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DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

We have started our new school year with happy and settled children, who are showing us they are ready to learn and are having lots of fun too! We have had some changes to the internal layout of the school over summer and I am pleased to tell you that our SPC (Specialist Provision Centre - the new name for Special Needs Units) Injebreck Class is in the final stages of a major extension and refurbishment. We are hoping to be moving back in around the half term break and are looking forward to welcoming our Injebreck families to an official re-opening before Christmas. Watch this space! The changes to the internal structure have made a positive impact to the organisation of a variety of spaces within school and have been warmly welcomed by all our children and staff.

Flu Vaccinations 2021

Flu immunisations are being offered to all primary pupils. You have received letters from Manx Care in June, inviting your family to take part.

The vaccinations will be done in school for participating families on Thursday 14th October in the morning. Manx Care have offered these links for you to share with your children to help you prepare them for the vaccination.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHWwm8NQUw&feature=emb_logo - flu fighters cartoon

[https://www.google.co.uk/url?](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjgoeTP2ZTzAhXResAKHUfyDFsQFnoECACQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DwuO1KW4PrEk&usg=AOvVaw26rFqkZuluA1Rx4qFSi4vW)

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If there are any problems with these links they can be accessed on 'YouTube'



ACTIVE TRAVEL WEEK - Please see the message from Breeshey below

From Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October, we are promoting an Island-wide Active Travel Week, celebrating and raising awareness of the different choices that are available for travel to and from school. We will be encouraging our community to reduce their car journeys during their week, opting instead for walking, cycling, scooting, or other means of active travel.

For some families, a mixed approach may be an option, for example, 'park and stride', where children are dropped off a few minutes away from school to walk the rest of the way, or 'scoot from the boot', where they are dropped off in the morning with their scooter, allowing them to scoot home with friends at the end of the school day. All active journeys will help students to improve their physical and mental wellbeing and feel more energised and ready to learn, as well as raising the quality of our local environment and easing congestion around the school grounds.

The week also coincides with the UK's Bike to School Week, so if you are planning to make any of your journeys by bike, you are eligible to enter an additional competition to win a Frog bike with the Sustrans charity: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/uk-wide/schools/bike-to-school-week/>

Your support in preparing for and during the week is much appreciated, whether in planning and practicing safe routes to school with your children, ensuring they have the appropriate safety equipment such as helmets or high visibility items, or teaming up with other families to share out any supervision of active school journeys. You can access top tips, ideas and activities for an active school run with the free family guide from Sustrans: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding Active Travel, please contact the Active Travel Liaison Officer at the following email address: breeshey.harkin@gov.im. Feedback, ideas and suggestions are always welcome, helping the Active Travel Team put the necessary support in place to facilitate and encourage active journeys throughout the school year.



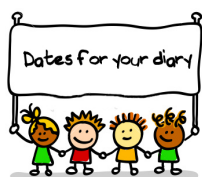
School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 6th October. 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.

Cross Country Club has started on Thursdays after school for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you would like to be involved please ask Mrs Arnold for a letter. Thank you



THANK YOU!

You are amazing!
You raised £1500 in sponsorship for our Parish Walk in Summer Term. We are delighted to be able to donate £500 each to CRUSE Bereavement Care and Crossroads for Carers in addition to putting £500 towards the beautiful murals painted on our outside walls.

School Council Elections		Wednesday 29th September
School Photographs		Wednesday 6th October
A Beg Adventure	Performed by The Little People	Wednesday 13th October - pm
Flu immunisations		Thursday 14th October - am
Harvest Celebration Assembly - all welcome to sing along Donations for Foodbank gratefully received		Tuesday 19th October - 9am to 9:30
First Aid training	Year 6	Wednesday 20th October
Isle of Characters visit	Tynwald and Bradda Classes	Thursday 21st October - pm
Half Term Holidays		25th October to 29th October
Back to School		Monday 1st November
Cycle Training Week	Year 6	Commencing Monday 8th November
Parents' Remote Online Meetings		Tuesday 9th November More information to follow soon
Children in Need		Friday 12th November
World Kindness Day		Saturday 13th November

More dates are likely to follow and changes are possible to the information given above

We really have had a great start to the school year - thank you for your continued support for our school and everything we do here. We have decided to grow a meadow on the bank at the right hand side of the playground and would be grateful of your support in keeping the children off this area. Signs will be going up soon and we have explained to the children what is happening. Thank you.

Ange Callaghan, Headteacher