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## DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

Here we are at the end of our first half term of the year already! We have worked hard and achieved lots. Thank you to everyone who has helped Rosco to settle in so well. We are making good progress with our school dog and it is thanks to the support and kindness from you all that this is happening - thank you.

### SPLMGROUND Fundraising Project - a message from the team

Sadly, the time had come for us to remove the climbing frame and slide in our SPLM playground and thoughts have turned to 'what's next?'

A few of the parents have got together to launch the SPLMGROUND Project, which has been named - and branded - by the pupils of the school.

The objective of the project is to raise money for a SUPER NEW PLAYGROUND, built with natural materials, allowing inclusive, imaginative and fun play and developed to a brief that has been inspired by designs by our own children. The playground will creatively use more of our space than the old climbing frame did, and will be a resource for the whole community of Port St Mary. We hope that you will join us in our enthusiasm for this exciting project!



With the full support of the school and the PTFA, we have decided to focus the pupils and local community fundraising efforts on 3 activities, and we invite you to support in any way you can! The SPLMGROUND committee has agreed to try to raise a substantial amount of money through fundraising activities carried out by the pupils and their families but is also attempting to secure some funding from the likes of The Manx National Lottery, The Elizabeth Clucas fund, the Gough fund, the Commissioners and a Government Local Community Fund. We will update you on any progress we have in this regard.

### FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY 1: "Fundraising Job Cards" OCT-DEC ONGOING

- Based on the Bob-a-Job concept, this gives your child the opportunity to raise money by doing age/skill-appropriate jobs for friends, family and neighbours, and to feel proud of working themselves to earn the funds that will contribute towards building their new playground!
- Each child has brought home a "Fundraising Job Card" and there are clear instructions on the back, both for the job-giver and for the pupil. Your child can start straightaway and all money and cards should be handed in to their class teacher by the 9th December (but can be handed in by degrees if this works better for your child).
- Jobs can be anything from setting the table for a week to washing the neighbour's car, and can match your child's skills and abilities.
- The school will be running a TOTALISER at the front of school so that you can see our progress!
- Some children have already started raising money by doing jobs and some are even selling firewood - well done!
- Please feel free ask any questions!

### FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY 2: PAINTING Playground Railings and STEPS "PICNIC" - SAT 9th NOV (weather dependent)

- Weather dependent, we hope to run a lunchtime "painting railings and steps" picnic on Sat Nov 9th between 12-3.
- All materials and instructions will be provided - all we need are parents/siblings/pupils willing to roll-up sleeves and help us sand and paint the railings on the playground ramp, and paint a colourful mural on the steps up to the playing fields!
- We invite you to bring a picnic lunch, flasks of hot drinks, and a football!
- More info to follow week of the 4th November

### FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY 3: AUCTION and CHRISTMAS PARTY (Friday 13th Dec pm)

- More information to follow after half term holidays

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY SUPPORTED THE PROJECT THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS**