



# SPLM

## NEWSLETTER

## DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

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Christmas is on it's way and I want to say a huge thank you for your support and kindness this term. We continue to be cautious while the rest of the world struggles to keep Coronavirus and it's effects under control. Our school is a happy and safe learning environment - let's keep it that way! There is lots happening during the last few weeks of term - enjoy and take time to relax and reflect - we are lucky on the Isle of Man!

### Outdoor Christmas Carols with Rushen Silver Band - Tuesday 8th December

Please join us for a festive sing-along between 7:15pm and 7:45 on our playground.

There will be glow sticks and a treat for the children with hot chocolate and mince pies available for all courtesy of the Co-op and served by our fabulous PTFA.

The draw for the raffle will be held after the carols. In addition to the usual PTFA Hampers our Port St Mary Commissioners have donated two festive hampers to school. We have decided to enter the names of all the children who currently attend our school and the winners of the hampers will be announced before the draw for the main hampers.

We hope you can all join us for some festive fun. Don't forget that the Christmas Market is taking place at the Town Hall on the same evening between 5.30pm and 8:30pm



### Remembrance Day

Thank you to our Year 6 pupils and Mrs Brooks Lund for attending the Remembrance Service in Port St Mary on the morning of 11th November. They made us proud as they showed their respects. The whole school went out to sing some wartime songs and see the cadets and local dignitaries off as our eldest pupils joined them on the march to the Garden of Remembrance.

Lily and Eva did a very fine job of representing our school on the march from the British Legion Hall in Port Erin to Kirk Christ Church on Sunday 8th November. They laid the wreath during the service and also showed great respect  
Thank you everyone.



What an  
amazing  
amount to  
raise.  
Thank you!

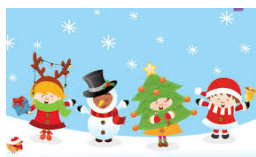


## Christmas Parties

Our lunchtime party food was so popular last year that we are continuing with the new style arrangements. Children on school dinners will pay the usual price for their meal, but the kitchen will be providing party food (sandwiches, pizza slices, jelly and ice cream, etc) instead of the usual choice from the menu. Rather than their own lunch, children who normally have a packed lunch will be asked to bring in either crisps or cakes as their contribution.

All food will be shared, with children and staff enjoying a party lunchtime altogether before the afternoon party games and activities start for infants and juniors.

As part of our eco-friendly push we will not be providing crackers this year. Instead all children will be making their own party hat and will be asked to bring along their favourite joke to share!



Have your say on the  
Additional Educational  
Needs  
code of practice.

### AEN STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Go to [consult.gov.im](https://consult.gov.im) to contribute.  
Closing date is Friday 11th December.



## Have You Say!

Please find time to complete an important government survey about the Additional Educational Needs Code of Practice. Use this link <https://consult.gov.im/education-and-children/addi...>

The Family Library is launching a 'Mystery Book Club' throughout December where the books will be wrapped in brown paper and a description written on the outside. They hope this will encourage children not to judge a book by its cover and potentially read something out of their comfort zone (whilst unwrapping the book of course – exciting!)



Port St Mary Commissioners Celebration of Christmas	SPLM Choir Town Hall	Friday 4th December - 7:30pm
Port St Mary Methodist Church Carol Service	SPLM Choir Mount Tabor	Sunday 6th December - 6.30pm
Outdoor Christmas Carols at SPLM with Rushen Silver Band	Everyone welcome School Playground	Tuesday 8th December 7:15pm - 7:45pm
Tynwald Class Nativity	Year R	Wednesday 9th December from 9am
Choir at Southlands		Monday 14th December - pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas Dinner served at lunchtime	Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Parties		Thursday 17th December - pm
Christmas Holidays		21st December to 4th January 2021
Back To School		Tuesday 5th January 2021
More dates are likely to follow and changes are possible to the information given above		

And finally

Our surveys close today. Please make comments where you feel you are able to on:

- New look Parents' Meetings <https://forms.gle/whaThexa4H1Coapm7>
- SPLM CORE VALUES <https://forms.gle/C7KnHBGhoqkwSWDz5>
- General Feedback <https://forms.gle/zMBDz4ghHCiEXtMr8>

We appreciate any comments submitted. Thank you

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