

Parents Newsletter No. 1
Autumn Term 2008



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I am sure that all the children have enjoyed their holiday, although the weather has been a little unpredictable to say the least. Personally, I am pleased to be back and many pupils are also happy to return.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Ruth Palzeaird into Mrs Bellinger's Reception class and Mrs. Michelle Tuffield to our staff in the School Office. We look forward to working with them over the coming year.

We are fortunate that improvements have taken place at our school with new cladding and windows on our South Eastern gable. 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 three new secondary school huts being erected at our back door on the bike shed site. The additional pupils 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 block the access road for the buses.

Yours faithfully,

K.M.Hinshaw
Headteacher

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

Uniform

The children look super, and I am particularly pleased to see that island shops can provide correct shoes. This is so important for young feet. **If trainers are worn in the playground, the pupils must change into shoes for class.**

Please will you ensure all clothing is named as we have again accumulated many sacks of various items of uniform, including brand new coats.

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 will shortly be on sale 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 P.E./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.

Water

Once again may I kindly request that you encourage your children to drink water. We are grateful to have received water bottles for all pupils from the States of Guernsey.



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.

This might be useful if you find your child has a head infestation, an illness that is worrying you or any social or health concerns.

Parent Teacher Association

If you have any old mobile telephones at home collecting dust, please let us have them, as the P.T.A. are supporting the Phones-4-Us initiative which ensures significant funds for old phones.



Please help and save:-

Nestle tokens (collection box is at the school office)
Shoe Boxes for the Harvest Shoe Box appeal
Dressing up clothes
Any surplus construction kits.

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of our Parent Teacher Association which will be held on Thursday, 16th October at 7 pm in the school.

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 four 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.



At present only a few pupils use the bus and it is possible that it will cease unless more pupils use the service.

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

Fruit in school

This continues to be extremely successful and the 'fruit break' is a super addition to our timetable. Please pay outstanding fruit money promptly.



School Council Elections

These will take place soon and I wish to thank Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Brown for organising the elections. We value the Council and recognise how important it is to involve pupils in the running of their school. It was considered to be one of the best School Councils encountered by the VSSE team.

School Photographer

Tuesday, 4th 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.

Calendar Dates

You will be receiving information through a year group letter but I have enclosed important dates and information.

September

Thurs 11th 11+ info. eve for parents of Year 6
 Thurs 18th PTA meeting 7.00 p.m.
 Sun 21st Beach Watch
 Mon 22nd Y6 Parents' Evening
 Thu 25th Y6 Parents' Evening
 Fri 26th Big Kid's Day
 Mon 29th African Drum workshop
 Tues 30th VSSE team return

October

Fri 3rd 'Been There- Done That' issued
 Mon 6th Book Week
 Fri 10th Voting for School Council
 Return Shoe Boxes for Harvest
 Mon 13th 'Harvest Service' 11.00 a.m.
 Tues 14th 11+ worked paper
Thurs 16th 7.00 at school PTA AGM urgent
 Wed 17th Last day for Shoe Boxes to be returned

Mon-Fri 20th-24th HALF TERM

Mon 27th Return 'Been There – Done That' please.
 Tue 28th 11+ Practice VRT

November

Tue 4th Cardwell's (photographer)
 Tues 11th 11+ paper 1
Thurs 13th School Closed for training
Fri 14th Children in Need disco
 Tue 25th 11+ Paper 2 VRT

December

Mon 1st Infant Dress Rehearsal (am)
 Tue 2nd 1pm Infant Nativity performance
 Wed. 3rd 6pm Infant Nativity performance
 Mon. 8th Carol Service 6pm
 Tues. 9th Carol Service 6pm and RAFFLE
 Wed 17th Pupils' Christmas Dinner
 Fri 19th **TERM ENDS 1.00PM**
(NO SCHOOL BUS)