



DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

We are currently living in difficult times regarding the problems the Coronavirus is bringing to everyday life. I have included all the latest information available to us below and have shared child-friendly information with our pupils. They are responding to the increased number of times we are asking them to wash their hands and are changing habits for the better. Thank you for supporting good practice at home.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The following links provide advice regarding coronavirus for places of education and general advice on handwashing; symptoms; home and self isolation.

<https://www.gov.im/media/1368695/iom-advice-on-the-coronavirus-for-places-of-education-portrait.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/media/1368591/iom-public-poster.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/media/1368696/iom-wash-your-hands-more-often-white.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/media/1368737/dhsc-iom-generic-past-14-days-contact-symptoms.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/media/1368612/iom-guidance-advice-sheet-for-home-isolation.pdf>

<https://www.gov.im/media/1368611/self-isolation-poster-for-patients-iom.pdf>

Paper copies of all these documents are available at the front of school. It is important to stress that the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the Isle of Man.

As a precaution, particularly at this time of year when coughs, colds and flu symptoms are common, we are encouraging children to follow hand washing procedures in line with the advice given and being mindful when they cough and sneeze to "catch it, bin it, kill it". Children are being asked to wash their hands more regularly, including when they arrive at school and leave for home at the end of the day.

We have increased the number of times door handles and other areas are cleaned throughout the day and Mr Shepherd is ensuring that the supplies of soap, paper towels and tissues are plentiful.

We continue to safeguard our pupils and staff as much as possible from infection, as is our usual practice at this time of year, and are grateful for your support at home.

Please contact school if you have any questions or concerns.



Quiz Results

The winner of our Port St Mary Quiz and the meal for 2 at Little Fish in Douglas is

Perrin Whitfield

Second place prize goes to

Steve Parkinson

Thank you to everyone who took part.

We raised an amazing £160 for
SPLMGround



Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who sent in bids for the Man City Shirt.

A Scoill Phurt le Moirrey family are the new owners, raising an amazing £300 for SPLMGround



Lots of socks



21 march World Down Syndrome Day

We will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day again, which falls on Saturday 21st March this year. Please encourage your children to wear brightly coloured or 'lots of socks' to school on Friday 20th March. Thank you.



SWIMMING

A reminder that swimming finishes for this school year at Easter.

Ardwhallan	Year 4	Friday 13th March Friday 20th March
World Down syndrome Day	Wear 'lots of socks' or brightly coloured socks	Friday 20th March
Steel Pan Workshops	Whole school	Wednesday 25th March
Parents' Information Evening London Trip	Year 6 pupils and parents	Thursday 2nd April from 6pm
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Whole school	Friday 3rd April - pm
Easter holidays		6th to 17th April
Dolphin Trophy Swimming Gala	Years 5 and 6 swimming team - NSC	Wednesday 22nd April - pm
The Guild at the Villa Marina	School Choir	Saturday 2nd May - am
Cycle Training	Year 5	4th - 7th May
VE Day - 75th Anniversary Celebration Street Party Lunch	Whole school Dress Down 1940's style	Thursday 7th May - pm More information to follow
Bank Holiday		Friday 8th May
Concert at St Catherine's, Port Erin	School Choir	Thursday 14th May at 7pm
Sports Day	Whole school	Wednesday 27th May from 12pm
Half term holidays		29th May to 12th June
Back to school		Monday 15th June
Residential trip to London	Year 6	Monday 15th to Friday 19th June

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

And Finally

Please can you ensure that your child has a suitable water bottle in school every day. It is important that they have access to water at all times and we no longer provide disposable cups as part of our eco-friendly measures. Thank you.

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