

Parents Newsletter No. 1 Autumn Term 2009



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I am sure that all the children have enjoyed their holiday, and are enjoying the glorious 'Indian Summer' we are presently experiencing. It is clear that many are pleased to be back and the atmosphere in school is positive, industrious and pupils are clearly very happy.

We were sorry to bid farewell to Mrs Bellinger but are pleased to welcome Miss Juliet Way into Year 2 and Mrs Eggo into her new role as the Reception Teaching Assistant for Mrs Hand. Miss Paula Dale takes over as Leader of the Foundation Stage department and she is joined in Reception by Miss Murphy and Mrs Hand.

We are fortunate that improvements have taken place at our school with a new fenced playing area for Mrs Hand's reception class and new clothes pegs in the Junior Cloakroom hung by Mr. Paul over the summer. Also the caretakers have painted many areas of the school. Once again our fantastic caretakers have been very busy and we extend our gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

There have been significant building works over the summer with five new huts being erected at the back of the High School. Two of these huts were formerly located on our grounds and, following their removal, we now have a large additional recreational area, which will shortly be levelled and seeded.

The **additional pupils attending the High School** will result in an increase in traffic and I urge you to be prompt when you pick up and drop off pupils and to ensure that you never park in the High School car park or block the access road for the buses.

Yours faithfully,

K.M.Hinshaw
Headteacher

Please check www.lamare-pri.sch.gg for info.

URGENT Data Collection

Please complete and return the data collection forms enclosed whether or not there have been changes in circumstances. We need to update all records on the new ICT system



Display in the Entrance Hall

Our entrance hall display is called **AROUND THE WORLD**. If you have been on holiday or have had visitors or



have learnt something about another place, please can your child bring in a photo/postcard and maybe a piece of writing about the place/country that we can add to the display.

Uniform

The children look super, and I am particularly pleased to see that island shops can provide correct shoes. Special sized shoes and appropriate school shoes are available in Mansell Street, and a range of shoes are on sale in High Street, The Pollet and in St Sampson's. **If trainers are worn in the playground, the pupils must change into shoes for class.**

Please will you ensure all clothing is named

Games kit

May I make a plea that pupils have a complete change of clothing for Games and P.E. to include socks. This is not only in the interests of hygiene but also to facilitate teaching. Shin pads are vital. All children need a house coloured T Shirt, light blue shorts and white socks and trainers/plimsolls for OUTDOOR P.E. lessons. The same kit minus the footwear is needed for INDOOR P.E. lessons.



GAMES Boys will need the above apart from a maroon and blue school football shirt (in place of the T Shirt), boots, and **maroon and blue school football** socks for football lessons in GAMES. Shin pads are available from Sports Direct and other sports shops and are on sale from the school office. **Please note the new complete PE kit is now available for £8.00 from the school office**

Jewellery

Please note pupils cannot wear rings, necklaces or dangling earrings. This is not only for safety reasons but also to avoid loss or even theft. For many years now our School Brochure has stated: The wearing of jewellery is positively discouraged, as necklaces and rings are a safety hazard during such activities as P.E. and Games. If your child has pierced ears, we ask that he/she wears studs or sleepers. Dangling earrings can be very dangerous.



All jewellery must be removed for swimming, P.E. and Games.

As children have to do this for themselves it would be helpful if infants did not have their ears pierced or earrings were removed at home on P.E. days.

School Nurse Consultancy Day

Heather Chan, our School Nurse, will be in school on the first Tuesday of each month to advise and talk with parents about any matters of concern e.g headlice, persistent coughs etc..

Parent Teacher Association

If you have any old mobile telephones at home collecting dust, please let us have them.



You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of our Parent Teacher Association which will be held on Thursday 12th November This year the P.T.A. have raised money to develop the playground area.

I wish to pass on the gratitude and thanks from our staff and pupils for all the P.T.A. have done this year.

School Bus

We have been running a school bus service for five years. This runs from L'Islet at 7.55, along the coast road, calling in at Port Soif estate and Les Prins before arriving at school at 8.20am. In the past this has proved very popular and I would like to encourage parents to use this facility.



If you wish to use the service, please contact the school for details.

Fruit in school

This continues to be extremely successful. Please pay outstanding fruit money promptly.



School Photographer Tuesday, 3rd November

After school appointments will run on an allocated number system to avoid needless queuing.

- Classes will go through in sequence – Reception to Y6
- Doubles and Triples will be during school time
- Family groups with pre-school children will begin at 2.40pm
- Family groups with Secondary School children will begin at 3pm



URGENT – DANGER

CAR PARKING AND PUPIL PICK UP

The High School has many new pupils and as a result the traffic serving the school will increase greatly. New buses have been introduced and this will add significantly to problems of access and overcrowding.



We can help by taking sensible precautions and by being thoughtful when clearing the Primary School area.

Please note these expectations:-

- Do not park or use the Secondary School car park at any time.
- Do not park cars on the road and never leave a car double parked or unattended.
- Do not leave cars parked unattended in the car parks for long periods of time as this causes serious congestion problems.
- Do please arrive and leave promptly.
- Do please be patient and considerate, especially when dealing with the special constables and fellow road users.

Display of Castel Parish Photographs

For those of us that did not see the superb exhibition at Les Beaucamps, Mr Wiley has kindly agreed to permit us to display the photos on a rota in our entrance hall throughout the year. **At present the display is all about the beaches and coastline of Castel through the years.** Pop in and see how things used to be!

