

WEEKLY BULLETIN – 3

Friday 25th September, 2009

Norovirus

Please be aware that there is an outbreak of Norovirus. The virus is highly infectious and can spread rapidly across schools and other institutions. Those affected by the illness continue to shed the virus for **48 hours** after the resolution of all symptoms. The advice from the Public Health Department is:

1. If your child develops an illness with sudden onset of vomiting, abdominal pain with or without diarrhoea, **do not send your children to school for 2 days after all the symptoms have resolved.** The child may look perfectly normal but they continue to shed the virus and can infect others.
2. If you need medical advice, please **DO NOT** attend A and E at Noble's or Minor Injuries Unit at Ramsey. Once the virus is introduced into a hospital, it can spread rapidly. Contact your GP by phone.
3. The majority of children make a complete recovery in 24-48 hours and there is no specific medical treatment apart from ensuring that the child drinks sufficient fluids to prevent dehydration.
4. Please ensure that hygiene precautions are followed at home if anyone gets diarrhoea and vomiting. The measures include scrupulous hand washing, thorough cleaning of vomit using diluted bleach and cleaning the toilet bowl with bleach.

Thank you
Matron

Wearing Glasses

Please notify the office if your child should be wearing glasses in school, so that teachers can be made aware and can insist on children wearing them.

Isle of Man Newspapers Design-an Ad Competition 2009

Congratulations to the Buchan Artists who were very successful in the annual competition. The following children received prizes:

Year 3 Winner – Jessica
Year 2 Highly Commended – Patrick
Year 2 Highly Commended – Oliver
Year 3 Highly Commended – Molly
Year 4 Highly Commended – Charlotte

'Books for Schools'

The tokens are now available from the Times. Please bring tokens into the office.

After School Activities

Please inform the office if your child does not want to continue with any after school activity, as we have waiting lists. If a member of staff is not available for their activity then pupils will be taken to other activities or the library until 4.30 pm.

Family Details

Please inform the office of any change to contact details ie address/phone numbers. There will shortly be a family update form sent home with pupils which we would ask you to complete and return for confirmation or to correct any amendments.

PLG

Each form group is represented by a parent on the Parent Liaison Group Committee which meets each term with the Headteacher and Bursar. You can forward any general comments to them if you would like them raised at our next meeting. Form Tutors will know who the representatives are for your class.

FAB

Friends At Buchan (our fundraising arm) is a registered charity and raises funds throughout the year for school. You will shortly see posters and flyers coming out to explain their role. Please do not miss their table at the Meet the Teacher evening on 30th September.

Keigs school photographs

Please note that next Monday 28th September we will have Keigs on site and based in the Drama room for your child to be photographed. All pupils will be taken by staff throughout the morning, there is no requirement for parents to attend these sessions. (P1 parents will be notified separately)

Family photographs and siblings photos (including any KWC, Buchan and Nursery sibling children) are from 3.30 onwards. After school activities are not cancelled but if you wish your child to be photographed at 3.30 you are asked to pick them up and take them to the Drama room promptly. There will not be any additional staff in the Drama room for this session and parents are asked to look after children accordingly.

Please note that no food and drink should be taken into the Drama room and also please be aware of extra cars on site.

Educational visits

Mrs Cottier has circulated letters to various form groups asking for consent from parents to go on educational visits throughout this term. Please forward your signed consent forms back as soon as possible to either Mrs Cottier direct or the office.

James' school lunches

Originally the brainchild of one of our pupils (James no less!) the James' school lunch is an invite for parents to join their children on designated days throughout the school year. There is a charge of £5 which is given to FAB towards the fundraising account for school. Your lunch is subsidised by school although a small charge is made to FAB. Names can be put down for this through the office.

TT Badges Box

A big thank you to all who bought TT badges which raised £48.65 for the RNLI.

Golf

Weekly sessions are being offered by Castletown Golf Links on a Wednesday evening from 4.45 until 5pm for Junior members. Please contact the Pro Shop at Castletown Golf Links for more information.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to those attending the coffee morning. At the last count £220 was raised through the sale of cakes and coffee this morning.

Diary

September

28th: Keigs School Photographs
30th: Pre-Prep and Prep Meet the Teacher

October

2nd: Form 1 James' Lunch
5th: P2, P3 Parents Consultations
Shoe Box Appeal
6th: P2, P3 Parents Consultations
10th: Open morning at KWC
12th: 9am -10am Harvest Festival – King William's College Chapel
16th: Stars Assembly and Pink Day
16th: Half term begins

November

2nd: Return to school