St Peter's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year draws to a close, it always prompts a moment of reflection. It scarcely seems possible that we have reached the end of another year, yet when we look back, it is remarkable just how much has been achieved.

This final half term has been filled with opportunities that have celebrated not only the children's learning but, more importantly, the people they are becoming. From residential visits and transition days to performances, exhibitions and celebrations, every experience has helped our children grow in confidence, resilience, curiosity and kindness.

One of the highlights of this week was undoubtedly our **Art Exhibition**. Walking around the hall where every child's work was displayed so beautifully was a wonderful reminder that creativity flourishes when children are given the confidence to explore, experiment and express themselves. The hall was filled with such creative energy as children proudly shared their work and explained the inspiration behind their creations to family and friends. The range and quality of the artwork was truly impressive, and it was wonderful to see every child represented and celebrated. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to our talented staff, whose enthusiasm and hard work made the exhibition such a memorable occasion.

Our first off-island residential to **France** was another landmark moment for St Peter's School. Beyond the places visited and the experiences enjoyed, what made the trip so memorable was watching the children grow in confidence, independence and resilience with each passing day. These are the experiences that remain with children. My sincere thanks go to the staff who gave so generously of their own time and energy to make such an ambitious and successful visit possible.

We also celebrated our youngest learners at our **Nursery Celebration**. It is always remarkable to reflect on how much our youngest children have grown during their first year at school. Their confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning have developed enormously, and we are excited to watch them continue their journey into Reception in September.

Our **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly** was, as always, both a joyful celebration and an emotional farewell. There was laughter, reflection and more than a few tears as we celebrated everything this very special year group has contributed to our school community.

As I shared during the assembly, what has made this year group so special is not simply what they have achieved academically, but the people they have become. They have shown kindness, humour, resilience, compassion and a genuine sense of community. Watching them grow over the years has been an enormous privilege and, although we will miss them dearly, we know they leave St Peter's ready for the next exciting chapter of their lives. As I looked around the hall, I was reminded once again that education is about so much more than academic success. It is about helping children discover who they are, what they value and the difference they can make to the world around them.

The assembly also gave us the opportunity to recognise children whose character has consistently reflected the values we strive to nurture every day. Through our **Spirit of St Peter's Awards** and our individual **Core Value Awards**, we celebrated children who have demonstrated exceptional community, confidence and curiosity. These awards remind us that character matters just as much as achievement, and that success can be found in many different forms.

I would like to thank every member of our staff for their commitment, professionalism and unwavering care for the children. So much of their work extends far beyond the school day and is

not always visible. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide the very best opportunities for every child, and I feel incredibly fortunate to lead such a dedicated team.

Thank you also to you, our parents and carers, for your continued trust, encouragement and support. Strong partnerships between home and school make an enormous difference, and we are grateful for the many ways you contribute to the life of our school.

Staffing Updates

As we reach the end of another successful year, we will also be saying goodbye to several valued members of our staff. As you will recall, we are saying farewell to Mrs Lee as she embarks on a path in the charity sector and thank her for all the wonderful support, energy, and care she has shown to the children and to us as well as her contribution to the PTA. We hope to see her back at big events and wish her all the very best.

We also say farewell to Mrs Harris for supporting class teaching duties around the school and covering for Mrs Hayward's maternity cover to the summer term. Miss Hanley is also moving on to new pursuits as is Mrs Bandurski. Each of them has made a valued contribution to St Peter's School and we thank them sincerely for the care, commitment and professionalism they have shown during their time with us. We wish them every happiness and success as they begin the next chapter of their careers.

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Fox who will support in Key stage One and be primarily based in Year One. As I have already mentioned in the previous newsletter, we also welcome Miss Allen, Miss Walker and Mr Hocquard who some of you will have met. I know you will join me in giving them a very warm St Peter's welcome.

Although the summer holidays provide a well-earned opportunity to rest and recharge, I hope many of our children will continue to enjoy reading throughout the break. The **Jersey Summer Reading Challenge**, which offers a wonderful opportunity for children to discover new books, visit our local libraries and read for pleasure over the holidays.

Alongside this, we are also launching our own **St Peter's Summer Reading Challenge,** which children have taken today. We hope as many children as possible will take part by sharing the books they have enjoyed over the summer. There will be prizes to celebrate their efforts when we return in September, but, more importantly, we hope the challenge inspires a lifelong love of reading. Whether it is a favourite author, a comic, a magazine, an information book or a brand-new adventure, every page read builds vocabulary, broadens knowledge and sparks imagination.

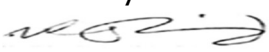
Finally, thank you for the many kind cards, messages and thoughtful gifts that staff have received this week. Your generosity and appreciation mean a great deal to us.

As I often say, I feel incredibly privileged to be the custodian of such a special school community. Every year brings fresh opportunities to nurture curious minds, build confident learners and help children discover the very best version of themselves. It is always the children who remind us why this work matters so much.

Schools are, above all else, places of hope. Every September brings another opportunity to shape lives, nurture character and inspire futures. We look forward to beginning that journey again with you all in the autumn.

I hope you and your families enjoy a joyful, restful summer together, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at St Peter's School.

With very best wishes,



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