



Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



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Dear Parent and Carers,
Welcome to newsletter 17.

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The Tortoise Takeover - The small tortoise sculptures will be out and about from the 16th of June until the 31st of August. The map is attached.



Caring Cooks:



Children in yr 1-yr 6 undertake the Let's Get Cooking Programme with Caring Cooks. The Let's Get Cooking Programme is a cross curricular and progressive skills based programme for primary schools in Jersey, which teaches children the fundamentals of nutrition and how to prepare simple meals from scratch - a key

skill in living a healthy lifestyle. As part of our agreement with the charity, Caring Cooks, we undertake an awareness raising day. Our awareness raising day this year is going to be a

Vegetable/Fruit dress up day and is being held on Wednesday 28th June. We are asking for a donation for our dress as Vegetable/Fruit day – the proceeds raised from this day will go to the charity and will support future Caring Cooks work.



DATES:

Beach Day @ Greve de Lecq – Fri 30th June

External yr 6 secondary transition days - Thurs 6th and Fri 7th July

Internal Transition day @ Grands Vaux School – Thurs 6th July

End of year reports out to parents and carers – Fri 14th July

Yr 6 leavers BBQ – Tues 18th July

Sports Day - Weds 19th July

Yr 6 leavers assb – Thurs 20th July – 1.30pm

INSET Dates - Wednesday 27 March 2024, Friday 24 May 2024 - school closed to the children

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.

Attendance Policy:

Just as a reminder the department expectations are as follows:

95% and above is the minimum expected attendance

95%-91% attendance and punctuality is concerning - school to monitor, consider appropriateness of an attendance plan

90%-86% school to initiate an attendance plan, consider Family Support Worker involvement, Early Help or EBNA assessment

85% school to inform parents/carers that a request for involvement of the Educational Welfare Team will be submitted.

85% attendance equates to 29 days of school missed, that is approximately 6 weeks and equals 180 missed lessons.

Summer Reading Challenge:

Last year, in Jersey, over 2,000 children joined the Challenge.

How it works:

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a collector folder.
- They borrow 6 books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives.
- Library staff and volunteers help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library.
- Children who complete their Challenge are presented with a certificate, a medal and a complimentary Aquasplash swim pass each.
- Children can take part online, too!

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Join a workshop to help create a new Inclusion Charter for Education and Early Years:

The Government is inviting parents, and those working in education and early years to participate in free workshops to build a new Inclusion Charter for Education and Early Years in Jersey.

All children and young people on our island have the right to reach their full potential and feel included. To do this, the entire community needs to



work together to support them.

The Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (CYPES) is creating a Vision and Charter for Inclusive Education and Early Years in Jersey.

The Charter will comprise principles that will help everyone who works with children and young people understand how to best support all children and young people and ensure they feel involved.

Parents, practitioners, and anyone who is interested can sign up for any one of the free workshops in the coming month.

During the workshops, participants will discuss and explore practical solutions to ensure all children and young people feel included and help develop the content of the Inclusion Charter.

To book a place please follow the below links:

[Monday 19th June – 12 – 2pm – Eagle Lab, Jersey Library](#)

[Saturday 24th June – 10:00 – 12:00pm – St Pauls Centre](#)

You can book a place using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/inclusion-vision-and-charter-workshops-2102929>

St Helier Repair Café (reminder):

Janvrin School will be hosting the St. Helier Repair Cafe every month. A repair cafe is a place for people to come along to get faulty and broken belongings fixed for free. Run by volunteers, the idea is to learn from others how to repair everyday items and develop environmental awareness by trying to avoid throwing things away.

Examples of items for repair could include kitchen electrical items, hi-fi and music equipment, electronics, toys, coats, bags, clothes and school uniforms, bicycles and e-bikes, clocks, garden equipment, TV's and many other things.

We would also love to hear from you if you have skills you would be willing to share as a volunteer. We are looking for people who can sew and use a sewing machine, fix electrical and electronic items, fix bicycles or have any other repair skills that they think would be beneficial.

Please contact Max Livesey, Janvrin School's computing teacher for any more information on 07829786229 or maxlivesey@googlemail.com

The Repair Café will then run 9.30-1pm on each of the following dates at Janvrin School:

- 24th June
- 29th July
- 19th August
- 29th September
- 28th October
- 25th November
- 16th December

Children and Families Hub Programme Offers (reminders):

Play and Connect Monthly Drop in Session

Discover how play and connection can promote positive mental health for your children and teens

Join practitioners from CAMHS Early Intervention team, Mind Jersey and the Children and Families Hub to learn about play and discuss any concerns or worries you may have about your child's development or mental health.

Who is it for? For parents, carers and their children up to 18 years old

Please note that you can attend alone, without your child.

When is it happening? The last Tuesday of every month, 12:30 – 14:30

How can I take part? Please feel free to drop into The Bridge on the above date and time, or for more information contact the Children and Families Hub team on 01534 519000, or email childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je.

Topic: Dealing with disobedience

Parenting can be difficult at times especially when children just don't do as they are told. This group will give you the opportunity to meet other parents to share some of your experiences and ideas with and learn some positive parenting suggestions to help you manage difficult behaviours and help your child to accept limits and boundaries.

Who is it for? For parents and carers of 2 – 12 year olds

When is it happening? Tuesday 11th July, at The Bridge from 18:00 – 20:00

How can I take part? To join, contact the Children and Families Hub team on 01534 519000, or email childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je.

Topic: Reducing family conflict

Conflict between parents and teenagers can be upsetting and stressful. This group will give you the opportunity to meet other parents to share some of your experiences and ideas with and learn some positive parenting suggestions to help manage fighting and arguing.

Who is it for? For parents and carers of 12-18 year olds

When is it happening? Tuesday 20th June, at St Helier Library from 18:00 – 20:00

How can I take part? To join, contact the Children and Families Hub team on 01534 519000, or email childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je.

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

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher

