# Dates For Your Diary



Date	What's happening?
Wednesday 16th September	Year 1 Trip to Milntown (pm)
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Thursday 17th September	Year 3 Trip to Wildlife Park (am)
Friday 18th September	La Jolie Ronde French Club begins (Juniors)
Tuesday 22nd September	La Jolie Ronde French Club begins (Infants)
Monday 21st September	Financial Skills Lessons from Investasure in Year 6
Tuesday 22nd September	Financial Skills Lessons from Investasure in Year 6 First Aid Training for 6M
Thursday 24th September	First Aid Training for 6V
Monday 28th September	School Photographs (Infants)
Tuesday 29th September	School Photographs (Juniors) Reception 'Little Starters' Photo (IOM Newspapers)
Tuesday 13th October	First Aid Training for 6K Junior Achievement in 6M & 6V
Thursday 15th October	Junior Achievement in 6K
Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evening
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	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 by <u>clicking this link!</u>



Visit our website: rhumsaa.sch.im

September 2020



A warm welcome to all of our parents and members of our community to the new school year! It's been an action-packed first five days back, with children enjoying some great memorable starts to their new topics; from exploring the 'Enchanted Woodland' of Milntown (Year 1) to carrying out an Ancient Egyptian 'embalming' (Year 5)!

We're also making sure to identify and address pupil needs following last terms interruption. We were pleased to be able to open for the last half-term, and the work we undertook to assess children's needs following the school closure has been invaluable in ensuring a swift start to this year.

That assessment continues, so as to inform teacher planning, and you'll be able to discuss your children's start to the school year and their progress at our first **parents evenings in October** (or at any time you like, of course!). We look forward to seeing you, and to enjoying a terrific first term together!



## La Jolie Ronde!



We're delighted to be able to welcome La Jolie Ronde to our school this year! This terrific club begins this Friday and we're delighted to see so many of our pupils signed up for this award-winning provision, and I'm sure they will love this fun and positive approach to language learning.

## **Parents Evening**



Our first Parents Evenings of this school year will be held in the week before the Half Term Holiday, on;

Tuesday 20th October 3:45 - 6:00pm

Wednesday 21st October 3:45 - 7pm

We'll be sending out more details about how you can make an appointment to speak to the teachers in the coming weeks.

## **School Governors**

Our school governing body for the coming school year is unchanged. It is made up of;

Chair of Governors: Mrs Alison Mckay-Mills

Board of Education Member: Mr Robin Turton

Co-Opted Community Governor: Mr Kevin Vondy

Parent Governor: Mrs Claire Hughes

Teacher Governor: Mrs Kate Moore

## **Our New Deputy Head**

We're very much looking forward to our new Deputy Head, Mrs Lisa Beggs, taking up her post soon! She'll be starting with us full time from the week before the halfterm holiday, and will be based in the Junior building. Until then she'll be popping in each week for a little time to say hello and get to know our fantastic Rhumsaa family!

#### **Bikes and Scooters**

We have many pupils who travel to and from school on their cycles or scooters. Just a reminder that although we have bike and scooter racks at both buildings, these are unsecured and therefore all bikes and scooters are left there at the owners own risk.

And please do make extra consideration for safety as the nights draw in and the weather worsens for Autumn and Winter!



#### Snacks

A reminder as we start the new school year that we strongly encourage healthy snacks for our pupils - and that chocolate bars, fizzy drinks and packets of high fat crisps are not allowed. Thanks for your support in this - you can read our Food In School Policy on our website —> click to visit our site!

#### **Parent Helpers**

We are always so pleased and grateful to welcome you into school to help us out! From listening to readers to sharing your artistic skills, we have a hugely talented community of people to help us!

If you would like to come along and share your skills with the children, or can give up your time to help out in the classroom, please just let your child's teacher know!

Please be aware that all helpers in school will be asked to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form, which can take a little while to be approved. You can find out more about the DBS check here —> DBS FAQS

### **Details and Permissions**

You may remember filling out a form in which you provided your contact details as well as a lot of permissions for things like school trips, use of photographs and so on.

It's important that these are kept up to date so the school has the latest information, so if you have made any changes that you haven't informed the school about, changed your mind about any permissions granted or would just like to check what you have and haven't ticked, please do get in touch with the school office.