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DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

What a great start we have had to our new school year! It feels like we have settled back in very well with the children (and staff) as enthusiastic and happy as ever. Rosco has been a big hit so far and has enjoyed getting to know all his new friends. School life is quite a challenge when you are a 10 week old puppy and I am delighted to report that our children are trying their best to make him feel at home and contribute positively to his training. Thank you, everyone.

Celebration - 25 years of SPLM!

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in items to help us put together a history of the school over the last 25 years - we are still happy to receive anything you think will be of interest to the school community.

We are inviting everyone into school on **Friday 27th September from 2pm**, where you will be able to view everything we have received, see the displays the children and their teachers have created, hear what some current pupils have to say about the school, enjoy some whole school singing and join us in refreshments and birthday cake. We are also hoping to have some past teachers, pupils and friends stopping by for a chat!

Invitations are on their way. If you know of someone who has a connection to the school and might like to join us, please extend an invitation on our behalf. Thank you.



Manx lessons have started this week for years 5 and 6 as we welcome Claudia Konig back as our Manx Teacher. Manx lessons will start for year 4 pupils after the Christmas holidays.

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Blue Zone

Yellow Zone

Over the last few years we have referred to the two parts of school as "Lower School" and "Upper School". This doesn't feel relevant now and so we have taken the decision to refer to these areas as "The Yellow Zone" and "The Blue Zone". This will take a little getting used to, but we hope you like the change.

School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 18th September 2019. All pupils will be photographed individually and with any siblings who attend SPLM. Class photographs will also be taken.



If you wish your pre-schoolers or Castle Rushen High School children to be photographed with their siblings, please take your children directly to the Sports Hall at 8.30am.

Entry forms available from the front of school

Junior Fell Running Championships



Bradda Head

Saturday 28th September
above Bradda Glen, Port Erin

12:00pm sign on for years 2, 3 & 4
1:00pm first race - year 2
2:30pm sign on for years 5, 6 & 7
3:00pm first race - year 5



1980's disco

Saturday 2nd November

Port St Mary's Town Hall
7.30 pm – 11.30 pm

Promoted by
Mrs Toni Galloway

Local community charity event

Raising money for Gansey Unit, Southlands
Residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
(IoM registered Charity 1116)



Tickets £5.00
Tel: 459617
Bring Your Own Drinks
Fancy dress optional
Raffle



Maths Society Event - "The Rise of Robot Toilet Chairs"

This talk will take place on Thursday 19th September at Santon Old School at 7pm.

Dr. Colin Moughton, a named inventor on over one hundred patents, will talk about the development journey of a new innovative product and how maths underpins creation of new technology. There will be a prototype on display and a live demonstration of its functionality. The talk is open to everyone and people of all ages are welcome. This will be an excellent showcase for school students who are interested in maths, engineering and IT. Promoted by Dr Ben Fairfax



School Photographs		Wednesday 18th September - from 8:30am
IOM Newspapers - Little Starters	Reception Pupils	Wednesday 18th September - afternoon
School Council Elections		Wednesday 25th September
25 Year Celebration		Friday 27th September - from 2pm
Venture Centre	Year 5	Wednesday 2nd October - Friday 4th October
Choir performance with Ballafesson Brass	The Howe Methodist Chapel	Friday 4th October - 7pm
Play in a Day		Thursday 24th October
Half Term Holidays		28th October to 1st November
Back to School		Monday 4th November
Parents' Evening		Monday 11th November - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Parents' Evening		Tuesday 12th November - 3.45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
More dates are likely to follow and changes are possible to the information given above		

We are hoping to be able to send more information about the playground regeneration very soon. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch to say they are able to help with fundraising contributions. In the meantime, watch out for your invite to '25 years of SPLM'. Please remember to extend this invitation to anyone with a connection to our school.

Ange Callaghan Headteacher