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NEWSLETTER



DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

It has been a long term and our children continue to show us what resilient, enthusiastic and happy learners they are. Our School Council has been asking for thoughts and opinions on a range of subjects and will continue to represent pupil voice as we go into 2023. We have also been developing a new School Vision and have been updating our Core Values. We will be excited to launch these to our wider school community in the new year.

In the meantime, we continue to live by our ethos of kindness and fairness for everyone. Don't forget to watch out for the Charlie Mackesy animation, which will be screened on Christmas Eve. "Nothing beats kindness, it sits quietly beyond all things".

Dear Parents & Carers

Do you have any free time in the afternoon and early evening?

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture is currently recruiting relief cleaners for our primary schools. This is a great way to earn extra money whilst not being committed to regular hours and you will be providing an essential service to our schools.

Details can be found at the following:

<https://www.jobtrain.co.uk/iomgovjobs/vacancies.aspx>

For more information you can call Angela Tongue on 254149 or email angela.tongue3@gov.im

CHILDREN IN NEED 2022 - Be Spotacular!

We raised £408.61 for children in Need this year, including £53 from Tuck Shop
Thank you



Thursday is Christmas Games Day

Pupils can bring a game into school to share with friends.

No electronic games please.

Please remember not to send anything that is very precious as accidents do happen and parts may get lost or broken.

Thursday is also Christmas Party Day

Pupils can come dressed in their party clothes for the day.

Please remember we will still be outside at playtimes and lunchtime, so children will need to be comfortable and warm.

| | Wednesday 11th January | Wednesday 18th January | Wednesday 25th January | Wednesday 1st February | Wednesday 8th February | Wednesday 15th February |
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| FOREST SCHOOL | South Barrule | North Barrule | Colden | Carnane | Bradda | Tynwald |

SEPTEMBER 2023

Do you have a child, or know someone who has a child, who is due to start at SPLM in September next year?
If so please ensure they are registered with us as soon as possible. This enables us to make provision for the forthcoming year using accurate pupil numbers.

Thank You**FIDGET TOYS**

Some items, such as fidget toys, are marketed as learning tools to support self-regulation, help focus attention and aid participation in active learning. As part of our learning strategies at SPLM, we sometimes use fidget resources to support learners. This can include the use of putty for manipulation during lessons. Our children appreciate that this is for learning purposes, however, some children have started to bring their own putty and slime into school.

We ask that children don't bring their own putty into school. This can cause confusion between it being used as a learning tool for those that need it and a use as defined by parents at home. The making of slime is a creative and enjoyable experience for lots of children but we also ask that this stays at home.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time to meet. Thank you.

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS**

Only MSR after school sports clubs are running this week.

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| Christmas Jumper Day | Christmas Dinner served at lunchtime | Wednesday 21st December |
| Choir singing at Southlands | | Wednesday 21st December - pm |
| Christmas Parties | | Thursday 22nd December - pm |
| Christmas Holidays | | 23rd December to 6th January 2023 |
| Back To School | | Monday 9th January 2023 |
| Initial Transition meeting with CRHS | Y6 pupils and parents/ guardians | Monday 16th January Time and Venue TBC |
| Half term holidays | | 20th to 24th February |
| Back To School | | Monday 27th February |

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

And finally ...

Our SPLM community is a kind and generous one. We are very thankful for that, especially when there are so many pressures on all our families. This year is harder than ever before. As a staff, we would like to send a message to you to say that we appreciate your kindness, your support and your trust all year round. There is no need for gifts or presents of any kind - we know you appreciate us. Sharing a smile and a few words is more than enough.

Merry Christmas from the SPLM Team.

I hope you have a fabulous Christmas and enjoy time with your families.

Ange Callaghan, Headteacher

