



SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2 Information Letter

We are excited to welcome pupils back to school for Term 2. This term we will be focusing on two school values, *respect and equality*.

Term Dates

Information about term dates can be found via the link: [Term Dates – Shetland Islands Council](#)

Key Dates

We are delighted to share key dates for the term which include opportunities for formal reporting to parents and opportunities for families to watch Christmas performances:

Event	Date and Time	Further Information
S1 – S3 Science Fair	Thursday 6 th November	See information in email from Mr Kerr.
S3 Interim Reports go home	Wednesday 12 th November	
S1 Interim Reports go home	Wednesday 19 th November	
P1-7 Parents Evenings	Wednesday 19 th November Thursday 20 th November	Information re booking to follow in due course.
S2 Interim Reports go home	Wednesday 26 th November	
Primary Christmas Fair	Friday 5 th December 2.15pm-3.00pm	Enterprise opportunity for pupils to raise funds. Parents/carers invited to join.
Primary 1 & 2 Christmas Show	Tuesday 9 th December 9.30am-10.00am	All Primary 1 and Primary 2 parents/carers invited to watch.
Secondary School Dance	Tuesday 9 th December	More information will follow in due course.
Primary 3-7 Christmas Show	Wednesday 10 th December 1.30pm and 6.00pm	All Primary 3-7 parents/carers invited to watch at either the afternoon or evening showing.
S3 Skills for Work courses begin	Friday 12 th December	More information will follow in due course.

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RESPECT

EQUALITY

ACHIEVEMENT

CREATIVITY

HAPPINESS

Outdoor Clothing/Change of Clothing

We politely request that as we enter colder weather that pupils come to school with a jacket, warm clothing and suitable footwear.

If Primary children would like to leave a pair of welly boots at school for outdoor learning or wet playtimes, they are welcome to do so and will be encouraged to use them by staff. We kindly ask that Primary pupils, if possible, have a small change of clothing in their school bags. On occasion during playtime, craft activities or outdoor learning a change of clothing is required. The school have a small supply available.

Arrival at School

We encourage Primary pupils to use the upper playground space until school starts. Supervision is available here from 08.30am. In the event of wet weather, usual entrances and the main entrance will be open, and supervision will be in place inside from 08.30am.

Secondary pupils are encouraged to come in through the main entrance and gather in their social areas.

In the event of adverse weather, the office will communicate any necessary changes to pick up and drop off at school.

Secondary Breakfast Club

From Monday 3 November and for the rest of term, all secondary pupils will be able to access a free breakfast club during morning break. This will be in the canteen and will see toast, cereal, fruit, tea and hot chocolate available each morning.

Toys

The school provides pupils from Primary 1 to 7 with a variety of opportunities to engage in play during class time. Children have access to a range of toys and play experiences, as well as fidget toys, quiet spaces, and soft toys for comfort. We kindly ask for your support in reminding pupils that personal toys brought from home should remain in their school bag or be placed in the 'toys for home' box within each Primary classroom. Transition toys/soft toys that support individual needs, and that staff are aware of, are of course encouraged and welcomed.

Halloween

If pupils wish to, they can come to school dressed up for Halloween. As a reminder, we request pupils do not wear masks, bring weapons, face paint or costumes that may frighten other pupils. Pupils are responsible for looking after their costumes and we request pupils bring clothes in a bag to change into if they wish.

Update Forms

Please remember to return your Annual Update forms as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

Finally, we are all looking forward to a busy term with your child/children. As always, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kindest Regards,

Melvyn Clark

Acting Head Teacher