

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the October half term break, I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest. We will be running Spud Club with Caring Cooks next week for free food from 3.30-5pm every weekday from our school playground.



Bike and Scooter safety

This is a message to children who cycle or scoot to school. It is great to see so many people choosing to arrive to school by bike or scooter - we need to extend the bike sheds!

For safety reasons though we need to raise a couple of points:

1. Please ensure that children who cycle or scoot to school wear a helmet. We do have a supply of helmets at school if you need one for your child. It is law in Jersey that children under 13 wear a helmet when riding a bike.
2. Please ensure your children arrive safely to school and dismount their bikes or scooters before getting to the gates to ensure nobody gets accidentally hurt.
3. It has been brought to our attention that some children are cycling or scooting around the car park area before the gates are open in the morning - needless to say, this is really dangerous and we ask that you speak to your children about this. We have raised this in assembly and with children in class too.
4. Lastly - please make sure bikes and scooters are named and taken home at the end of the school day.

Oracy Update

Samares School is a Voice21 Oracy Centre of Excellence. We are 1 of 44 schools across the whole of the UK with this accreditation which recognises the fantastic work in teaching children oracy (speaking and listening). Each week we will share an oracy update with news and celebration of what has been happening in school and share a talking point for you to discuss with your children at home to further develop their oracy skills.

This week we welcomed visitors from Mont Nicolle school and VCP to see the fantastic oracy work going on across the school. As a Voice21 Centre of Excellence we are supporting schools across Jersey and further afield in developing their skills in teaching oracy through the work we are doing at Samares School. We have been learning about the importance of listening for "Oracy October" and each class has taken part in a variety of challenges to practice our listening skills and learn what it means to be an effective listener.

Samares Gets Talking: What have you enjoyed about this half term? What do you feel you have been successful in this half term? Children can use the sentence stems below to help get the conversation started:

- This half term I have enjoyed....because....
- I have been successful this half term in..... because.....
- You can ask your child to develop their answer by asking question such as "why was that your favourite thing?" why are you proud of your success in...?" "What are you aiming to achieve next term?"

Christmas Performance dates

Our Christmas performance dates are below. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to watch.

Year Group	Date and time
Nursery	Friday 13 th December
Reception (both classes)	Wednesday 11 th December 1:30-2:00
Year 1S (both classes)	Thursday 12 th December at 2.30pm – 3pm
Year 2OD	Wednesday 4 th December 2.30pm-3pm
Year 2MB	Wednesday 4 th December 9-9.30pm
Year 3 (both classes)	Friday 13 th December 1:15-1:45pm
Year 4 (both classes)	Friday 13 th December 2:30 – 3:00pm
Year 5 and Year 6	Monday 16 th December 2:15pm – 2.45pm

Head Lice (nits)

Please continue to check your child's hair for head lice as we have reported cases in school. Advice can be found on this link

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please also ensure that long hair is tied back which also helps prevent spread of head lice.

Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below.

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

A reminder that school will resume on Monday 4th November, and we look forward to welcoming all children and families back refreshed and ready for the new half term.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,



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