

Orphir and Flotta Community Schools' Newsletter

Tuesday 24 January 2023

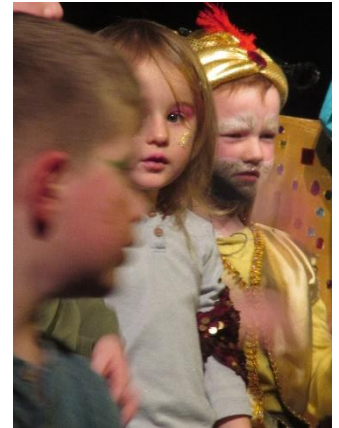
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News from me...

What a wonderful start to the term it has been. The weather has kept us all on our toes as it always does and I do believe I notice the nights starting to get ever so slightly lighter.

I was so thrilled with how all the children performed during the Aladdin concert last week - they did a remarkable job especially those that were doing 2 different roles. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

Shona will be producing a booklet with some of the photos of the different nights performances as a keepsake for the children and we wait to get the video footage back from the Parent Council and will share that with you as soon as we are able.



Staffing Update

We welcome Ingrid Nicolson to our Nursery who has joined us this week. Ingrid is working with us on a temporary, part time basis to help fill in some of the gaps since Pat left us as her post remains unfilled. We thank Ingrid very much for stepping in to help and hope that as the year progresses we can fill Pat's vacancy.

Burns Supper

The Orphir Parent Council are hosting a Burns Supper this Friday, 27th January in the hall with a 6 PM kick off time. This is a ticketed event so please contact Shona should you wish to book any spaces. They will be selling raffle tickets on the night so please bring along those wallets. Please also contact Shona should you be free and able to help on the night and beforehand - there hasn't been a huge amount of volunteers and there is a lot of tatties to peel..... - there is no such thing as too many helpers!

School Meals

The links have been sent out this week for ordering the next block of weeks for school meals. As ever, order as many weeks as you can, and any queries, do contact Shona in the school office.

Community News

Remember, there are various community events and groups that meet in Orphir. Check out the Orphir Community News Facebook page for their events.

Orphir Community School Forum

The Orphir Community School Forum have their next meeting on Thursday 23rd February here in the school @ 6 PM. Agendas and papers will come out closer to the time. If however, there is anything you would like brought up, do feel free to contact me at the school or Mark Edmonds, Chair on mark.edmonds@york.ac.uk

Swimming

Swimming is due to start this term for our P4-7 pupils. At the moment, it is scheduled to be in the morning on Fridays from 3 March at the Pickaquoy Centre and we will keep you updated of any changes.

Mid-Term Holiday

Please notes that the school will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday 10th February.
- Monday 13th February.
- Tuesday 14th February (staff in-service training).

Term 3 Diary Dates

Friday 27th January. Burns Supper @ 6PM

Friday 10th February. Holiday - schools closed.

Monday 13th February. Holiday - schools closed.

Tuesday 14th February. In-service training - schools closed to pupils.

Thursday 23rd February. Parent Council @ 6 PM.

Wednesday 8th March & Thursday 9th March. Parents Evening.

Friday 31st March. Last day of term 3.

Monday 17th April. First day of term 4.

Finally from me...

Keep smiling. It's only a little thing but something that often gets lost in the chaos of life.

Kind regards as always.

Grant Thomson

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Linked Head Teacher

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School Term Dates 2022 to 2023

All dates are inclusive.

Term 1.	Tuesday 16 August to Wednesday 5 October (37 days).
October holidays.	Thursday 6 October to Friday 21 October.
Term 2.	Monday 24 October to Wednesday 21 December (43 days).
Christmas holidays.	Thursday 22 December to Wednesday 4 January.
Term 3.	Thursday 5 January to Friday 31 March (59 days).
Schools closed.	Friday 10 February to Tuesday 14 February.
Spring holidays.	Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April. (Easter Monday 10 April).
Term 4.	Monday 17 April to Wednesday 28 June (51 days).
Schools closed.	Monday 1 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed.	Monday 5 June.

Staff only, in-service days are:

- Monday 15 August 2022.
- Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October 2022.
- Tuesday 14 February 2023.
- Monday 5 June 2023.