

ST CLEMENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – MARCH NEWSLETTER 2019

'Aim High to Achieve, Together we Succeed'

Collaboration

Perseverance

Empathy

Learning from Mistakes

Dear Parents,

Lots of information to share with you as we build up towards the end of this Spring Term.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending these recent meetings – they provide an important update for you, as parents, regarding your child's individual progress. The longer twenty minute sessions seem to work well, giving time for teachers and staff to reflect on progress made since September and to discuss future targets in Reading, Writing, Maths and key personal skills. I am pleased that we have adjusted our school systems to provide targets in both the Autumn and Spring terms that link with the Summer Term school report which we trialled last year. After the reports in the Summer we will be asking parents for feedback on these procedures via an online survey. This will allow us to further improve our systems where appropriate. In the meantime, if parents have any further concerns either during the latter part of this term, or in the early part of next term, please do come into school and make an appointment to see class teachers, Mrs Hickling or myself.

States Chamber

Our Year 5 class are visiting the States Chamber this afternoon to learn more about the building and the debates that go on there. They will also be completing their own debate on whether pupils in Year 5 and 6 should be allowed to 'Bring Their Own Device' to school for the purposes of learning. This issue has led to some thought provoking discussions in class and should provide an interesting debate in the Chamber itself. I look forward to hearing how the voting went. Good luck Year 5!

World Book Day

Well done to all of the children that came in such creative outfits for World Book Day last week. We had everything from the Stick Man, the Gruffalo, 50 Harry Potters, Dorothy and even The Boy in the Dress (Well done Taylor!) My personal favourite though were the Year 5 quartet that had worked collaboratively to come as Little Red Riding Hood, Grandma, The Woodsman and the Wolf. Top marks to Carly, Erin, Thomas, Alex!

Year 5/6 Production

The children are very excited today as the staging is going up in the hall in order to enable the cast to rehearse in a more realistic way as we get closer and closer to our performances of 'Ye-Ha!'. As my last newsletter stated the afternoon dress rehearsal will take place at 1.15pm on Tuesday 2nd April with the evening performances on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April beginning at 7.00pm. Parents can reserve seats for the evening performances via our online booking system so that appropriate seating can be provided in advance.

Dental Forms

All children from Reception – Year 6 have been given a dental consent form today. Please could parents complete this form as soon as possible and return to Mrs Dixon in the School Office.

Jersey Primary Art Eisteddfod

Pupils from St Clement's have produced some fantastic art pieces throughout the year. A number of these pieces have been selected to be displayed at this year's Art Eisteddfod which opens this Thursday 14th March at the RJA&HS in Trinity. The display of work is open from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th March from 10am – 6pm (except Sunday when it closes at 4pm).

A variety of children's 2D art work has been selected by their class teacher to be entered into this year's exhibition.

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 Wednesday 24th April. St Clement's School staff will be in school for a training day on Tuesday 23rd April. Most of the Island's primary schools have the same arrangements, but there are some that have arranged a different date for training. As an additional reminder, the May Day Bank Holiday is on Monday 6th May this year with Liberation Day on Thursday 9th May. Both of these days are designated holidays, where schools will be closed.

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 23rd 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.

School Council

Our current School Council have been very busy during the last month. Representatives from our school have attended a number of workshops to help construct and approve the new Children's Plan. This document outlines the Government of Jersey's intentions to put children at the centre of its future plans. The four main outcomes of the Plan are for **ALL** children to :

Grow Up Safely Learn and Achieve Be valued and Involved Live Healthy Lives

Our School Council decided to focus on one of the outcomes – Live Healthy Lives. They have recently completed an audit of what pupils in our school feel we already do that contributes to this area. They recently shared this information with the Island's Health and Wellbeing Dietician, Susan Burry. Several issues arose that the Council are now considering – everything from updating and communicating our Healthy Lunchbox Policy to discussing whether cakes should be allowed into school to celebrate pupils' birthdays. The Council are currently constructing an online survey in order to gather the opinions of parents on a range of issues. Please can you support our School Council by taking the time to complete the short survey when it is sent out. Thank you.

Cross Country

This year's Spring Cross Country was an incredible sight breaking all previous records! A record number of nearly 900 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the four races around the 1500m or 2000m courses up at Les Quennevais. Our 31 entrants 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 over 200 other children. The pupils gaining the highest running positions were:

Year 5 girls – Evie Ross – 31st out of 204 runners

Year 5 boys – Thomas Allo – 16th out of 240 runners

Year 6 girls – Mia Clapham – 12th out of 210 runners

Year 6 boys – Ryan Dumond – 71st out of 225 runners.

What I was most proud of was the attitude of our children in supporting each other, no matter where they finished. The children were an absolute credit to the school, and the accompanying staff thoroughly enjoyed watching them 'Aim High' or simply enjoy running with their friends in such a fantastic event. Well done all !

