

ST CLEMENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – MARCH NEWSLETTER 2018

'Aim High to Achieve, Together we Succeed'

Collaboration

Perseverance

Empathy

Learning from Mistakes

Dear Parents,

The Spring Term is marching onwards and I am conscious that a newsletter is overdue.

Year 5/6 Production

The stage is up and the rehearsals are getting more intense as our Year 5 and 6 children and Year 4 choir members prepare to perform this year's production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. As my last newsletter stated the afternoon dress rehearsal will take place at 1.15pm on Monday 26th March with the evening performances on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March beginning at 7.00pm. Any parents that have not informed Mrs Dixon which performance they would like to attend are encouraged to do so as quickly as possible so that appropriate seating can be provided in advance.

INSET Day Reminder

This is just a reminder to parents that pupils at St Clement's School will return to school after the Easter holidays on Monday 16th April. Whilst most of the Island's primary schools have the same arrangements, there are some that are choosing to use this as a Teacher Training INSET day. Earlier in the year I communicated to parents that our designated INSET day would be Tuesday 8th May. This was done to allow parents to make the most of an extended weekend as the Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th May are both already Bank Holidays.

Online Safety Parent Sessions

To support our recent work around Safer Internet Day I arranged for our Community Police Officer to co-present an Online Safety meeting for parents. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned sessions had to be postponed. However, I am pleased to say that we have now rearranged them for Monday 19th March. In order to make the meetings as accessible as possible we have planned to have two meetings, one at 3pm in the hall (the children will be asked to watch a video in the Year 2 classroom whilst the meeting goes on) and one at 6.30pm. We hope that parents will be able to attend one of these meetings which will cover a range of issues including gaming and parental controls. I will be sharing the outcomes from our recent Key Stage 2 survey, as well as informing parents about monitoring tools that are used by the school to ensure acceptable use. PC Carter will be informing parents about some of the current issues around online gaming. I hope as many of you can attend as possible in order to increase awareness amongst our school community.

Class Assemblies

This afternoon our Year 1 children will be proudly showing off their learning about 'Animals' in their class assembly. Parents are welcome to arrive from 2.15pm onwards, as lessons are still going on in the hall before this time. The assembly will begin at 2.25pm and will be finished in time for a normal 3pm finish.

Our final class assembly of this term is the Year 5 assembly on Thursday 22nd March. This assembly will also be at 2.25pm in the hall.

Open Day

This year's Open Day has been organised to take place in the final week before the May half term holiday. It will be held on Thursday 24th May between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Please make a note in your diaries or online calendars to ensure that all the family can come and share in the children's learning.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending these meetings over the past two weeks. The longer twenty minute sessions seem much more appropriate, giving time for teachers and staff to look at progress made since September as well as future targets in Reading, Writing and Maths. If any parents have any further concerns in the early part of next term, please do come into school and make an appointment to see class teachers, Mrs Hickling or myself.

School Council

Our recently elected School Council had a very exciting afternoon yesterday. They attended a Children's Plan workshop at the Hotel de France which was set up by the new Director of Children's Policy. The children were accompanied by Mrs Lumsden and Mr Mildren and collated feedback for the organisers in a variety of key areas. Mrs Lumsden reported that the event was well organised and the children enjoyed giving their views about how we can all make Jersey a better place for children to grow up in.

Football

Last weekend saw the final games of the football season ... and what a pair of games is turned out to be! The 'A' team played the best quality of football that I have seen from them all season. They worked so hard for each other, tackled hard and scored some wonderful goals. Peter Allo stepped up to the 'A' team defending well, Max Waymouth showed so much determination with his tackling, Patrick Filleul showed great composure and Joey scored a wonderful hat trick. All that meant that St Clement's won the match convincingly 6 – 1, a great end to the season.

The 'B' team also played extremely well demonstrating how much they have developed both their individual skills and their ability to work as a team. They showed a great deal of character having gone 1 – 0 down. The players never gave up and pressed for an equaliser throughout the second half. Controversy reigned late on as Mateus Rodrigues thought he had scored the equaliser, only for the goalkeeper to have saved it on the line – where is VAR when you need it ? All of the players tried so hard and whilst they wanted to end the season with a win, they all did themselves proud persevering until the final whistle. Well done to both teams.

Netball

The netball season is also coming to a close. On Monday the girls battled it out with two strong teams from Les Landes. The 'A' team passed the ball well throughout the court, but shooting proved difficult in the wind and with tall, ex-pupil Ava Sosnowski in the way as goal keeper! In the final part of the match St Clement's rallied scoring two goals, only for Les Landes to respond by scoring themselves, eventually winning 4 – 2.

The 'B' team's skills have also developed throughout this season. They have attended training regularly and are thoroughly enjoying playing as part of a team. The match was convincingly won by St Clement's 5 – 0 with great shooting from Ada, Lara and Sofia. Well done to all of the girls and thank you to Miss Hillsden and Miss Hateley for their efforts to improve their skills.

Cross Country

This year's Spring Cross Country broke all previous records! A record number of over 700 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the four races around the 1500m or 2000m courses. Our pupils did our school proud with so many beating their positions from the Autumn race and others enjoying the sunny weather and the chance to race against nearly 200 other children. Well done to all !

Swimarathon

This Friday, 16th March, three teams of swimmers will be 'Aiming High' to support the Lion's Club of Jersey. They will be swimming at 2pm at Les Quennevais cheered on by their team captains – Miss Pretty, Mr Mildren, Mrs Northcott and Mr Heaven. Any sponsorship forms and money need to be returned to school today or, at the latest, Friday morning.

Uniform

Just a reminder to parents that children are expected to wear the designated school uniform during PE sessions. This includes white shorts, blue t-shirt with school logo on it and school tracksuit top and bottoms. Whilst the uniform guide in the School Handbook states that trainers should be white, I do understand that this is becoming more and more difficult. Therefore, I do not mind if trainers are of a different colour, but please can parents ensure that they are a sporting shoe, not a fashion shoe that offers little or no support during activities.

My understanding is that the weather is due to turn colder again next week, with the possibility of light snow over the weekend. Even in the colder weather the children do continue with appropriate PE sessions, so could parents please ensure that your child comes dressed with the appropriate kit on their designated PE days. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Sports Relief Collaboration Event

This half term's collaboration event is being organised to coincide with Sports Relief Day which is next Friday 23rd March. Further details to follow next week, but the children will again be working and learning together in house groups for their activities.

PTA Quiz

Unfortunately the quiz was not able to take place this term, due to insufficient demand. Therefore a decision was made to cancel this event.

Easter Hampers

The PTA have kindly made up some Easter Hampers for our raffle. There are also some scrummy individual Easter eggs for both children and adults to win! Tickets will go on sale after school from Monday 19th March and will be £1 per strip. The draw for the raffle will take place in the final assembly on the last day of term.

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Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term:

- Thursday 15th March Year 1 Animals Assembly at 2.25pm
- Thursday 22nd March Year 5 Class Assembly at 2.25pm
- Monday 26th March Afternoon Dress Rehearsal – 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' at 1.15pm
- Tuesday 27th March and Wednesday 28th March - 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' at 7.00pm
- Thursday 29th March – Last day of the Spring Term

Summer Term:

- Monday 16th April Summer Term Begins
- Monday 7th May Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 8th May School INSET Training Day**
- Wednesday 9th May Liberation Day Holiday
- Thursday 19th July 9am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- Friday 20th July Final day of the Summer Term

