

Happy New Year!

Staff at school would like to thank you for your generous Christmas gifts, cards and good wishes – which were all very much appreciated.



The start of the 'Spring Term' is usually the coldest time of year! Please remember to send your child in so they can be warm and waterproof at break times. If we do have any significant snowfall, tune into Manx Radio for news of possible school closures.



Our 'Winter Wellies' project is proving to be very popular, with lots of children enjoying time out and about on the school field at break and lunchtimes. We will carry this on during this term. All children can join in – they just need their wellies.

A polite reminder that smoking is not permitted on school premises, and this includes the school car park. Thank you.



I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Howard all the very best as she goes onto maternity leave at the end of this month.

We welcome Mrs Clague to the Braddan team, who will be working predominantly with the reception children.

We will be letting parents know if their child has not got their PE kit in school, or if part of it is missing. The same applies to swimming kits for pupils in years 3 – 6. It's important that the children have everything they need, and understand that sometimes parents can be unaware if something is not in school.



A reminder that pupils should not have mobile phones, or smart watches in school. There are a small number of circumstances why a child may need to have their phone with them (eg if staying with a different parent/ carer) but if this is the case then all phones must still be sent to the office for safe keeping. (They have to be stored in a fireproof box!)

Pupils in years 4,5 and 6 will be bringing home a brochure about the Manx Youth Games next week. This offers an amazing opportunity for children to get involved in a wide range of sporting activities, at just £1 per training session. They can then take part in the Manx Youth Games – it's like a mini Olympics!

You can find more details here

<https://msr.gov.im/sdu/sporting-club-manx-youth-games/>



The end of the Autumn Term saw lots of children achieving their Reading Award. Don't forget, reading at home is so important – and can be as simple as reading a bedtime story together in bed. If you are short of books, and can't get to the library, you can always borrow more books

from school – just ask – and remember to send them back when you have finished reading them.