



10TH FEBRUARY 2023

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DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

It is lovely to see the mornings becoming lighter and the days becoming longer. Let's hope that we are moving steadily towards Spring! It has been good to chat with many of you recently and to find out about any concerns and success stories from our families. Please do get in touch if you would like to meet with any of the team. Our system for keeping children safe in the car park, as they arrive and leave school, appears to be working well. Please do speak to anyone you think might be unaware of our new rules and routines. A friendly chat or reminder will help to keep everyone safe. Thank you.



Parents' Meetings will be taking place on both Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th March. Appointments will be able to be booked online at the start of the half term holidays.

We have decided to offer both online and in person meetings. There are a relatively equal number of meetings for both online and in person appointments.

Tuesday 7th March will be online appointments only between 1:15 and 4pm.

Wednesday 8th March will be in person meetings only between 3:45 and 6:20pm.

More information to follow next week.

World Book Day at SPLM

We will be inviting children to dress up as their favourite character again and will have a range of activities available on the day, including the ever popular DEAR (Drop Everything And Read).

School Council will be promoting their favourite books and children will be invited to take part in a Readathon - more details to follow.

We would also like to invite children to bring in a book they might like to swap. Books can be brought in from the start of the new half term (27th February) and will be collected together so that children can choose a 'new' book to take home on World Book Day.

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Our superstar football and tag-rugby teams have been in action recently, with both teams making the school very proud. Sportsmanship and team spirit were at the heart of every game. The teams played very well and scored well against their opponents. Both events were non-competitive, but I think it is fair to say that we did very well and showed everyone that SPLM players are a force to be reckoned with. Well done!



Orienteering Events 2023

'Come & Try' Orienteering
Launch of New Permanent Orienteering Courses
 Saturday 18th February 2023 - Bradda Headland & Glen
 Saturday 18th March 2023 - Ballaugh Forest
 Saturday 1st April 2023 - Silverdale Glen

Easter Monday Orienteering Event
 Monday 10th April 2023 - Archallagan Forest

Spring Evening Orienteering Challenge
 Friday 12th May 2023 - Bradda Headland & Glen

'Come & Try' Orienteering
May Bank Holiday Weekend
 Saturday 27th May 2023 - St John's Arboretum
 Sunday 28th May 2023 - 'New Permanent Orienteering Course'

Summer Challenge Orienteering Event
 Saturday 17th June 2023 - Ballaugh Forest

Summer Evening Orienteering Challenge
 Friday 30th June 2023 - Silverdale Glen
 Friday 14th July 2023 - Conrheny Wood

7 Kingdoms Isle of Man Orienteering Event
 (Including IOM Orienteering Championship Course)
 Saturday 9th September 2023 - Ballaugh Forest & Sleaau Curn area

Night Orienteering Event
 Thursday 19th October 2023 - St John's Arboretum

Autumn Challenge Orienteering Event
 Saturday 4th November 2023 - Tholt Y Will Forest

Boxing Day Orienteering Event
 Monday 26th December 2023 - South Barrule Forest

Further information at
www.orienteeing.im
www.facebook.com/ToMOrienteeing



Please don't forget the free courses that are available on Creative Education <https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk> to help and support family life. Recent course titles include "Guiding adults to support children with grief and loss" and "Identifying the risks to children posed online". A pdf is attached to the email from school today, which was originally sent out last year, giving you all the information you need. The courses are often only 25 or 45 minutes in total.

Threadworms

We have reported cases of threadworms.

The school continues to take all steps possible to promote good hygiene practices and to help children understand the importance of washing and drying hands properly.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>



For your information:

We understand that the strike days planned for 15th and 16th February have now been suspended.

PTFA Valentine's Movie Night	All welcome	Wednesday 15th February - 3:30pm to 5:15pm
Half term holidays		20th to 24th February
Back To School		Monday 27th February
World Book Day	More info on the way!	Thursday 2nd March
School Choir at Living Hope Church	School Choir	Friday 3rd March - am
Parent Meetings	All Classes	Tuesday 7th March - 1:15pm to 4pm - online Wednesday 8th March - 3:45pm to 6:20pm - in person
Red Nose Day	More information to follow	Friday 17th March
Schools' Cross Country @ Nobles Park	Cross Country Team	Wednesday 5th April - time tbc
Easter holidays		7th to 21st April
Back to school		Monday 24th April
More dates are likely to follow and changes are possible to the information given above		

And finally ...

Thank you to all our families who continue to support us and promote our core values and school ethos. **BE KIND, LOVE LEARNING, SHOW RESPECT, BE YOURSELF, BE POSITIVE**

By working as a partnership we support our children to be the best they can be.

Ange Callaghan, Headteacher