



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see the children back after half term as they were well rested and enthusiastic to share news about their break and ready for a new half term of learning!

Competition

As you will recall, children were encouraged to complete entries for the Durrell art competition 'Tortoise Takeover' that has been promoted across all schools in Jersey. **The closing date for these entries is tomorrow, Friday 24th February**, after which we will announce the winners!

World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday to promote the importance of reading. **We are inviting children to dress up in costumes of favourite book characters or simply come dressed in cosy clothes to snuggle up with a book in school!** Many activities will be planned to promote the love of reading for the day. We will also be welcoming a Jersey author, Penny Byrne on the Wednesday to share stories with children across the school. Penny has written many books to promote Jersey history and wrote a special picture book to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.



Food Dudes-Healthy Approach to eating

We also shared how our school is taking part in an exciting project funded by Public Health and Education help children develop their healthy food habits. From next week, children will be receiving these healthy snacks from next Monday 27th February for four weeks. The letter attached with the last newsletter explained some of the detail. Each day, children will get to taste a range of healthy snacks consisting of fruit and vegetables. They are still able to bring in their own snacks during this period, but we will be encouraging them to try the samples during snack time as the focus. If you have any specific queries, please speak to your teacher in the first instance or you can email myself or Mr. Cronin.

PTA News

It was lovely to have such a big turnout for our PTA meeting yesterday evening. Thanks to Mrs Stewart and the core PTA team for all your hard work in raising funds last term. Our meeting yesterday is well on the way to confirming more events during the year to raise more funds so we will let you know these dates very soon. Fundraising efforts will support the development of our outside areas such as the Pond and Forest Areas.

Staffing Updates

We are very sad to see Mrs Hopkins leaving St. Peter's at the end of this term to another Jersey school. We wish her the best of luck as she pursues this exciting opportunity. She will be greatly missed as she has had such a positive impact in the two and a half years she has worked here. We thank her for all her work with children in the classes she has taught, as well as those children with additional needs and their families in her role as SENCo. I am unable to announce who will be taking over her role at this moment as the process is not quite complete; I would like to reassure the Year 2 parents that we are doing our utmost to find the best possible replacement for the summer term. This information will be shared as soon as it is confirmed.

Since returning from maternity leave at the beginning of the year, Miss Allison has decided to take up another career opportunity; this will enable her to spend more time with her young son. We wish her all the best as we understand how special these early years are. We want to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during the many years she has worked here.



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We are in the process of recruiting new teaching assistants so are excited with the prospect of welcoming new members to our team. The recruitment work so far has been very successful as we have welcomed Mrs Lee to the team this week to work across classes but mainly in Year 1 and 3. I am also delighted to announce that Mrs Sewrey has been appointed as our new school secretary and will join us after the Easter holidays.

We are also pleased to announce that Miss Mitchell, our current nursery teacher, is going to be a mum in late summer! She will be greatly missed but please be rest assured she will complete the academic year with the children.

In the interim period, the role of SENCo will be undertaken by myself as I have very extensive experience in this area in previous school leadership roles; I also was the SEN Lead Advisor for the Education Department in Jersey for several years. Should you have any concerns regarding your child's needs, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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 or Key Stage Phase leader in the first instance. Thank you to parents attending the PTA meeting for your feedback at yesterday's PTA meeting. Mr Cronin or myself are usually available on the playground in the mornings and as much as possible after school should you want to speak to one of us briefly. However, should you wish to discuss any matters in greater detail, please make an appointment by contacting me through the main office.

With very best wishes,

Ms N Rashid
Headteacher