

# Shetland Islands Council

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#### Dear Parent/Carer

This is just an update on arrangements for the end of term.

## **Dinner Money / ParentPay**

Can all dinner money be paid up to end of term please. Any credit balances on ParentPay will be carried over to next term – these amounts will show up on your ParentPay account.

## **Support For Families**

As you may already be aware, 2023/24 applications are now open for Clothing Grant & Free School Meals/Milk. You can find out more about this <a href="here">here</a> or on the Anchor for Families Facebook page <a href="here">here</a>.

## Staffing Update

There are a couple of staffing changes to update you on:

Natalie Constable is the preferred candidate for the recently advertised Science post.

Charlotte Hutchison is the preferred candidate for the vacant Primary post.

Should all of the formalities be completed, they will both be joining our staff in August.

Carol Stewart has been working as a Learning Support Worker in Primary throughout this session. Her temporary contract is finishing this week and we would like to thank her for work during the year and wish her all the best for the future.

## **End of term Arrangements**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** is the last day of term. School resumes for pupils on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August. After consulting with pupils, parents and staff, the most popular date for our Occasional Holiday next session was Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the blog for term dates for next year.

## **Farewell**

As you know, I am moving on at the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils, staff and parents for making the job of Head Teacher at Whalsay School the privilege it has been over nearly seven years here. I will leave with many fond memories of the people I have met and worked with and the vibrant community here. I wish you all a very enjoyable Summer and your bairns and the school every success in the future.

Yours sincerely

G. Spence

Head Teacher