



SPLM

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DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

As the first half term of the new school year ends, it is safe to say that we have made the most of our return to school. From Forest School to poppy making we have been busy getting to grips with learning and applying our core values to everyday life. We can look forward to Juan Watterson visiting us in school at the start of next half term to present our pupils with commemorative coins for the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice.



Your PTFA

At the recent PTFA AGM the new committee was elected. Your Chairperson is Naomi Callister, your Treasurer is Louise Quayle and your Secretary is Kate Summerville. The committee would like to thank Niki Beesley for her time and support for PTFA.

The Christmas Fair is planned for Friday 7th December. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the school and a popular event for pupils and parents alike. This year it will continue to start at 3pm. We will be holding Dress Down Days to ask for contributions for this occasion as follows:

Friday 9th November - Chocolate **Friday 23rd November - Raffle prizes** **Friday 30th November - Bottles**

The committee would like me to remind you that they have a page on Facebook, offering information about the PTFA and the events they organise. Please search for "Friends of SPLM". This is a closed group and offers information only.



Lula Brown would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** for the money raised towards her Gush Gush campaign, which is aimed at providing clean and safe water for all. You gave the amazing amount of £190.28. You can find out more at <https://my.charitywater.org/lula-grace-brown/operation-smartie-pants>. **THANK YOU**



REMEMBER THE SUMMER?

Remember the Mini-Parish Walk?

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our annual trip around the island and sponsored our wonderfully resilient children as they made the real Parish Walk look like a stroll in the park!

With your kindness and generosity we were able to raise a magnificent £765.50

We will be putting the money towards refurbishment of our outdoor areas.



Ben Crellin is on a mission!

He has set himself the task of swimming 22 miles in 12 weeks to raise money for people who have been paralysed by spinal cord injury. More information at <https://www.aspirechannelswim.co.uk>. Ben will be offering pupils the chance to join in a game to help him raise funds from the 9th to the 15th November at a cost of 50p a go or £1 for 3 goes.

GOOD LUCK BEN

Harvest Celebration

THANK YOU for all your contributions to our recent celebration of harvest at St Mary's Church. We raised a total of £87.31 and sent a good supply of food to the Southern Food Bank.



PLEASE REMEMBER

TO SEND ANY MONEY TO SCHOOL IN A NAMED TIN, PURSE OR ENVELOPE. IF YOU CAN SEND THE CORRECT AMOUNT WE WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT MONEY CAN BE GIVEN TO CLASS TEACHERS. THANK YOU.

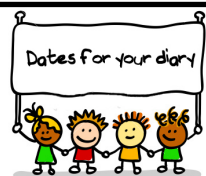
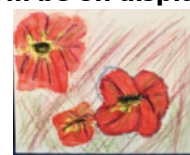


Remembrance Day Poppies will be on sale in school after we return from

the half term break. They will be offered to pupils every day at the start of afternoon learning.

On Wednesday 24th October we were busy making poppies to help us learn about and commemorate the 100 years since the end of the First World War. Thank you to Karen Callister, Lottie Ray, Mary Gulland and Caroline Helps, who brought their expertise into school to help us with our project.

The 'Port St Mary Remembers' Display will be open at the Town Hall from Tuesday 6th to Saturday 10th November between 10am and 4pm. Some of the poppies we made at school will be on display there.



For Your Information

We have some reported cases of threadworms by parents. Threadworms are a common type of worm infestation and we are always very grateful to those parents who treat symptoms immediately. By acting early we are able to control the infestation as a school. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Half Term Holidays		29th October to 2nd November
Back to School		Monday 5th November
Parents' Evening		Monday 12th November - 4pm to 7pm
Parents' Evening		Tuesday 13th November - 3.45pm to 5pm
Presentation of Commemorative Coins		Thursday 8th November
Dress Down Day	Chocolate	Friday 9th November
Children in Need Dress Down Day	"Do Your Thing"	Friday 16th November
Dress Down Day	Raffle Prizes	Friday 23rd November
Dress Down Day	Bottles	Friday 30th November
Christmas Fair	PTFA event	Friday 7th December from 3pm
Christmas Carol Concert	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Tuesday 11th December - 6.30pm
Carols in the Barn	Years R, 1, 2	Wednesday 19th December - 10.30am
Christmas Parties		Thursday 20th December - pm
Christmas Holidays		24th December to 4th January 2019
Back To School		Monday 7th January 2019

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

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If your child is due to start school in September 2019, please remember to register them with us as soon as possible. Please pass on this message within the Port St Mary community. Thank you. *Ange Callaghan* Headteacher