



Shetland Islands Council

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Dear Parent/Carer

Staffing Update

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Jayne Irvine is acting up as Principal Teacher 2.5 days per week this term, in addition to her 2.5 days teaching in P3/4. Mrs J Irvine's Principal Teacher role is to predominantly support the nursery and to help maintain and build upon the positive developments taking place there. Mrs Irvine and I are also leading on developing Play Pedagogy in the Primary and the development of meta skills across the whole school. I look forward to working alongside Mrs Irvine in her new role.

Mrs Debbie Polson is the preferred candidate for the Learning Support Assistant role. There are still some vacant hours for this post, along with supervisory hours which we will be advertising for in due course. If you would like further information on any of these roles, please do not hesitate to get in touch. It is important to note that training is provided for all learning support roles, and we are always looking for more people to join our supply list.

Key Dates

We are in the midst of setting key dates in our school calendar. These will be shared on the school blog and updated as necessary. Confirmed dates for this year are as follows:

- Wednesday 16th September – Virtually Safe, Virtually Sound workshops for pupils
- Monday 21st September – Scholastic Bookfair, tbc.
- Tuesday 22nd September – Virtually Safe, Virtually Sound parents event
- Wednesday 30th September – Wear Purple for Clan, Pupil Council fundraising event
- Thursday 1st October – Flu vaccines in school
- Tuesday 6th October – P1 Parent's Evening
- Wednesday 7th October – S1 Parent's Evening (Head Teacher and Pupil Support)
- Friday 9th October – Stay and Play (Nursery)
- Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November – Primary Parent's Evening
- Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Concert
- Thursday 10th December – Nursery Christmas Show
- Tuesday 15th December – Secondary Christmas Party
- Wednesday 16th December – Carols by Candlelight Concert
- Thursday 17th December – Christmas Lunch

There are a few class trips and sports trips in the calendar. More details will follow about them nearer to the time.

Secondary Homework Club

Secondary Homework Club has begun for this school session, taking place on Wednesdays after school from 3:40 – 4:30pm. This club offers the pupils the opportunity to get a quiet space to complete their homework with a staff member present to support where possible.

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

Yours sincerely

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Acting Headteacher