Football

During the last few weeks in football the children have really shown their determination and perseverance to keep going in matches. The 'A' team played very well last weekend against Plat Douet, with Ryan Dumond smashing in the winning goal in a 2 – 1 victory. This weekend they continued their winning run in a tough game against VCP. With the wind blowing hard, Joey O'Toole headed in a fantastic cross from Taylor Roche to take the lead. A lead that they would hold on to for a 1 – 0 win.

The 'B' Team have improved hugely throughout the season. They showed such determination against Plat Douet after going 1 – 0 down early on. Eventually, their persistence paid off with Alex Bowen-Smith volleying in a 'worldie' from just inside the penalty area. The 1 – 1 draw was the least the team deserved for their efforts. This weekend provided a much more challenging opponent. VCP were too strong for our team on this occasion, although a number of basic errors led to two or three of the goals. Despite losing the match the team deserve credit for their determination and positive attitude throughout.

Well done to all of the players in both squads!

Special congratulations to Joey O'Toole who travelled to Guernsey last weekend with the Island Representative football squad. The team played very well, beating their hosts 4 -3 in a close match. This weekend Joey travels to the UK on tour where he will play a number of representative teams before watching West Ham play Huddersfield at the London Stadium. The very best of luck this weekend Joey.

Netball

The Primary School's netball tournament was played recently, with our girls drawn in a very tough group. The team passed the ball accurately, working well as a team. They created many opportunities to score, but just couldn't quite find the goals to get into a winning position. Despite this, the girls never gave up, something that Miss Hateley and Miss Hillsden are very proud of.

Today, the girls are taking on Grouville in a local derby match! Good luck to you girls !

The 'B' team continue to develop their skills with Miss Hateley. They are still attending training regularly and are thoroughly enjoying playing as part of a team. Well done to all of the girls and thank you to Miss Hillsden and Miss Hateley for their efforts to improve their skills.

Red Nose Day

This Friday, 15th March, is Red Nose Day. The children have been helping to raise money for this worthy cause by purchasing the different kinds of Red Noses during the last two weeks. Any remaining noses will be on sale this Friday before school.

Children can come to school on Red Nose Day in non-uniform, wearing something red, even if the red item is their purchased nose! We hope that the children enjoy the day. Please can parents remember to write their child's initials on the base of their Red Noses to avoid any problems on the day !

P.S. If anyone has the Wolfnose and is willing to swap ... I have two Schnoz III noses !

Lost Property

The lost property box is no longer being kept in the first aid room, but is now located outside the School Office. Parents can check this box at the end of the school day for any missing uniform or lunchboxes.

Swimarathon

On Friday three teams of enthusiastic swimmers were definitely 'Aiming High' to support the Lion's Club of Jersey. Once again they showed great perseverance whilst being cheered on by their team captains – Mrs Lumsden, Mr Mildren and Mrs Jouanne. The children raised over £500 for the Lions Club, which will be

spent on local charities during the next year. The three teams registered 49, 51 and 51 laps, but the important thing was that they had a fantastic time, whilst raising money for charity. Well done to those pupils who supported each other throughout - we definitely won the 'school with the best dancers' award!

Triple P Parenting Workshops

The final workshop in our Tri-School Triple P Seminars is being held at Grouville School on Wednesday March 27th at 6pm. The session, titled 'Raising Resilient Children', will be led by Tricia Tumelty.

If any parents do want to attend this workshop, please either contact Grouville School directly or speak to Mrs Dixon in the School Office.

Parenting Drop In Session

Our school Family Support Worker, Christine Papworth will be in school tomorrow afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. If any parents would like to book a 30 minute appointment with Christine, then please speak to either Sarah Andrews or the School Office.

Jersey Sings

Does your child love to sing? Would they like to be involved in Jersey Sings?

Jersey Sings is a musical event taking place at Fort Regent on 19 & 20th of June 2019. Around 600 children from island schools and singing groups join together to become part of a huge choir, singing specially written and arranged music of all kinds. This year celebrates the international year of indigenous languages and the children will learn and perform a song translated into Jersey French, as well as medleys from Moana and the Greatest Showman.

Whilst we, as a school, are not participating this year, Erika Marshall (Alfie's mum in Year 3) has entered an independent choir called The Little Jersey Wonders. The choir will be made up of children from a variety of schools. Rehearsal will take place weekly, details of where and when will follow. If you would like to find out more and register your child's interest please contact Erika using the email / phone number below.

Final numbers are required by the end of March. Bumblebeemusic@hotmail.co.uk or 07797769274

Facebook Page

As my former newsletters have mentioned, the school will soon be introducing a school Facebook page. This will allow school to send short reminders to parents and to share and celebrate some magical moments during the term. The final few consent forms are currently being chased to enable us to proceed with the page. Watch this space for further information ...

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Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term:

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 2nd April - Production Dress Rehearsal @ 1.15pm

Wednesday 3rd April - Production Performance 1 @ 7pm

Thursday 4th April - Production Performance 2 @ 7pm

Friday 5th April - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term:

Tuesday 23rd April - INSET Day

Wednesday 24th April – Summer Term begins for the children

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May Liberation Day Holiday

Thursday 18th July 9am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th July - Last day of the Summer Term