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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back so well into the school year producing lots of wonderful work, and participation in many trips and sporting events. I hope you have had a chance to see our Facebook page with many of these images. Thank you for continuing to support us raise our figures for attendance, we have improved even further and appreciate the importance you place on fewer missed days at school. Recently, we held 'Democracy week' to appoint new school councillors – it was so wonderful to see the quality of the manifestos presented, the reference to our core values demonstrates how embedded the language is – voting was very hard! To experience voting properly, individual booths were set up using the official ballot boxes from the Parish Hall to make it authentic! The newly elected School Council will meet every fortnight to represent views and continue to create change for our school.

Updates and seasonal competitions & events

OPAL Project

During our curriculum/meet the teacher event, I shared progress on the projects we have been developing as a school. As you will be aware from previous newsletters, I have been keen to develop the outdoor space that belongs to St. Peter's school. Building on from the development in our Nursery/Reception space, much activity has taken place to transform our main playground. We have used: [The OPAL Primary Programme - Outdoor Play And Learning](#) which has been adopted by a number of schools in Jersey. The latest additions have been ropes, swings, den-building & an area for wheeled equipment, alongside which we will teach the children about risks and benefits to their play. Thank you to **Mr Escorcio** and **Mr Chard** for donations of tyres and pallet boards – these are providing invaluable areas of interest to our children. There will be much more to come over the coming months! To help you be more familiarised with what is happening, we will be holding an OPAL assembly and play session on **Tuesday 25 November at 8.45am** – details to follow. We always welcome any donations for our playground, so please do make any contributions.

Autumn celebrations

As the nights draw in, we know summer is coming to an end – although we are still experiencing some lovely warm weather! With Halloween around the corner, we are declaring our last day of this half term as an 'autumn dress down day' so children are free to wear costumes or come in something snuggly (or loose and light if the weather is still warm!). This will be a PTA fund raising event, donations can be made via ParentPay.



Last year, we organised for each and every child to receive a real, locally grown pumpkin to take home as a treat, **and we are doing it again this year because it created such a wonderful fuzzy feeling for all!** This is a present to each child so they can carve out a design over half term! There will be a competition for the best carved pumpkins so please do send in photos of the children's designs that we will display in the hall after half term.

Christmas cards

Although it's still a couple of months away, preparations for Christmas are already underway! You will have received your child's design to create personalised cards to send to your loved ones over the festive period. These are a lovely keepsake, and we know you won't be able to resist them so please get your orders in asap so we can have them back in time for all the celebrations. **The booklet with artwork attached must be returned to school by Wednesday 15 October.** To order Christmas cards, wrapping paper and other gift items including fridge magnets and note pads, please scan the QR code/visit the website which is listed on the booklet. Please ensure you complete section 2 of the booklet and tick to confirm you have placed your order online. Please note if the booklets are not received back to school with the artwork attached, the orders will not be printed.

PTA News

We are delighted to announce Mrs Robertson will remain as our Chair, Mrs Hearne as our vice-Chair, Mrs Lee remains our treasurer and Mrs Sewrey as secretary, we are just finalising the class reps. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our small but **mighty** team for all their efforts last year. Some of the funds will be put towards new reading nooks for our playground which supports our focus on reading this year. We have made a great start in planning and organising community events this year starting with a dress down day on **Friday 24 October** and followed by a Movie Night after half term (details to follow).

Parent Survey



Please would you kindly complete a short questionnaire - we appreciate how busy you are, but your views are really helpful as they will guide our school development. We will read every single reply carefully as these will help inform our development priorities for the future. It is a really easy process: scan the QR code which will take you directly to the survey. **The closing date is Wednesday 5th November.**



Health and safety reminders

Digital Safety

Earlier this term, a series of events took place across Jersey led by Natasha Devon MBE, focusing on promoting healthy online habits. This work is especially important as we prepare our children to navigate an ever-changing digital world safely and responsibly.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 engaged enthusiastically in Natasha's workshop, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their ideas with maturity and confidence. Feedback from parents who attended one of the parent sessions was also extremely positive.

As a school community, we all play a vital role in helping children stay safe online. We encourage all parents to:

- Ensure parental controls are in place on all devices children can access
- Use timers and screen-time limits to help manage children's online activity
- Check that children only access websites, games and apps appropriate for their age

Please also remember that most social media platforms are not suitable for children under 13 years of age, due to the significant risks they may pose to younger users.

Outdoors

Please remember that the playground is not supervised by our staff in the mornings until 8.30am, therefore the gates will not open until 8.20am. Please ensure your child is supervised and not unattended as they should not be going on any playground equipment. To support a prompt start to the day, the gates will close at 8.45am so anyone arriving after that will have to enter school through the main school entrance.

At the end of the day, **the gates will not open until 2.50pm** to allow for outdoor PE/curriculum work to be completed outside. This opening time will also apply for Nursery collections. We would also politely ask that parents who arrive at Years One to Six before 3pm, supervise younger children so they are not peering into/tapping at classroom windows as this can be a distraction to older children as they finalise their school day. They should not be on the any of the playground equipment either. We would ask parents to wait along the wooden fencing. **Please would you kindly pass this information onto grandparents and childminders too if they are part of this routine. We have created a form to complete, should you wish to give other carers access to whole school newsletters and diary dates.** The form can be found on our website at: [Juniper CMS Website - School email communication](#). This consent will allow us to send information automatically to them which will support with communication.

Earlier requests to observe the following rules in our playground to help maintain the safety of all your children, are greatly appreciated. As a gentle reminder, these are as follows:

- No riding bikes or scooters on the playground – children need to push these along, **even down the ramp!** **Please also remind child cyclists to have helmets as we have observed some who are riding bikes home without one**
- No ball games of any kind – children should not be bringing in any possessions
- No dogs
- No use of climbing frames in the main or Early Years' play areas **before or after school**
- Please **avoid** use the entrance gates for the Early Years if you do not have a child in Nursery or Reception
- If you are a car user, please remember not to use the Early Year's entrance as a drop off area zone

Food

As a school, **we operate a nut-free zone.** Therefore, no foods containing nuts should be brought into school as part of children's packed lunches or snacks. Please also bear this in mind when providing treats for birthdays as these will not be given out. We are in the process of developing a healthy snack and lunch policy. We would urge all parents to ensure that snacks and lunches contain healthy options and **avoid chocolate, crisps and sugary drinks.**



Other Quick Reminders:

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are next week! These short meetings are to give you some information about how your child is settling into the new year. Should you require a longer time to discuss needs or issues, it's best to book another time later in the term to discuss these as the teachers will be on a tight schedule on these evenings.

Uniform

After half term, we move to our winter uniform dress code to ensure children are in appropriate attire for the cooler weather. We have information on the website about what to wear and would like to politely remind you again about PE kits. **These should be the logoed tracksuits, or plain navy joggers or looser blue shorts which are used by many schools.** We also have a very well-stocked second-hand supply, so please do come along to the regular sales or contact the PTA who can organise items for you. If you are struggling with the cost of purchasing the uniform, please contact the office so we can support with obtaining items. It's important that we all try as best as possible to maintain the code as it's a big way that we show ourselves as one community.



As always, we are constantly striving to ensure we respond and action any general concerns or queries you may have, so do please approach your class teacher in the first instance.

Mr Devlin and I are often available on the playground in the mornings and after school, should you wish to speak briefly. However, should you wish to discuss any matters in greater detail, please make an appointment by contacting us through the main office.

With very best wishes,



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