



# Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



Tuesday, 13 September 2022

**Dear Parent or Guardian,**

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

During this period of mourning for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II we have endeavoured to meet the fine balance of being respectful in an age appropriate way alongside the comfort of normal routines and expectations.

## **Public Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Following the decision by the States Assembly, Monday 19th September has been declared a Public Holiday. This decision has been taken to allow Islanders to commemorate the funeral of the late Queen.

All Government-maintained schools and colleges will therefore close for the day. School will re-open as usual on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.

## **Amendment to term dates:**

An adjustment to term dates – school is closed to children on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, therefore, the Autumn Half-term holiday begins for children on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## **INSET 22-23 (school is closed to children on these dates):**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## **Map of Wonders:**

Invite to a free family-friendly exhibition at **ArtHouse Jersey at Capital House**. The Exhibition runs: **Friday 16 September - Sunday 2 October 2022**.

**Opening times:** Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am-6pm, Sunday 10.30am-5pm (Closed Mondays).

**Address:** 8 Church Street, St. Helier (next to the town church and opposite the Royal square).

There are also **FREE family sessions** including **Storytelling** that you can book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/map-of-wonders-family-storytelling-sessions-tickets-40460905577?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

And three **Art Workshops** you can book here:

[Fantastical Beasts Masks](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-map-of-wonders-fantastical-beasts-art-workshop-family-session-tickets-404711742717?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

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[Ocean Fish Chimes](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-map-of-wonders-ocean-explore-art-workshop-family-session-tickets-404718623297?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

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[Weaving a Seascape](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-map-of-wonders-weaving-a-seascape-art-workshop-family-session-tickets-404722775717?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

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## **Jersey Youth Choir (year 5 and 6):**

Funding has been secured via the Health and Social Recovery Fund to establish a brand new, inclusive youth choir for young people between Year 5 and Year 12. This is the first free choir to be available to all children and young people across Jersey for some time.

Music will cover a wide range of modern and engaging pieces. The choir will be hosted at Chateau Vermont with the kind permission of the Jersey Music Academy and young people will be led by John Bowley, the Head of Music at JCG. We will be seeking opportunities for them to perform and share their talents over the coming months.

See attached flyer for more information.

**Lost Property:**

During the recent INSET staff sorted through the lost property cupboard. Any clothing that was clearly labelled has been returned to the owner. All other items are now organised onto clothes rails. I have reminded children that they should come and check the rails if they have lost items. I now extend this invite to you. If your child has lost items of school uniform – shirts, jumpers, cardigans, coats, PE kit, shoes, school bag etc (I have a bag of non-school uniform clothing but do not have a rail available for this currently) I will make these available in the school hall on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> September, Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> September and Fri 16<sup>th</sup> September 2.45-3.30.

**Barrier:**

As you will see the barrier to the entrance of the school site is taking shape.

The opening times for the barrier will be:

**Mon – Tue:**

**AM** Open @ 7:35 Close @ 8:55      **PM** Open @ 2:30 Close @ 3:15

**Wed – Thu – Fri:**

**AM** Open @ 7:35 Close @ 8:55      **PM** Open @ 2:30 Close @ 3:15 Open again @ 3:45 then Close @ 4:15

**Saturday and Sunday (and sch holidays):**

Barrier closed

Access to the school site during times when the barrier is closed will be through a buzzer system that links to the main school office.

**Punctuality and Attendance:**

A reminder that our high expectations of attendance and punctuality have been reinstated.

A reminder of our start and finish times:

Breakfast club is available 7.45-8.30 £2 a session (which includes breakfast)

8.30am - Staff are on duty in the playgrounds

8.40am - The bell sounds the start of the school day

8.45am - Registers are taken – children are marked as late if they do not make it to class in time for the register

2.45pm – Nursery collection

2.45pm – Playground opened up as car park – please do not arrive before this time as the playground is used for PE and this will cause traffic build up.

3.00pm - End of the school day for Rec-Year 6

Children need to be collected promptly, obviously we are aware that there are rare occasions where parents/carers may be late so do understand there may be rare mitigating circumstances.

Where attendance and/or punctuality, including late collection, becomes a concern we will discuss the case with our EWO (Mrs Frederick) during our regular check in meetings and we may request a parental/carers meeting to suggest an attendance/punctuality plan be put in place.

If you need clarification on any points in the newsletter, please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher