

## DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS

Covid continues to be on all our minds and affects all our lives, to different degrees. We want you to know that we continue to take steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone at school.

Existing mitigations in place include a reminder of hand, face, space and fresh air messaging and increased ventilation of rooms. Further information of current school practice is available on the school website <a href="mailto:splm.sch.im">splm.sch.im</a>, via a link on the home page or using this link <a href="https://splm.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/62/COVID%20information">https://splm.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/62/COVID%20information</a>.

Members of the school continue to be encouraged to remain vigilant and need to be aware of the **symptoms of Covid-19**, namely:

- a temperature of more than 37.8C (100F)
- OR, a new and persistent cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- OR, anosmia this is the loss of or a change in your normal sense of smell. It can also affect your sense of taste as the two are closely linked
- OR, a new shortness of breath

In the event of your child experiencing any of these symptoms, we ask you to keep your child at home and seek clinical advice from 111. They must follow Government guidelines in terms of self-isolation rules.

**Good hygiene practice remains vital.** Further details about symptoms and good hygiene practice can be found on Government's Covid-19 website at:- <a href="https://covid19.gov.im/">https://covid19.gov.im/</a>



It was lovely to welcome you all to celebrate with us last Tuesday morning. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and thank you for the amazing donations that we have been able to pass on to the Southern Foodbank. The children enjoyed learning all about Harvest Time and about the

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Food



We are very sorry to inform you that due to an increase in community cases around the island the PTFA Hop Tu Naa Party will now NOT take place on Wednesday 27th October.





Half Term Holidays		25th October to 29th October
Back to School		Monday 1st November
Parents' Remote Online Meetings	Invitation emails will be sent	Tuesday 9th November
Remembrance Day Service Port St Mary Garden of Remembrance	Year 6	Thursday 11th November - 10:45am Parade from school at 10:35am
World Kindness Day		Saturday 13th November
Anti-Bullying Week	"One kind word"	Week beginning Monday 15th November
Pedestrian Skills	Year R Year 1	Tuesday 16th November Tuesday 23rd November
Children in Need		Friday 19th November More information soon
Port St Mary Commissioners Celebration of Christmas	SPLM Choir Town Hall	Friday 3rd December - 7:30pm
Mount Tabor Christmas Celebration	SPLM Choir	Sunday 5th December. Service 6:30 - 7:30pm Refreshments available following the service
Carols in the Barn @ SPLM	Years R, 1, 2	Wednesday 8th December More details to follow soon
Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas Dinner served at lunchtime	Wednesday 15th December
Outdoor Carols with Rushen Silver Band	All welcome	Wednesday 15th December More details to follow soon
Christmas Parties		Thursday 16th December - pm
Christmas Holidays		20th December to 31st December
Back To School		Tuesday 4th January 2022
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More dates are likely to follow and changes are possible to the information given above

Thank you for your continued support as we move through extended uncertainty and pressures to stay safe. I hope you have a wonderful half term break and manage to celebrate Hop Tu Naa in true Manx style.

Ange Callaghan, Headteacher