Calendar Dates

October

- Fri 2nd Oct Big Kid's Day
- Mon 5th Book Week
- Friday 9th Film Show
- Tuesday 13th Parents' Evening
- Thursday 15th Parents' Evening
- Tues 20th 11+ worked paper
- Friday 23rd 'Harvest Service' 11.00 a.m.

Mon-Fri 26th-30th HALF TERM ICT new build over half term

November

- Mon 2nd Return to school
- Tue 3rd 11+ Practice VRT
- Wed 11th Cardwell School Photos
- Thurs 12th Remembrance Service 10.45
- Tues 17th PTA AGM at 7. p.m.
- Fri 20th 11+ paper 1
- Mon 30th Children in Need disco
- Infant Dress Rehearsal (am)

December

- Tuesday 1st 11+ Paper 2 VRT
- 1pm Infant Nativity performance
- Wed. 2nd 6pm Infant Nativity performance
- Mon. 7th Carol Service 6pm
- Tues. 8th Carol Service 6pm and RAFFLE
- Wed 16th Pupils' Christmas Dinner
- Thursday Infant Party day
- Fri 18th TERM ENDS 1.00PM (NO SCHOOL BUS)

Pupils return Tuesday 5th January

Cycling Proficiency

Training : 3-4 p.m. 22ndOct; 5th,12th.19th,26th Nov; 3rd, 10th Dec

Test will be on 14th December at 10.30 a.m.

Hello,

My name is Gillian Cowley-Grimmond and I am the Secretary of the LMDC PTA. It has come to my attention that many parents are unaware of where the money from all the PTA fund raising goes each year.

I have listed all the things paid for by the PTA for the school year 2008-2009 and included the approved spending, so far, for this school year, 2009-2010.

I hope this will illustrate what a busy and active PTA LMDC has. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and pupils of LMDC for all the support they offer the PTA in their fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Last School Year 2008-2009

£100 towards the Infants' Christmas Party
£374 Half the cost of the Juniors' Christmas Dinners
£252 Half the cost of the Guernsey Vending drinking water for the children
£95 NCPTA Insurance for the school
£212.71 Entire cost of the Christmas book given to each child
£226.94 Year 6 'Leavers' gift books
£3460 Redevelopment area around of the Year 3 and 4 climbers
£522.80 Provision of a new Art and Design resource program now used at LMDC
£16.89 Easter eggs for Infants
£81 for the PVS Licence which enables the school to hold movie nights for the children
£31.74 Storage boxes for use at discos and other events where a PTA tuck-shop is provided
Up to £1000 towards a new Trophy cabinet for the school – still to be arranged

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£374 Half the cost of the Guernsey Vending drinking water for the children
£95 NCPTA Insurance for the school
The entire cost of a Christmas book for each child
£3000 (approximately) for the redevelopment of the Infants' Work Area
£1000 (approximately) to buy 13 digital cameras to go towards a class set of cameras. The remainder of the cameras will be paid for by the school's IT budget.
Redevelopment of the Huts 3 and 4 site in the new year.
Children in Need Disco

The annual Children in Need disco will be held by the PTA on Friday 20th October. The school will donate half the money raised to the Children in Need Charity and keep the remaining half to go towards the redevelopment of the Hut 3 and 4 site in the new year. Last year this disco raised £383; £191 of which went to the Children in Need Charity.

Harvest 23rd October

All donations from this year's Harvest will be given to the WRVS charity, Russel's Day Centre.

We will not be doing the shoe box appeal this year.

Parents' and Teacher' Association AGM

The LMDC PTA will be holding its AGM on Thursday 12th November at the school at 7.00pm. We are always looking for new members, so if you would like to join please collect a nomination form from the office. Once you have completed this nomination form please return it to the office prior to the AGM. If you are already a member of the PTA you do not need to complete a new form. We hold meetings once a half term, depending on what fund raising events we need to organise. As a member of the PTA you do not need to attend every meeting nor help at every event. We are always grateful for any help members are able to give. We hold several social events for the PTA members throughout the year. If you would like to help raise money for your child's school, meet new friends and have a laugh please come along; we are a friendly bunch and don't bite!

Christmas Card Fundraiser

This year the PTA will be selling Christmas cards designed by the pupils of LMDC. Each child will design and create their own card. A sample will be printed and sent home with each child. The cards will be sold in packs of ten at a cost of £6.50. The school will receive £1.50 for each packet sold. The money raised from the sale of the cards will be going towards the redevelopment of the Hut 3 and 4 sites in the new year. We hope to have the sample cards to parents before the half term break, please keep an eye out in book bags.

Christmas Raffle

We will be holding our annual PTA Christmas Raffle. It will be drawn on Tuesday 8th December. We are looking for a sponsor to fund the printing of the raffle tickets and for prize donations for the Christmas Raffle. The sponsor's name will be printed on the bottom of all raffle tickets. If you know of anyone who may be interested in making a prize donation or sponsoring the tickets please leave details at the office marked for the attention of Gillian Cowley-Grimmond. Last year's raffle raised £1481.16 which paid for approximately half of the redevelopment cost of the Year 3 and 4 climbers. This year's profits will be going towards the redevelopment of the Hut 3 and 4 sites in the new year.

Books For Schools Tokens

Please continue to collect the tokens available from the Times Newspapers. Last year we received some beautiful books for the children.



Best Wishes,
Gillian Cowley-Grimmond
Secretary for LMDC Primary School PTA