



Shetland Islands Council

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Dear Parent/Carer

Sports Day

We are delighted to confirm that, on **Monday 9th June**, we will be having our annual Sports Day. As usual we would love to see as many of you and your family there as possible to cheer the children along. The day will be split into a morning and afternoon session. Please send a water bottle, PE kit and warm clothing (e.g. tracksuit trousers and a jumper) with your child in case it is cold.

The programme for the day is as follows:

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| Nursery | 10:30am at Harbison Park
Further information will be sent out separately |
| P1-4 | 11.00am start at Harbison Park |
| P5-S4 | 1.30pm start at Harbison Park |

There is the possibility that the weather will cause us to cancel the event. Should this be the case, we will contact you as soon as we can and confirm an alternative date (possibly 23rd June).

We look forward to seeing you there on Monday 9th. If you have any questions or require further information then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Achievement Day and 60th Anniversary Celebrations

Achievement Day will be held on **Thursday 26th June**. Parents will be invited in for the afternoon for Primary certificates followed by an open day and activities at the Secondary department to celebrate 60 years of Symbister House. Further information will follow soon.

Primary Classes and Timetable

The classes for next year are:

Year	Teacher	Class Size	Classroom number
Primary 1/2	Mrs A Polson	20	2
Primary 3/4	Mrs J Irvine / Ms J Nairn	20	1
Primary 5	Miss C Hutchison	18	3/4
Primary 6/7	Miss E Paterson	20	5/6

The timetable for the remainder of this year is attached to this email.

Moving up morning will take place on **Wednesday 4th June**. Pupils are to come to school/nursery as normal apart from P7 who are to meet at the Secondary for the start of the school day at 8:50am.

New Logo

Our School Logo has had a bit of a refresh (see header). The old one was in a poor file format so we contacted Julie Williamson who has kindly redrawn it for us. We've also made a few changes to the font, we hope you agree that it's looking excellent! A big thank you to Julie for her help and to Leona for her hard work.

Key Dates:

As we approach the final weeks of the term, we have a number of events coming up as outlined below:

Tuesday 3rd June – new S2 Parent's Evening

Wednesday 4th June – Primary moving up morning

Thursday 5th June – pre-school pupils and parents visiting for school lunch

Thursday 5th June – Information Evening for parents of pre-school parents, 6:30pm

Monday 9th June – Sports Day (weather permitting)

Wednesday 11th June – Secondary County Sports

Tuesday 17th June – Scottish Opera trip for P6 and P7

Tuesday 17th June – New S2 John Muir

Wednesday 18th June – African Drumming showcase (primary pupils), parents are invited from 2pm

Thursday 19th June – Parent Council AGM – all welcome

Monday 23rd June – back up Sports Day

Thursday 26th June – Achievement's afternoon and 60th Celebrations of Symbister House

Friday 27th June – last day of term

If you have any questions on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Lynsey Irvine and Pauline Irvine
Depute Head Teachers