

# Orphir and Flotta Community Schools' Newsletter

Tuesday 27 June 2023

*Kindness Creativity Teamwork Respect Flourishing*

## News from me...

Summer is here! I can hardly believe that we have almost completed another academic year and what a year it has been. A full reopening with absolutely no COVID restrictions and events aplenty. Between a Halloween Disco, Christmas party, Bingo night, Burns Supper, P7 Hoy residential trip, school trips, Leavers Disco and our first ever (and hugely successful) Curriculum Showcase; we should all be very proud of the part that we have all played. Our Nursery, P3 and P7 pupils enjoyed some successful transition days in advance of the next step in their educational journeys and our marvellous P7 pupils were sent off in style after their leavers assembly last week. Flotta school had their first open day which was a tremendous event and we now get ready to say cheerio to Moira and Mrs Scott and give the school photocopier a well-earned rest!

### School Meals

Links have been sent out for the first 2 weeks back for the same style ordering system as currently used. Please complete asap and we will keep you updated as to when the system changes.

### 2023-2024 Staffing

Our staffing complement for 2023-2024 is as follows:

Head Teacher:	Grant Thomson
Principal Teacher(PT) & P4-7 Class Teacher:	John Dearness
P1-3 Class Teachers:	Dawn Williams & Lynn Rendall
Acting Principal Teacher & Flotta Class Teacher:	Christine Tulloch
Education Support Worker (Flotta):	Josephine Stanger
Support for Learning Teacher & PT Release:	Katherine Diaper
Support for Learning Assistant:	Brian Darby
Support for Learning Assistant:	Vacant post - TBC
Janitor & Cleaner:	Claire Smith
Clerical/Auxiliary:	Shona Garson
School Meals & Cleaner:	Christine Anderson
Early Years Lead Practitioner:	Lorna MacIntosh
Early Years Practitioner:	Megan Clouston
Early Years Support Worker:	Vacant Post - TBC
Art:	Kirsteen Murray
Music:	Miles Every
PE:	Holly Elson
Fiddle:	Karen Griffith

## Academic Session 2023-2024

A reminder that the first day of our new academic year is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. School is closed on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August for in-service training. The whole school year calendar is attached so you can plan holidays for the next year! 😊

## Expressive Arts

At the moment, the timetable next term is as follows:

Monday	Art AM Fiddle PM
Tuesday	PE AM
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Music PM

## Finally from me...

To our P7's that are heading off to KGS - you have got this! Enjoy every moment and always remember that we are here if and when you ever need us. To the rest of you, have the most wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in August and welcoming our new intake of P1 pupils.

Kind regards as always.

*Grant Thomson*

Grant Thomson  
Linked Head Teacher  
Orphir, Stenness and Flotta  
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## Education, Leisure and Housing

School term dates - 2023 / 2024 (all dates are inclusive)

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 22 August – Wednesday 11 October (37 days).
October holidays	Thursday 12 October – Friday 27 October.
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 30 October – Friday 22 December (40 days).
Christmas holidays	Monday 25 December – Friday 5 January.
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 8 January – Friday 29 March (57 days).
Schools closed	Friday 16 February – Tuesday 20 February.
Spring holidays	Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April (Easter Monday 1 April)
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 15 April – Wednesday 3 July (56 days).
Schools closed	Monday 6 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed	Monday 3 June.
<b>Staff Only, In-service days are:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday 21 August.</li><li>Thursday 12 – Friday 13 October.</li><li>Tuesday 20 February.</li><li>Monday 3 June.</li></ul>	