Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool

Monday, 01 July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a fantastic Sports Day. It was lovely to see you all there, the children and staff had a great day. I got some very positive feedback from parents and carers so I feel you had a great day too!

INSET reminder:
A reminder that we have an INSET afternoon scheduled for staff training – this is on Wednesday 17th July. It is for the afternoon only, children need to come to school as normal for the morning but will need to be collected by 12.00. The staff training is supporting a pilot project link with SEMHIT (Social Emotional and Mental Health Inclusion Team) in the field of 'Trauma Informed Schools'. This training has a mental health focus and will further strengthen our home school links as we enhance our priority of 'wellbeing of all'.
For more information on the Trauma Informed Schools approach please see the following website:
https://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/

Mrs de la Cloche returns:
Mrs de la Cloche is returning to school following a maternity leave. She will be joining us for the remainder of the term and then in September 2019 she will take year 1 as class teacher.

Dance World Cup 2019:
As you may know from our Facebook post, Luna is currently attending the Dance World Cup in Braga, Northern Portugal. She is representing Jersey along with 6000+ other dancers from 50 countries. We wish her the best of luck.

Go Wild Gorillas:
Our fund raising running total to date is £421.35, we are almost there. Thank you to those who donated. As a final fund raiser we will have an end of term non uniform, this will be on Friday 19th July. As previously, we would ask for a donation of 50p.

Summer Fete:
This year's summer fete is being held on Saturday 13th July, 11am-4pm. The PTA do a great job of co-ordinating this event, it takes a lot of planning, if you want to support by volunteering for part of the day please speak to Mrs Serinet, Mrs da Silva, Mrs Hawkins or Ms Chapman. Volunteering on the day would also be extremely helpful, set up time will start at 9am, if you could offer to support for a 2 hour slot that would be much appreciated, again please speak to the PTA about this.
Donations are needed for the following:
Raffle prizes, Cake Stall, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, and Tins.

Caring Cooks Yr 6 Tea Party:
On Friday 12th July, yr 6 will be hosting a parent/carer tea party. They are inviting their parents/carers to a tea party where they will prepare and serve the food, all under the guidance of Mrs Higo from Caring Cooks. I am sure this will be a great success and hope yr 6 parents/carers will be able to attend.

Jersey Sings (y3, 4, 5 and 6) Thursday 20TH June:
The Jersey Sings performance was amazing. I was really proud of the choir, the effort was tremendous, in some very chilly conditions. One of our pupils was lucky enough to have a go on Elliott Morris' guitar, got his autograph and a handshake!

Jersey Child Care Trust:
A reminder that the Jersey Child Care Trust has launched a competition for all budding artists to illustrate a children's book written by a local writer. The designs are being collected from school on Wednesday 10th July so please make sure you get your entry in before then.

ECOF Volunteer Readers:
You may have seen in the JEP on Wednesday a report about the visit we had from Sam Mezec, Minister for Children and Housing. He wanted to undertake a volunteer reading session. The yr 3 children chosen to share with Mr Mezec what a usual ECOF volunteer reading sessions is like, did really well. We have many children who benefit from the opportunity to read to a community or corporate volunteer, the children really enjoy these sessions, if you would like to volunteer for this scheme please do get in touch, we can give you more information.

Summer Holiday Cycling Proficiency Courses for year 6:
This training is co-ordinated by Philip Blake (Road Safety Officer). Children must be 10 years old to attend, have a roadworthy bike and a cycle helmet. The course fee is £25. More information is available from: https://jerseysaferoads.com/cycling/training/

INSET dates:
These are dates for whole school training and the school is not open.
Wednesday 4th Sept 2019, Thurs 12th Sept 2019, Monday 23rd September 2019, Tues 5th May 2020
Up and Coming Dates:
Thurs 4th July and Fri 5th July – Yr 6 transition days
Sat 13th July, 11am-4pm – Summer Fete
Mon 15th July – Whole School Beach Day
Tues 16th July – Yr 6 BBQ
Thurs 18th July pm – Yr 6 Leavers assembly

Katy da Silva:
Katy da Silva (Family Support Worker) will be offering a morning catch up session as some parents/carers have suggested that this would be a good time for them. This will run from a Tuesday to a Friday, once I have the week confirmed I will let you know.

Appointments:
Please be aware that if your child has an appointment we do need to see a copy of the appointment letter or the text reminder that was sent confirming the date and time. School attendance is mandatory and as such I need to ensure that registers are kept as an accurate document, absences including those to attend appointments must be noted. I appreciate your support with this.

Recycled Resources:
Thank you to those who have donated soft drink cans – we are almost there!
Please keep sending them in, we need over 150 to ensure the children can all make a feather for the winged sculpture. Please can you make sure they are clean, washed, uncrushed soft drink cans. Please drop these off at the main office where there will be a collection point.

Professional Partner Visit:
Mrs Maggie Eldridge-Mrotzek, our professional partner, has scheduled her next visits for the following dates:
Mon 15th July drop in visit to our beach day, Thursday 18th July 9.00-12.30
She is our link to the department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES). Her role is to support and guide the school but also to evaluate, scrutinize and ensure we are compliant with Department policy.

No Smoking Site:
Just a reminder that Grands Vaux School is a no smoking zone. Unfortunately Mr Harper has had to clear several cigarette butts from the school grounds. I would ask that you refrain from smoking on the school premises.

Traffic on school site:
As I am sure you appreciate when driving on the school grounds we ask that you drive slowly and with due care and attention. This is particularly important during drop off and pick up as the school site can become very busy.

Start to school day reminder:
School opens at 8.30am each day. All children up to and including Year 4 arriving before 8.30am MUST be supervised by a parent or carer. No supervision is available until 8.30am. Despite reminders and conversations directly with parents/carers there is still an issue with children being dropped off early. My only option may be to keep the front door locked until 8.30am when staff are available to supervise.

Updated Parental Consents Form:
A request for an updated Parental Consent form will already have been sent to you with a deadline return of Friday 24th May, this has been extended for a second time to Friday 19th July. Please could you kindly complete this form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you require an additional copy please make contact with the school office.

Communication:
Please continue to access our Facebook page and website to keep up to date, both of these platforms are updated regularly.
Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life. All at Grands Vaux Primary School are committed to the well-being of your child/ren so if we can help please let us know.

Kind regards

M.M.McCool

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher