



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

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Latest News and Events

Dear Parents

Industrial Action:

Thank you all for your patience and support with the recent strike action. This is a very challenging time for us all, and we all hope that the union disputes will soon be resolved. Please be assured that we do not close school lightly but the safeguarding of your children is our top priority.

We are pleased to confirm that school will be **OPEN** during the NEU Strikes next week, as we had already planned to have two unusual days when the children will be mixed together. We have a **World War 2 day for Years 1- 6 on Tuesday** and a **Liberation street party on Wednesday for the whole school including Nursery and Reception**. Years 1-6 are requested to wear WW2 style clothes on Tuesday and everyone can wear red, white and blue on Wednesday. We would welcome support from any parents or grandparents who would like to join in on these days. A letter has been sent home by paper and email with further details from Mrs Brown.

Educational Visits:

Year 4 and 5 have been enjoying their residential visits this term. Year 4 went to Crabbe for one night and two days last week, and Year 5 have been at St Aubin's Fort this week for a 2-night, 3-day trip. These visits are wonderful opportunities for children to develop their independence and social skills, and have experiences in outdoor and adventurous education. Children have carried out a wide range of activities, including orienteering, survival bracelet making, den-building, obstacle courses, food preparation, toasting marshmallows, camp fire songs, abseiling, water-sports, rock-pooling, making sea-defences and cleaning! I would like to say a huge thank you to the amazingly dedicated staff who have given up their own time to organize and attend these trips, especially at this difficult time while the unions are in dispute with the States Employment Board. I think the Year 5 trip's staff and pupils will sleep well tonight!!

Staffing News:

I am sad to inform you that Liz Humphreys, one of our lunch supervisors, has decided to retire at the end of the school year. Liz has supported lunches for 12 years and will be sadly missed, but we wish her every happiness in her retirement. We are pleased to announce that Emily Williams will be joining our staff team as her replacement in September.

Parent Evenings: You will have an opportunity to meet class teachers in the week of 20th May to discuss your child's progress towards their next steps in learning. Mrs Shorto will give further information for how to book your appointment next week.

PTA: We have now replaced our aging projector in the hall with a brand new one. The PTA have kindly agreed to share the cost of this, so thank you for all your ongoing support with their fundraising, which helps boost the school budget for unexpected expenses, as well as raising money for long term projects, like the playground fundraising: so far they have ring-fenced just over £5000 towards this project. We greatly appreciate everything the committee do behind the scenes. We are always looking for new ideas, so if you would like to join the committee, please let your child's teacher know.

Art House Mural project:

Local artist, Ian Rolls came into school last week to show the children the wooden letters he has created from their winning designs for our "The Wild" sign. This sign will be used for our Forest Schools area, and this project is part of the Arts House Mural project, sponsored by Skipton International. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our animal collection for this; Ian can now begin the process of attaching the animals to the letters. The finished product will be unveiled on 26th June. Congratulations to:

- T – Eila Burns
- H – Fearn Pallot
- E - Abigail Curtis
- W – Maisie Herbert
- I - Sienna Cummings-Hall
- L - Taylor-Jay Cooper
- D - Beau Richardson



Illness and Attendance:

There seems to be a sickness and diarrhoea bug going round the school. Please remember that children suffering from these symptoms should stay at home until 48hrs after the symptoms stop. Apparently this latest virus can last for several days. Please remember to call school if your child is absent. If you leave a message, please remember to give a specific reason. "Unwell" is not enough information. If a child is absent from school with no message, Mrs Shorto will ring to check, as part of our safeguarding responsibilities.

Reminders

Uniform:

Thank you to parents who support us with our high expectations of presentation. Children may now wear summer uniform. Please remember no tights with summer dresses. Girls may wear grey shorts/culottes or gingham jumpsuits if they prefer not to wear dresses. Full details of the uniform choices are on our website and in the parents' handbook.

Weather/Sun Safety:

While the weather is so erratic, please ensure your child has a coat in school. Please also keep your child safe in the sun by sending in a named hat and ensuring you apply sun cream on days when the UV level is high (it was UV 7 yesterday!) Mr Laffoley will be putting the dispensers with hypoallergenic sun screen next week so that children can top during the day if necessary.



Parentscope:

Our next Parentscope session is on Thursday 23rd May from 1-3pm. There are appointments available if you would like support with any areas of your family life. Please contact Clare Nolan at c.nolan@stpeter.sch.je

We hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and Liberation Day, hopefully the sun will shine for us all.

Open Door Policy

Please remember we have an open door policy, so don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Sam Dixon,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

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| Monday 6th May | Bank Holiday – <u>School Closed</u> |
| Tuesday 7th May | School Open – WW2 Day – WW2 clothes |
| Wednesday 8th May | School Open – Liberation Party |
| Thursday 9th May | Liberation Day – <u>School Closed</u> |
| Friday 10th May | INSET Day – <u>School Closed</u> |
| Fri 17th May 3.30-7pm | Peter Trenchard Family Photo Shoot |
| 20th, 21st, 22nd May | Parent meetings – TBC |
| Weds 12th June | Mini open day 3:00 - 4:30pm |
| Thurs 20th June | Jersey Sings – Choir and Year 5 |
| Friday 28th June | Sports Day and Community Picnic YR - 6 |

Jersey Child Care Trust

The Jersey Child Care Trust is launching a competition for budding artists to illustrate a children's book written by a local writer. The competition will be broken down into six age groups from Nursery to A-Level. The children will be asked to draw a bear illustration to match a description. Penny Byrne, one of their trustees, came to school on Monday to talk to the children about this competition. Further information will be sent out later in May. In the meantime, you can find out more information about the JCCT at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/133257916>