

LA MARE DE CARTERET SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2010

October has been an exciting month at La Mare. Our wonderfully talented and committed teaching and support staff have worked very hard to plan and organise a curriculum based on first hand experiences to motivate and inspire our children's learning.

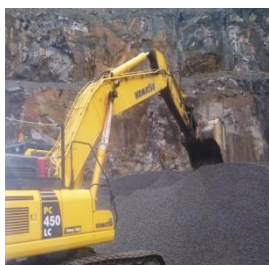
Y3 are developing a school vegetable garden and have secured £600 funding from Specsavers to buy a bench and gardening equipment. They have visited two garden centres on the island and have carefully chosen plants and equipment for their garden. They presented a marvellous harvest assembly about their garden project. We are all looking forward to seeing the new garden as it develops.



Y4 LEARNING, EXPLORING AND INVESTIGATING!



With the 'Magic School Bus' as a central theme, Year 4 have enjoyed three field trips to inspire and extend learning so far this term. Each field trip has generated a series of challenges to be completed. Highlights have included: using a pooter for the first time; teaching Year 3 about seashore life; watching a blast at the quarry and finally, interviewing the staff on a quest to discover ways in which the island might dispose of its rubbish. After a week's rest we will begin Field Trip 4!



HELP PLEASE!

We would be very grateful if any parents could offer some help in our school library. If you can offer some time, or would like to find out more, please see Mrs Hand.



IMPORTANT – PEANUT ALLERGY!

We have a child in school with a peanut allergy. Please could you help by not including peanut butter in your child's lunchbox (especially in the Infant Department) – just in case some gets accidentally transferred. Thank you.

IMPORTANT!

Please can we ask that you do not allow young children to use the school playground climbing frames. We had had some accidents with toddlers falling off the apparatus. We do tell our school aged children that they are not allowed to play on the apparatus outside school hours. This is for their own safety.



GIVE US YOUR OLD JARS AND WE WILL TURN THEM INTO BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS!

We need jam/pickle jars to make tea light holders for our carol service. The jars need to have a wide enough neck to fit in a large tea light. The children will paint them with glass paints and make them beautiful.



CAROL CONCERTS

Please inform the school as soon as possible if you know your child will not be in school for our Christmas Performances. Dates below.



FOOTBALL CLUB

Please note: Football Club has finished for the season. Look out for new starting dates.



IT'S DISCO TIME!

The P.T.A have organised a school disco to raise funds for the BBC Children in Need appeal on Friday 19th November. Tickets for the event will be on sale from 15th November.



P.E. KITS

Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E kit in school on P.E days.



SHIN PADS

Many pupils are coming to football sessions without shin pads.

In order to minimise the risk of injury during football, which is a contact sport, please could you equip your child with child's shin pads for these lessons. A long pair of football socks in the school's colours would help keep the shin pads in place and also looks neater.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL ASPECTS OF LEARNING.

Our whole school S.E.A.L theme for next half term is 'Say no to bullying'

LOST PROPERTY

Sadly, our 'lost property' box is filling up with lovely new school sweatshirts, worn only a few times. We cannot return them to their owners because they have no names on! Please ensure your child's uniform has their name on the label.

YEAR 5 GEOGRAPHY

Year 5 have been touring the island looking at the features of our coasts and streams. The children explained that the highlights of their trips were the cliff walk around Jerbourg headland and the sea swim at Petit Bot. Lovely!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

22nd to 25th October HALF TERM

1st November: Back to school

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11th November: Cycling Proficiency 3pm

19th November: Cycling Proficiency. Theory test.



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22nd and 24th November: Cycling Proficiency Test.

31st Nov/1st December: Infant Christmas production.

7th and 8th December: Junior Carol Concert.

15th December: Junior Christmas Dinner

16th December: Infant Christmas Party

17th December **Term Ends 1pm**

AND FINALLY

A BIG THANK YOU for your generous offerings for the Harvest Assembly. £162.70 was also given in donations for the Zambian School in Africa.

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