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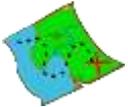
Tuesday 5th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable half term. This half term is always our busiest in school with all sorts of trips and events planned. We are hoping that this year the weather will be kind to us and enable our events to go ahead without needing too many alterations.

Scout Centre Trip

You may have noticed that I was not around much in the days running up to half term. This was because I was at the Scout Centre with Year 4. The children had a wonderful time surfing, orienteering, playing team games and enjoying a wonderful camp fire (thanks to Mr. Aked, one of our parents with considerable Scouting prowess!). I have to say that the La Moye children were superb throughout this trip - polite, well-behaved and ready to be challenged. This made the trip so enjoyable for the whole team. (Mr Baudains)



Year 6 Visit To The War Tunnels

Recently, Year 6 visited the Jersey War Tunnels as part of their topic on World War 2 and the Occupation of Jersey. It was a fascinating trip with the children learning a huge amount about life in Jersey during the Occupation. All were able to empathize with the Islanders who lived through the war years and had to cope with rationing and curfews amongst other things. The children enjoyed the trip which gave them a really good insight into the Occupation. Many thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to help on the trip. (Mr. Steigenberger)



Staff updates

At the end of this term we are sad to be saying 'goodbye' to Mr. Walters. Mr. Walters has only been at La Moye for two years, but what an impression he has made! He will be heading off on a travelling expedition during next year...and we hope that at some point in the future we will welcome him back to our team.

We are delighted to announce that just before half term we appointed Mrs. Barcis who will be joining the staff from September. Mrs. Barcis brings with her a considerable amount of experience working at d'Auvergne school, largely in Key Stage 2. She is really excited about joining our team and we know her excellent teaching skills, passion and experience will be a great asset to our team.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs. Dingle at the end of this term when her contract comes to an end. Mrs. Dingle has been snapped up by St. George's Prep and we know she will be fabulous there, just as she has been here. Next year, Mrs. Conway will resume her role as a class teacher full time.

Just before half term we have also appointed our new Deputy Headteacher. I am pleased to announce that Ms. Rashid will be taking up this role from September. Ms. Rashid has a wealth of experience both locally and in the UK. She is currently the Education Department's Special Educational Needs advisory teacher, but before she took up this post a few years ago, was an Assistant Head, Acting Deputy and Acting Headteacher at a high performing school in London. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the team in the Autumn term.

We will of course be thanking Mrs. Nanda, Mrs. Dingle and Mr. Walters towards the end of term. If parents would like to make any contributions to a leaving gift for any of these members of staff, please leave these with the School Office.

Classes for Next Year

We know that this is always such a 'hot topic'! We also know that in most two-form entry schools the subject of whether classes are going to be mixed or not is usually a key question. In order to clarify this, we have written a brief policy on mixing classes, which we have attached.

We will no longer mix classes as a matter of course every two years or so, but instead will mix classes when the teachers believe there is a real need, based on the criteria within the policy. There are sometimes very good reasons for mixing classes, and whilst we know this can be unsettling, as any change can be, we would only do this for very clear reasons.

We will write to the parents of any classes that we are planning to mix so that you are aware in advance. We will also confirm by the end of June which class teachers your children will have in September.

Parking Grumble

We have had further complaints from the residents of Links Estate about a few parents persistently parking there at pick up and drop off time. There really is no excuse for this given the warm and sunny weather and the fact we have parking allocated at Les Creux. Please remember that parking and dropping off/picking up from this area is not acceptable. We have once again informed the Honorary Police and our Community Police officers about this, and the residents tell me they have started noting the number plates of persistent offenders to pass on to the Police. You will also notice that our staff members will be around this area from time to time to monitor the situation. It is so important we uphold the Core Values of our school and work together with our neighbours in a positive way.



Parent Forum

We held our very first Parent Forum back in April, which was attended by about ten parents. As promised, here is a summary of the items discussed:

- 1) School Curriculum developments -
 - a. Read, Write Inc - We talked about the approach in more detail. We spent time talking about how to support at home and debugging terms like 'Fred Talk' and 'Fred Fingers'. Further support sessions for parents will be offered by Mr. Clayton in the near future.
 - b. Maths No Problem - Staff training is booked for this new approach. This will begin in earnest in the Autumn Term.
 - c. Jigsaw PSHE - This approach is already being trialled in some classes. It will be taught by all classes during the second half of the Summer term.
- 2) School Website - A desire expressed from parents to have more curriculum information and links on the website. This is something we are working on in school as the website needs a considerable amount of work to ensure it is up to date and relevant to parents.
- 3) Communication - Some parents wanted to know sooner about events. This should be happening through the newsletters, diary dates and weekly updates. However, from time to time things do change at short notice. If this is a continuing concern, please let us know.
- 4) Core Values - Parents at the forum spoke very favourably about the impact of the Core Values and the 'bead' system. We are continuing to develop these and will deepen children's understanding of these, linked to our work on positive learning dispositions.
- 5) Safety Walking to School - Parents expressed concern about the speed of motorists and the fact the 20mph limit zone does not start early enough. We are following this up. There are

also plans to install a zebra crossing outside school. If parents have particular issues/near misses please let us know in school by email, ideally with the details of the vehicle concerned so we can log this and report them.

- 6) Breakfast Club - Some parents had heard that Breakfast Club was closing. This is not the case, although we are reviewing the pricing and how the club works. We will be contacting families about this after half term, and following this implement any changes that are deemed necessary.
- 7) Practical Skills - A parent asked whether practical skills such as woodwork are taught. We explained that the Jersey Curriculum has a broad offering of subjects, including Design Technology which encompasses skills like working with tools, designing and making. Whilst the school already has a broad curriculum, we will also be reviewing this and seeking to further enhance it in due course as part of our ongoing school development.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. If other parents have agenda items that they would like to raise, please let us know when the next Parent Forum letter is circulated.

Updates on events:

Tinathon

Well done everyone - we collected over 100 tins for this event! Around 7800 were collected in total, which is a Jersey record, I am told. Well done to Molly in Year 5 for organising this worthwhile event.



Reading Challenge



Thank you for your tremendous support with our Reading Challenge. This event was great fun, and raised a whopping £280 which, with the money from Usborne and our PTA, means a grand total of £1,930 for our school!

Sponsored Walk - 8th June- THIS FRIDAY!

Letters for this year's Sponsored Walk have now been sent out. We hope lots of you are able to join us on this lovely community event and look forward to seeing you there. This year the money raised from this event will be spent on new playground games and sports equipment. We will be talking to the Student Council about how they want to spend this money.



Attached:



Important information from Mr. Steigenberger to inform you about the game 'Fortnite' that is very popular with Key Stage 2 children at the moment; with guidance on keeping your child safe if they are using this game.

We are looking forward to a great term ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to let us know - if we don't know about it, we can't help! We will send an updated diary dates sheet to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Baudains'.

Mr. J. Baudains
Headteacher