

Parents Newsletter No. 1
Autumn Term 2007



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.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Abigail Mills and Mrs. Alison Mackay to our staff, also Mrs. Jacqueline Camara 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 ceilings in the entrance hall and main corridors. Once again our fantastic caretakers have been very busy and we extend our gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Paul has updated the *web-site*. Please check www.lamare-pri.sch.gg for new 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 six sacks of various items of uniform. Indelible pens are available from the school office.

Fleecy Jackets

We shall shortly be ordering fleecy jackets for pupils. As you know, the company concerned will not take single orders so if you wish to buy a jacket, please order from the school as soon as possible.

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 a vital piece of kit for boys and girls who both play contact sports in the juniors.



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. As before, please send your child into school with a full bottle which can be replenished during the day from our chilled filtering system.

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. If we can collect 300 'phones we receive £200.



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

The P.T.A. also run a Lottery and tickets may be purchased from the office. This means that your ticket will go into one of the four draws per year with a high chance of winning one of the money prizes.

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

This year the P.T.A. have raised £5,000 to replace the P.A. System and curtains in the hall.

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 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 but last year saw a rapid decline in use.

At present only a few pupils use the bus and it is probable 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, 6th 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 Secondary school has many new pupils (125 in Year 7 alone) and as a result the traffic serving the school will increase greatly.

A new bus has 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

Fri 14th RAF Kinloss visit the school
 Sun 16th Beach Watch
 Thu 21st 3.00pm Year 5 Parents' Meeting re recycling proficiency
 7.00pm Year 6 11+ Information Evening
 Mon 24th Y6 Parents' Evening
 Thu 28th Y6 Parents' Evening

October

Mon 1st Book Week
 Reading & Spelling tests
 Read Write Inc. Parents' Information Evening
 Voting for School Council
 Parents' Evening Rec – Y5
 Parents' Evening Rec – Y5 11+ Practice
 Wed 3rd Last day for Shoe Boxes to be returned
 Fri 5th Harvest Service 11am
 Mon 8th
 Tues 9th
 Tues 16th
 Wed 17th
 Fri 19th

Mon-Fri 22nd-26th

Tue 30th **HALF TERM**
 11+ Practice VRT

November

Tue 6th Cardwell's (photographer)
 Wed 7th P.T.A. AGM 7pm
 Tue 13th 11+ Paper 1 VRT
 Fri 16th Y5 & Y6 French morning
 Tue 27th 11+ Paper 2 VRT

December

Mon 3rd Infant Dress Rehearsal
 Tue 4th Infant Nativity afternoon performance 1.15pm
 Wed 5th Infant Nativity evening performance 6pm
 Tue 11th Carol Service 6pm
 Wed 12th Carol Service 6pm
 Fri 14th Years 3 & 4 Party/Dinner
 Years 5 & 6 Party
 Tue 18th Infant Party
 Wed 19th **TERM ENDS 1.00PM**
(NO SCHOOL BUS)

Yours faithfully,

K.M.Hinshaw
 Headteacher

