

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Jurby Community School

### **Christmas Fundraising**

Thank you to everybody who bought tickets for our Christmas Sleigh. It was won by Sonia MacLaren. The combined total for our Christmas Fair, Sleigh of Christmas and Ginger Hall voucher was over  $\pm 1,200$  and all of this money goes directly towards supporting all the children in our school. Swimming

Swimming starts again on Tuesday 10th January 2022.

## New Parents' Open Morning

On Wednesday 1st February we are going to be holding an Open Morning for parents whose children are due to join us in September 2023. (Born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.) The morning will start at 9.15am and last until approximately 10.30am. As part of this I would like to give prospective parents the opportunity to talk to current parents, particularly those who have children in the current Reception Class, so that they can hear first hand about our school. If you are able to play a part in this morning please let Mr Nelson know. Secondly, if you know of anybody who has a child who is due to start school in September please invite them to come along. Thank you.



# Are you entitled to free school meals, but not claiming them?

We are aware that there are some families that may well be entitled to free school meals, but are not registered for them as their child prefers a packed lunch. What you may not be aware of is that our school staffing and funding is partly influenced by the number of families registered for free school meals, and we may be missing out on some additional funding as our free school meal numbers are lower than they should

be. Can I ask if you think you may be eligible for free school meals that you register for them, even if your child has a packed lunch. The general criteria is that you are in receipt of one or more of the following: Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employed Person's Allowance, Income Support.

Applications can be made online and take less than 5 minutes to complete. To find the application form simply Google 'Isle of Man Free School Meals', or follow the link from our school website.



#### **PE** Kits

We have noticed a growing number of children who don't have a PE kit in school on a regular basis. Please can you make sure that your child brings their PE Kit back to school with them on Monday 9th January. Mrs Radcliffe's class will be having PE that afternoon, and Miss Lace's class will have PE on the Tuesday morning. Mrs Cranmer's class normally have PE later in the week, however there are weeks when lessons move around and if your child does not have their kit with them it causes them and us problems.

The PE kit does not need to be anything special or expensive, shorts, a t-shirt and a pair of pumps or trainers. Whilst we would prefer it if they had the school PE t-shirt in their house colour, anything is better than nothing. If cost is a barrier to providing a PE kit, please speak to us in confidence as we often have 2nd hand items that we can give you.

If anybody has any old PE kit, or school uniform, that they no longer need we will always welcome it, and try to re-home it to somebody who is in need.

### Dinners, Milk and Snack

The cost for school dinner next half term is  $\pounds$ 70.50 and can be paid via Parent Pay, or cash or cheque (payable to I**OM Government**) via the office.

Milk for the term (January until Easter) is £15.34 and can be paid via Parent Pay, or cash or cheque

(**payable to IOM Government)** via the office. If your child would like milk please let Mrs Patterson know ASAP.

Snack and cookery for children in Miss Lace's class is  $\pm 10$  for the half term, and needs to be paid at the start of the term. Please note that children in Miss Lace's class don't need to bring their own snack in as well, as this is provided for them.

