



**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back into routines and expectations of learning so well, it has been great to see their engagement, positivity, and hard work. You will have received the curriculum newsletters for your child's class for the term so you can see all the exciting learning taking place. The children continue to demonstrate our core values: Community, Curiosity and Confidence. Each week a child from every class will receive a certificate for an outstanding display of our values-certificates will be taken home the following week - so you may have seen some already!

### **Updates**

We are delighted with all the accomplishments our children have earned during the Eisteddfod competitions so far with Jerriais singing and poetry. Many certificates for gold, silver and bronze were awarded as well as cups for first prize in 2 events! The Education Department French Lead commented in a recent email to me,

"Not only did they all recite their French poetry beautifully, but their stage presence, voice projection and exemplary behaviour was commented on by our adjudication panel, as well as by other teachers and members of the public...Your pupils were super ambassadors today for St. Peter."

We are super proud of all the children and will continue to encourage them to take part in Island wide events. Further to this, we would like you to support your child(ren) with the new Durrell art competition 'Tortoise Takeover' that has been promoted across all schools in Jersey. This year we will be receiving a tortoise which will be part of the new trail (like the Gorilla Trail in 2019), so we want some imaginative designs to be included on the St. Peter's model. Your child will be coming home soon with a template they can use to contribute to this. **The closing date for these entries will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**, after which we will announce the winners! Please watch this space for further information on fundraising for this project.



### **Punctuality and Attendance**

As an Island-wide focus, we are working to improve attendance and punctuality figures generally, so please do encourage them to be on time as we have a soft start from 8.30am. We know there has been a lot of illness over these months, but we will continue to encourage them to wash hands regularly to reduce the spread of germs as this is still one of the most effective ways to reduce infection. Do keep a check for any of covid symptoms and the use LFTs if unsure. The central Island testing facility will be closing down at the end of the month, so Public Health are encouraging self-monitoring after that. We also have much stricter guidelines for requests for leave during term time so these will be largely turned down.

### **Staff news**

We are sad we will be saying goodbye to Mr Laffoley, Mrs McLean and Mrs Shorto at Easter as all are retiring to spend more time with their families. They have been such a key part of our team with their commitment and support over the years – they will be greatly missed! We know you will join us in giving them a proper farewell nearer the time.

On a more positive note, I am delighted to announce we have Mrs Lee joining us as part of our team after a successful recruitment process earlier this half term. She comes with lots of knowledge and experience and will be working across Key Stage One and Two supporting small groups and individuals. We are really looking forward to welcoming her after the February half term.

As always, we are constantly striving to ensure we respond and action any concerns or queries you may have, so do please approach your class teacher or Key Stage Phase leader in the first instance. Mr Cronin or myself are usually available in the mornings and after school on the playground if you want to speak to one of us briefly or you can make an appointment by contacting us through the main office.

With very best wishes,

Ms N Rashid



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