there is anything you feel that you need to discuss with your child's teacher please give us a call and we will either call you back for a chat or to make an appointment.

Parents Meetings

These will take place on Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October 2020 for Years 1 to 6.

A letter will be sent out prior to these dates and your child's class teacher will have slots available to sign up to. Please tick the time slot for the day that would be most convenient to you. We will try to provide a slot for everyone in their preferred time, but this isn't always possible. Slots will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Reception classes will run a slightly different format with an open evening on Wednesday 21st October. There will be a





Food in school

We have a number of children throughout school with moderate and severe food allergies.

Please can we ask that, if you are sending food into school, that you take these into consideration.

Current allergies in school include nut and egg.

Due to these allergies and the current health situation please can we ask that no cakes, sweets or treats are brought into school for occasions such as birthdays.

Please remind your child not to trade snacks.

Asthma

Please ensure that your child's asthma card is updated and returned to school via the Office. Please also ensure that your child's school based inhalers are in date. This is vitally important.

Naming of items

Please make sure that all items of school clothing are named. By doing this hopefully if an item is misplaced it will find its way back to the correct person.

Registering Children for School Sept 2021

Please can all parents with pre-school aged children who will be starting school next September, ensure their child is registered with us so that we can plan ahead and predict our numbers. As you will know, there is a direct link between pupil numbers and our staffing figures.

presentation (4.30pm and 6pm) which will provide important information about your child's time in Reception including: the learning programme, expectations, behaviour systems, home learning and how you can help. and a chance to speak to the class teachers. Letter to follow.

Please note this evening is not for children.

School Drinks and Snacks

Please can we ask that all children bring a water bottle to school with them each day. This can be filled up in school at the water fountains which can be found on each floor. Pupil's will be reminded on a Friday to take their bottles home so that they can be washed thoroughly and are ready for the next week. Please do not send glass bottles or containers into school as they can be easily broken.

Many thanks to those of you who have now paid for milk or apple juice for this half term. If you are providing your child with a mid morning snack this should be fresh or dried fruit and/or a plain biscuit.

Car Parking

Please can we remind you that the car park at the front of school will continue to be restricted to taxis, delivery vehicles, staff and parents of children with mobility difficulties. Parents are requested not to park in Fuchsia Court or in the bus lay-by and to ensure that when entering and leaving the car park at the rear of school you do so at slow speed. This is for the safety of all of our children and the local community.

KS2 After School Clubs

After school clubs and activities will be starting the week commencing 21st September. You will be advised by letter of availability of these in due course.





Berry Buddies

Our wonderful team of Berry Buddies will be looking for new members shortly. More information will follow in due course.

Mums and Tots

Mums and Tots groups have now restarted and meet on the following days in the Youth Wing:

Tues 9.30-11.15am

Thurs 1.30-3.15pm

New recruits always welcome (no need to book a place, just turn up!)

Ice Pack Amnesty

If you have any of school's reusable ice packs at home please, please can you return them. No questions will be asked!! The reusable packs cost the school in the region of £3.65 each to replace.



Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details (phone number, email address) please ensure you notify the school office. It is vital that we have up to date details for all our children.

Uniform and PE Kits

PE kits need to be brought into school this week please. Please make sure that all uniform, PE kits and bags are clearly named.

Inclement Weather

If the weather is particularly inclement (heavy rain, very strong wind, icy conditions) first thing in the morning the main school door will be open from 8.40am. Children in Reception are to be accompanied to the Main Hall by their adults, children in Years 1 and 2 can assemble in the Main Hall and children in Years 3 to 6 can meet in the Sports Hall. Children in Years 1 - 6 will be supervised so parents are requested to leave promptly in order to avoid congestion within the school building. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for the Term

22nd September: Whole school Photo Day

1st October: Reception Class Photo Day (IOM Newspapers)

20th + 21st October: Parents Meetings (information above)

19th - 23rd October - Cycling Proficiency for Year 6

23rd October: Turn Pink for Breast Cancer Day

Half Term: 26th October - 30th October 2020

13th November: Children in Need

9th - 12th November - Scholastic book week

16th - 20th November: Anti-Bullying Week





18th December: Finish for Christmas

Off Island trips

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, this year we will be unable to organise our normal off Island trip to Kingswood. Year 6 will be doing something else, on Island, and will let you know more details as soon as we can.