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We are now only two weeks away from TT and the end of this half term. It really does seem to have flown by, with lots of activities and trips out for many of the children. Last week Year 6 spent the week at the Venture Centre and Year 5 had two days at the Outdoor Learning Centre. There are a few photos of these events at the end of this newsletter and we will share all the photos that we took directly with the relevant parents separately.

Outdoor Shoes

As I am sure you are all aware, we ask the children to change their shoes if they wish to play on the field. In the winter months most children opt to wear wellies. However in the hot summer weather wellies are not always the most comfortable to play in, so you may wish to send in an old pair of trainers or shoes for your child to wear instead. It doesn't matter what shoes your child changes into, although it is a great help if they are able to do so independently, so if they struggle with laces, velcro or shoes they can slip on are best. Alternatively they may wish to bring in a pair of crocs / slippers / sandals etc to wear inside and use their normal shoes on the field.



We continue to ask the children to change their shoes in the summer as we have some days when the field is wet, as well as days when it is dry. By having one rule that applies every day of the year regardless of the the weather, it makes it much easier for everyone.

Sun Cream

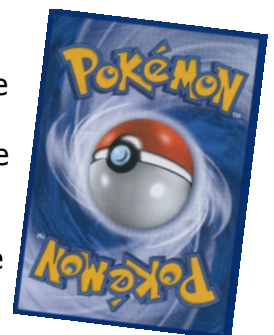
On hot sunny days, please either put sun cream on your child before they come to school, or send them in with some that they can put on. We will remind the children to put some on, but it is a great help if they are able to do this independently. If you do send some in, please make sure that it is named. Experience has shown us that the roll on 'stick' style suncreams are much better for children to put on than the lotions, most of which tends to get wasted.



Allergies - Please continue to let us know if your child's snack or lunch contains nuts or dairy so that we can keep all of our pupils safe. Thank you for your help with this.

Pokemon Cards

Over the last few months we have seen an increase in children bringing in and sharing with each other their Pokemon cards, which is lovely to see and we do not wish to see it stop. We have though had a few incidents of children being pressured into making unfair swaps, with the consequence that children have become upset as they feel that they have lost out on the deal. The teachers have then needed to spend time trying to sort out the upset and resolve the trade. We are therefore saying that swaps and trades should not be taking place whilst at school, so as to try and prevent any further upset. Children are though still most welcome to bring their cards to school to continue to chat about, play with and show their friends.



Sports Day

This is taking place on Tuesday 19th May, with the reserve day on Thursday, 21st May, starting at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch.

TT Holiday

School closes on Thursday, 21st May at 3.45pm for TT, and re-opens on Monday, 8th June at 9.10am. This is a change to the pattern that we have become used to over the last few years, so please don't get caught out.

Pilates World Record Attempt

On the 19th July the Isle of Man is going to attempt to set a world record for the most participants in a Pilates session. The record attempt will be held at Knockaloe and more information about this can be found at <https://www.34moves.im/>

Please note that this event is not being organised or endorsed by school, we are simply sharing the information on behalf of the organisers.



Future Dates

Summer Term

Tuesday 19th May – Sports Day
Thursday 21st May – Reserve Sports Day, Non uniform Day and Last Day of the Half Term
Friday 22nd May – Friday 5th June – TT Holiday
Monday 8th June - First day of school
Friday 3rd July – Manx Concert – A Celebration of our learning through the Manx Passport
Monday 6th July – School Closed Tynwald Day
Tuesday 21st July – Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2.00pm

Thursday 23rd July - Non uniform Day and Last Day of Term

Autumn Term 2026

Thursday 3rd September - School Re-opens
Friday 23rd October - Last day of Half Term
Monday 2nd November - Back to School
Tuesday 22nd December - Last day of term
Wednesday 6th January - Back to School