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Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a wet and windy week, we are now at half term! It is a time to celebrate all the positive achievements. School will be closed next week due to half term but we look forward to welcoming families back on Monday 3rd November.

Positive points!

Over the past eight weeks, the children have earned an impressive 18,346 positive points on class charts. It's been lovely to see their efforts in showing respect, determination and kindness. After half term, double points will be awarded for engagement and participation to help everyone ease back after the break with enthusiasm.

Hot lunches – Message from the Hot Lunch Service at CYPES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to let you know about a few updates to the school meal service.

Over the past term, many parents and schools told us that ordering meals two weeks in advance was difficult. Since September, we have been trialling a new system where you can book meals up until 11:59pm the night before. This change has worked well, thanks to the hard work of our kitchen teams, so we have decided to make it permanent. We do ask, where possible, that you continue to order in advance, as it helps our catering teams manage food orders and preparation. We will keep monitoring this to make sure it continues to work well for everyone. You will also notice a few small menu updates after half term. Stewed fruit will now be served with rice pudding, and some dishes with lower uptake, like zesty orange chicken, have been replaced with more familiar favourites.

Our Christmas-themed lunch will take place on Wednesday 18 December. As this is a special event, we would appreciate it if families could book a little earlier than usual so we can make sure enough festive food is ordered for everyone who would like a Christmas meal.

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking for your feedback about the school meal service. A short parent survey will be sent out after half term. Links will be shared by email, on Facebook, and on our Parent Information site, which can be accessed via the QR code below. We will also invite parents to join informal discussion sessions to share their views. You can let us know if you are interested to attend one of these sessions at the end of the survey. This is a great opportunity to join the conversation and help shape the school meal provision. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make school meals better for all children.

Kind Regards

The School Meals Catering Team

Children and Families Hub

The Children and Families Hub is looking for a brand new mascot and we want YOUR children to help us bring it to life!

What's the challenge?

We are asking children to create a mascot that represents the heart of our hub: warmth, support and help for children and families. Think cuddly creatures, magical friends, or playful pals... the sky's the limit!

Who can enter?

Children of all ages

What's in it for you?

- The winning design will become our **official** Children and Families Hub mascot and used as part of our branding
- The winning design will receive a certificate and voucher for WHSmith
- All entries will receive a participation certificate
- All entries will be showcased on our social media pages

Key Dates

- Friday 7th November is the deadline for all entries
These will be taken to our voting panel and shortlisted to **FIVE** finalists! These entries will be shared on our social media pages and the entry with the most 'likes' will be crowned our design winner! (So you will need to get sharing and ask family and friends to vote!)
- The winner will be announced on World Children's Day (20th November) a day to celebrate our children's voices and creativity.

Ready to enter?

- Children can create their design using the attached Mascot Drawing Sheet (or on a plain piece of paper)
- You can submit your child's entry here: [Entry Submission Form](#) (scan or upload a photo)
- Follow our updates and share our post: [Social Media Link](#)

Thank you for helping us spread the word, we can't wait to see the children's wonderful designs!

Bikes and Scooters – quick reminder

It is fantastic that so many children cycle and scoot to school. Please **do not** leave bikes or scooters in the racks overnight. School cannot take responsibility for their safety or security overnight. Many thanks.

Zones of Regulation

Over the last few days classes have been teaching children a new regulation tool. This is part of the Zones of Regulation Curriculum. Pupils will be taught a range of tools over the year to try out and see which ones work well for them and can be added to their toolbox. The current regulation tool being taught is 'Crunch or Chew'. Each class has been experimenting with this tool using a biscuit and teachers also tested this tool in our staff meeting.

Why try this tool?

Crunching and chewing is a workout for your mouth. It engages your senses of taste and touch to send signals from your mouth to the rest of your body. Some people find it has a calming, alerting, or focusing effect.



Term Dates

Term dates for the next academic year can be found here:

[Term Dates - Government of Jersey](#)

Please note our last **INSET day** for 2025/6 is Friday 13th February 2026 and school will be closed for children on this day.

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

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jenny Posner'.

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