

### DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

WELCOME BACK to all our pupils and families who know us well and a very warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining us this week. We have had a super start to the new school year with lots of enthusiasm for learning and happy, smiling faces as we catch up with our friends. We are looking forward to a productive and exciting year, with lots of opportunities to explore and challenge ourselves

#### **Forest School**

We are excited to announce that we will be having Forest School sessions on site for the whole school year. Each class will get the chance to have a half term where every Monday morning involves working outdoors on specific skills and learning opportunities. We start the school year with Bradda Class. Please look out for photos and updates on our website splm.sch.im.











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# Changes to the merit system

The school system for giving merits is going to change. It is important that the new system is right for our school, our learners and fair for everyone involved.

In order for this to happen we are going to take this year to consult with everyone involved from children to parents and from staff to governors. This will be led by School Council and will involve questionnaires and other methods of seeking views and suggestions.

We would still like to have some form of reward system and so, for this year, there will be a house points system. Every child will be able to contribute to a running total for their house, which will result in a house 'treat' at the end of each half term.

**PERWICK** 

**FISTARD** 

**GANSEY** 

# **INFORMATION** for parents/carers

### **Carnane Class**

Merit Certificate

Mrs Heaton has taken up a position at another school on the island and we wish her all the best in her new school. Mrs Parsons will be now teaching Carnane Class every Monday.

#### **Bradda Class**

Mrs Brooks Lund is expecting a baby towards the end of the year and we are currently seeking a teacher to work in Bradda Class during her absence. I will confirm details when possible.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Beaumont to our team of dedicated support staff at SPLM. Mrs Beaumont joins us as an experienced SESO from another school.









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### Head bumps in school

We will be giving a sticker to every child who has a head bump in school. This sticker will let you, as parents and carers, know that an incident has happened. There will also be the usual letter sent home, informing you of what has happened. In most cases we will not make a phone call, however, if the incident is significant we will be contacting you in the usual way.

# Manx National Glen Survey - can you help?

This year's Annual Outdoor Visitor Survey, covering the Island's beloved Manx National Glens, was launched at the Royal Show last weekend and we are delighted with the response

The short survey can be found at the following link - www.gov.im/outdoorsurvey We are aiming to receive feedback by 14th September 2018 please **Graeme Watson** 

# Dress like a Superhero!

Lula Brown has a new Gush Gush campaign laimed at providing clean and safe water for all. You can find out more here https://my.charitywater.org/lulagrace-brown/operation-smartie-pants. Lula will be doing an assembly explaining more about her latest fundraising endeavour and on Friday 14th September we are inviting everyone to dress like a superhero for the day and donate any amount to this cause. A very big THANK YOU from Lula.

### **Uniform Donations**

A parent has been in touch to let me know about a uniform donation scheme being run by Standard Bank, who sponsor a school in Uganda. I thought this may be of interest to many of you and indeed the lost property uniform not claimed at the end of last year has been washed and is ready to be contributed to the scheme. More information about the school can be found at http://mifumischool.com/.

Standard Bank recently hosted pupils and teachers from Mifumfi on the island and in Jersey, which saw them visiting schools and local tourist sites as well as conducting an interview on Manx Radio: https:// www.manxradio.com/on-air/podcasts/women-today/ episode/education-the-mifumi-way-full-interview/

If you would like to make a contribution there will be a collection box at the front of school from Monday. Items will be collected at the end of September.





I will include dates for your diaries on the next newsletter, which will follow soon.

Ange Callaghan

Headteacher