

# Dates For Your Diary



Date	What's happening?
Wednesday 19th September	Play In A Day in Y6
Thursday 20th September	Play In a Day in Y6
Thursday 20th September	School Photographs (Infants)
Friday 21st September	School Photographs (Juniors)
Monday 24th September	Assembly for Y2 - 6 by Jo Ruxton about Single Use Plastic
Thursday 27th September	Simon Murray (Illustrator and Author of Icky Doo Dah) in Y2 & Y3
Tuesday 2nd October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 3rd October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 17th October	Junior Achievement in Y6
Thursday 18th October	Junior Achievement in Y6
Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November	Half Term Holiday

Don't forget, if you're looking for a full list of the school term dates and holidays, you can find a chart on our website at <https://rhumsaa.sch.im>



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# Newsletter



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September 2018



A warm welcome back to the new School year! I'm very pleased with how the term has started, with new topics up and running quickly and our new starters settling in confidently to school life.

Hopefully you've had a chance to get to meet your child's new teachers, but if not, you'll be able to do that soon with our first **Parents Evenings** of the year - on **Tuesday 2nd October & Wednesday 3rd October!**

As well as the usual chance to meet and talk with the teachers, this year each year group team will be running **presentations for parents** all about what to expect during the year, the topics which will be covered, homework expectations, how learning in the classroom takes place....lots of information about how things at the school work.

I really hope lots of you will be able to come along and **find out more about what happens day to day in your child's class** - we look forward to seeing you all!

## Head Lice

Head Lice are a common problem at any school, so I will take this opportunity to remind all parents that if you would like some

advice on how to recognise

and treat Head Lice, you

can contact our terrific

Community School Nursing

Team;

School Nursing Service

811868

8:30am - 4:30pm Monday to

Friday

For those of you who are interested, there is an Island-wide policy

on the Control of Head Lice, produced by the Department of

Health & Social Security which you can find at the following link;

[https://www.gov.im/media/88936/headlice\\_policy.pdf](https://www.gov.im/media/88936/headlice_policy.pdf)

I have also put a copy of the policy on our school website [https://](https://rhumsaa.sch.im)

[rhumsaa.sch.im](https://rhumsaa.sch.im); it contains lots of useful information, so it's worth

taking the time to read.



## Nut-Free School

A reminder at the start of the year that we strive to be a 'Nut-Free' school. The reason for that is simple - **we have a number of pupils who are extremely allergic to nuts and who would, if exposed to them, become seriously ill.**

We feel that we, as a community, can help to keep those children safe by not bringing nuts (including nuts in other products) to school, and we ask that you take a little extra care to help make sure we keep the school as safe as can be for everyone.

We have a clear 'Food In School' policy which you can find on our website at <https://rhumsaa.sch.im>. Our policy covers school snacks (crisps are not allowed) and other areas of food allergies, intolerances and additional dietary needs.

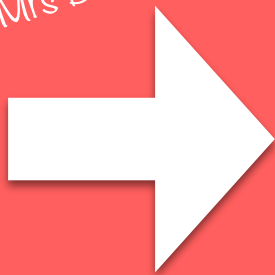
## New Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Dawn Speight to our team at Bunscoill Rhumsaa. Mrs Speight is an excellent, experienced teacher who I know is excited to be joining us. She's currently teaching in Year Four on Thursdays and Fridays, and we look forward to her joining the team full-time as soon as she can be released from her current contract.

# Child and Family Support Worker

We are delighted to introduce you to our newest member of staff, Mrs Stephanie Birchenough (Mrs B!). Mrs B joins us as a Child and Family Support Worker, a new role in the school. This is a really valuable addition to our school community, and here Mrs B explains a little more about what the job is all about!

Meet Mrs B!



Hi, I'm really excited to join the team at Bunscoil Rhumsaa! My job is to work with you in supporting your child's emotional needs and the needs of your family. Some of the support I can provide includes:

- Listening service for children and their family
- Support for anxiety, depression, low self-esteem or self-harm
- Bereavement support
- Separation / Divorce support
- Behaviour management
- Financial difficulties

...and more!

If you think you might like some support, please come and find me! I can help you gain access to different professionals and support schemes - I'm here to help!

I look forward to meeting you,

Mrs B.

## Simon Murray

We're pleased to once more be visited by the author and illustrator Simon Murray this month.

He always makes sure the children have a great time in his illustration workshops, and I am sure this time will be no exception!

Simon will be working with Years 2 and 3 on the 27th September, and will no doubt be bringing his most famous creation, Icky Doo Dah, with him!



## Asthma and Inhalers

Have you made sure the school has the latest information about your child's asthma?

It's really important that we keep our records up to date - if you're not sure, please get in touch with the school to check that we have an up to date Asthma Card and the right inhaler!

You can get an Asthma Card from the school, from your GP or from [www.asthma.org.uk](http://www.asthma.org.uk)

## Plastics Assembly

Next week, on the 24th September, we're looking forward to an assembly being delivered by our special guest Jo Ruxton!

Jo will be talking to children in Years 2 - 6 about the impact of 'one use plastics' on our world.

This is in partnership with Dr Fiona Gell who is the Government's Ecosystem Policy Manager. The aim is to promote the reduction of single use plastics across the Island.

Jo has worked on programmes such as Blue Planet and is also offering talks for adults during her visit.

Find out more here —> <http://plasticoceans.uk>