



Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by! We now approach the halfway point of the school year. Children have been very excited about the Winter Reading Challenge! The challenge ends on Monday 19th February and please bring in your completed records on this day.

Parent Consultations and Parent Drop In

Our parent consultations are taking place after school on Thursday 29th February and Thursday 7th March. We offer 1 appointment per child with the class teacher and parents can pick a date. We will send details about our online booking in a separate email. We will also offer a time for parents to come into the classroom for a parent drop in before the parent consultation meetings so that you can look at your child's books/learning. The dates are below. Please come to the gate/playground entrance and we will open the gates to welcome parents in. Nursery will use the normal Nursery door.

Year Group	Date and time
Nursery	Friday 23 rd February 2.10pm
Reception (both classes)	Friday 23 rd February 2.40pm
Year 1 (both classes)	Thursday 22 nd February 2.40pm
Year 2 (both classes)	Thursday 22 nd February 2.40pm
Year 3 (both classes)	Monday 26 th February 2.40pm
Year 4	Monday 26 th February 2.40pm
Year 5	Tuesday 20 th February 2:40pm
Year 6	Friday 23 rd February 2.40pm

School Uniform Update

As you may be aware, there is a new uniform policy created by the Government of Jersey with the aim of reducing costs for parents. This requires schools to survey parents and children for their views about uniform and have a maximum of 5 branded items. The full policy can be found here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Education/P%20School%20Uniform%20Policy%2020231220CL.pdf>

You may also be aware that our current school uniform provider, JSSK, is closing this year. We are in the process of procuring a new company to provide school uniforms. We want to provide reassurances to parents that we are not going to change the school uniform colour or style, but hope to reduce the amount of branded items to make it more affordable for parents. In the interim period as we move to a new suppliers, we will be flexible, for example, children can wear a plain jumper/t-shirt without the school logo if these are not available but with the same colour/design.

We would value your views before we make a final decision and ask that you follow the link to a quick survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JAhP0u3XHD>

Andium Homes Drop in

Nikki Hayward and Wendy Buesnel will be visiting Samarès School for their Andium 'Drop In' session on Tuesday 27th February from 2pm. The drop in is for parents to ask any questions or raise concerns about housing. You do not need to book – please just turn up to the School Office.

Online Safety

We have received advice about the app Snapchat, which we feel is important to share with parents especially if you have secondary school aged siblings who use social media. There is an island wide account called 'Jersey Mugs 2024' which contains inappropriate content and parents are advised to monitor social media use. In the terms and conditions, the age limit for Snapchat is 13+. We strongly advise that children under this age do not use the app, due to the appropriateness of the content children may be exposed to. More information for parents from the NSPCC can be found on this link. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below. We break today for half term and we look forward to welcoming families back to school on Monday 19th February.

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries. Have a lovely half term break.

Many thanks,



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