



# La Moye Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, 6-7:15pm:** Thank you if you have already confirmed your attendance at this meeting. **Unbelievably we only have 25 places at this meeting confirmed.** This is dreadful in a school of over 380 children! Hopefully this is just because people haven't got around to returning the reply slip. We have attached the letter again in case the first one has been mislaid. It is not too late to reply! We know the evening will be incredibly useful in terms of protecting your child online, so please try to attend if you can.



## **Clubs Cancelled Week Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Unfortunately, due to staff training next week it has been necessary to **cancel clubs on Monday and Thursday**. This is unavoidable due to external training and availability. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, clubs will resume as usual after half-term.

## **Staff News**

We are really sad to announce that at the end of this term Mrs. Taylor will be retiring. Mrs. Taylor is one of the longest serving members of staff. She started at La Moye as one of our Nursery Officers, and in recent years has been doing incredible things as our ELSA. Mrs. Taylor is really such an incredible member of our team and has worked with so many children and families during her time with us. To say that we are going to miss her is such a massive understatement! After all of her support, commitment and hard work over the years we will be making sure later in the term we give her a proper send off. If parents wish to contribute to a leaving gift for Mrs. Taylor, please send donations into the school office.

## **Every Child Our Future (ECOF)**

As you might have heard in the media, we are delighted to be one of the next schools to become part of the ECOF initiative. This project works by training and organising teams of volunteers to read regularly with children in school. The project has been successfully rolled out in a number of Jersey schools over the past two years, and the evidence suggests it has a really positive impact on children's reading fluency and confidence. We are hoping that by the end of this term, or the start of the Summer term at the latest, we will have it up and running here.



## **Young Interpreters**

We are also delighted to be the first school in Jersey to complete the training and roll out of this exciting project designed to support children with English as an Additional Language. Mrs. Bentley, who has been the leader of this project, has now completed the training with the Young Interpreters, and we are ready to begin supporting the younger children in school. We will be having a launch assembly after half term to ensure all of the children are fully aware of this project.



## **Thank you!**

We would like to thank Altair Partners Limited **who** on behalf of the Magpie Charitable Trust, have kindly donated the cost of purchasing an interactive white board for one of the classrooms.



This together with a generous donation from the PTA means that we are getting a long way towards replacing all of the boards by the end of the school year.

You will be pleased to hear that Christmas Jumper Day held on the last day of term raised £243.95, which was split between Jersey Hospice Care, the JSPCA (the Student Council's Choice) and the Student Council. Thank you for your support with this.

Mr. Clayton would also like to thank the parents that kindly helped him sort through and set up all of the new Read, Write Inc. materials. We really appreciate your support as this was a mammoth task.



Many thanks to all for your support with the Waitrose green token scheme. Perry & Mel, our Y5 Eco Reps collected a cheque for £460 last week, kindly presented by the manager of Waitrose. Our school eco committee think it would be great to have our own digital 'energy monitor' at school, so that we can monitor our electricity consumption easily. This will be most likely be our first purchase.

## **Lost Property**

Each week we sort through our lost property at school and return to children any named items. Of late we have noticed that there are more and more items of uniform, some of it looking brand new, that has not been named and so we cannot return it. Please make sure all items of uniform are named - even if this is just with a biro on the label, it is better than nothing! Looking after their own belongings is something the children should learn to take responsibility for, but it is really hard to do this when items are not named! If you have lost items that are not named...or even that you thought were named, please pop in to the corridor by Year 3 and take a look through the large collection of items on the racks.



We are also surprised at the number of children coming to school without coats! Please make sure your child has a coat in school, not only is this part of their uniform, but as the weather has been so cold and wet of late, it is also essential.

## **Parent Consultations and Reports**

Very soon we will be setting up the Parent Consultation evenings for this term. These will be at the end of February. The format will be similar to the Autumn term meeting and you will be given a copy of the information that the teacher will talk through. There will also be an opportunity to review your child's books before the meeting. This term the meetings will be focussed on your child's learning in order to give a clear picture of their current level of attainment and rate of progress.

In the Summer term we will not have a scheduled Parent Consultation evening, but towards the end of term we will send home an end of year report and of course there is the pupil consultation session.

### **Information from the Education Department: Children's Plan for Jersey**

Work is now underway to develop a Children's Plan for Jersey. All parents are warmly invited to attend a special family friendly event on 14 March to consider and comment on the ideas and planning that has been developed so far. Please see the attached leaflet for more details.

### **Breakfast Club Review**

Thank you for your comments about Breakfast Club - we will certainly bear these in mind as we complete this review. As soon as this work is complete, we will let you know about the findings.

**Holidays in Term Time:** Now that we are into the new year people often start making holiday plans for the year ahead. Please remember that unless there are exceptional reasons, I am unable to authorise holidays in term time. Unauthorised holidays are monitored thoroughly by our Education Welfare Officer.

Whilst our Autumn term attendance data was good overall, and above the Jersey average, we are still noticing that lateness and regular illness can be an issue for some children and families. We monitor attendance and punctuality weekly and will contact parents directly if we have concerns about this. However, please remember that we are here to talk to if you are having any difficulties with this. We are keen to understand individual situations and support where we can.

### **Parking at Links Estate**

Unfortunately, we have once again had complaints about parents parking in this estate, and even some being unpleasant to the residents when challenged. As we are sure you will agree this is unacceptable, and puts us all in a bad light. We cannot be clearer about this - please do not park in this area. We have designated parking at Les Creux and this is where parents should park to collect at the end of the school day. Our team will be carrying out spot checks on this area and recording the registration plates of vehicles that we find parked here. If this continues, we will be seeking the support from the Parish and Honorary Police, and we hear the residents are exploring using a private company to patrol the parking in the area.



Yours sincerely,



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