

Ashley Hill News

Friday 13th December 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Mon 16th Dec

Christmas Tombola Draw

Whole School Concert at St Peter's Church (pm)

Wed 18th Dec

Christmas Lunch

KS2 Christmas Party

Thu 19th Dec

Rec / KS1 Christmas Party

Fri 20th Dec

School closes for Christmas break

Mon 6th Jan

School re-opens to all children and staff

Tue 7th Jan

Key Stage 2 Swimming sessions resume

Mon 13th Jan

Year 2/3/4 Cricket sessions to promote Manx Youth Games

Year 1 Police Education session

Tue 14th Jan

Manx Birdwatch assembly

Mon 20th Jan

Reception Police Education session

Fri 24th Jan

FOAHS Wacky Hair fundraiser

Wed 29th Jan

Year 5 Young Engineers programme starts

Fri 31st Jan

Football friendly fixtures at King William's College

Tue 11th Feb

Year 2/3 Tag Rugby Festival

Thu 13th Feb

FOAHS Valentine's Disco

A huge thank you to you all for your support with our recent concerts in our school hall. It's been a pleasure to see the children grow in confidence during these performances and showcase how talented they are. They gain so much from these experiences; dealing with nerves to perform in front of others, learning their all-important lines and, probably most important, pulling together as a team to create the show. Thank you for supporting us at each performance, and for preparing your child in their costume - they all looked wonderful on the stage!

I'd like to extend my thanks to my colleagues. Putting on these shows takes a huge amount of work. The quality of each performance is a credit to the Ashley Hill team; their talent, creativity and energy makes it a pleasure to work alongside them.

As we look to the end of this term and into the New Year, please keep an eye out for some dates in the calendar tab, and important information in the rest of this Newsletter.

Morning Clubs after the Christmas Break

Our Year 2/3 Tag Rugby Club will **continue** on a Wednesday into the New Year. Existing attendees need not re-apply for this club - we will assume your child will continue to attend unless you tell us otherwise. There are still places in this club, so please email the school if you wish your child (only in Y2/3) to attend.

Friday morning club

From **Friday 10th January, Year 1** will have the opportunity to attend a Sports Club. This is led by iCueAcademy and commences at 8.10am in our main hall. The club looks to develop the fundamentals of sport and PE, using fun games! Children should attend ready to

take part (in a sports kit) and should bring their uniform in a named bag, ready to get changed into at the end of the session. A water bottle is also essential to keep your child hydrated throughout the session.

To secure a place in this club, please email the school on ashleyhillenquiries@sch.im. Places are reserved on a first-come-first-served basis and numbers are limited to 20.

FOAHS information and events

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to our FOAHS committee for their continued effort and energy with various events. Particular thanks to them for organising the annual Christmas tombola. I have witnessed, first hand, the time put in by FOAHS members to create the hampers and sell tickets for this raffle and I'm looking forward to drawing the winners during Monday morning's assembly!

You'll see from the Calendar dates on the left-hand side, that FOAHS have organised another couple of dates for the diary - a 'Wacky Hair Day' is scheduled for Friday 24th January, and our Valentine's Disco will be on Thursday 13th February. Keep an eye out for more details for these events closer to the time. All proceeds from these events will go to exciting and memorable experiences for children in school.

Merry Christmas

One final message is to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year, when it arrives. We have enjoyed a positive and successful start to the academic year this Autumn term, and I have no doubt that the Spring term will bring further success, where children go from strength to strength in their learning and continue to be exposed to outstanding opportunities and memorable experiences!