



Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



Thursday, 20 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be our last newsletter of the academic year. We say goodbye to our year 6 cohort as they move onto secondary school – we wish them well. Their end of year assembly today was fantastic. They did a great job!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Dymond-Long, she is returning to England. I am sure you will join me in saying thank you and good luck with this next chapter.

As our new reception parents and carers already know, we have appointed Mr Hayward as our new Reception teacher Sept 23. He joins our school from the Falkland Islands where he has been teaching for the past 2 years. Previously Mr Hayward has taught in International Schools in Luxemburg and Santiago as well as teaching in England. He has a keen interest in the Environment and Outdoor Learning and is looking forward to accessing our Forest School as he is trained in both Forest School and Beach School.



Crabbe:

A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support the year 5 and 6 residentials. Without this extra support these most valuable trips could not go ahead.

PTA:

Please be advised that following the last PTA meeting 6.6.23 Miss O'Connor has formally resigned as the PTA chair.

Mrs Albuquerque (Vice Chair) has agreed to step into the Chair role on a temporary basis until elections for a new chair can be held in the Autumn term.

Sports Day:

Thank you to Miss Dewhurst and Mr Harkin (Jsy Sport) for organizing the Sports Day on Wednesday. The feedback from the children, staff and those parents that have shared their views with me directly, have all been positive. Please do let me know your views – we shall review what alterations we made this year when we come to plan next year.

Grands Vaux Website:

A reminder that photos of events held in school will be uploaded to our website – please do keep a look out.

Deputy Louise Doublet: (St Saviour, Assistant Minister for Children and Education with responsibility for Early Years and Families) Revisits:

On 11th July Louise Doublet visited to check how we were moving on from our experience of the flood. She shared a thank you following her visit – *"I would like to say a huge thank you for welcoming me to your school this week. It was lovely to speak to the pupils, but I understand that this has also been a really difficult year for them, their families, and the school whole community. Thank you for sharing your stories with me, and for all the support that your team provide to the students. I was very impressed with the homely feeling of Grands Vaux, there is a nurturing atmosphere and a strong sense of community, and such great focus and engagement. The children I spoke with were articulate and your oracy work is clearly having an impact."*

She also shared a tweet about her visit - <https://twitter.com/GovJsyCYPES/status/1679146289081237510?s=20> (this tweet)

Uniform:

Following the undoubted growing spurts that your children will have over the summer holidays and the consideration given to purchasing new uniform items please see a reminder below of the uniform expectation as in our school handbook. Please can I also take this time to remind you about labelling items - this does make it easier to return missing items to their rightful owners.

Everyday School Uniform - WINTER School sweatshirt. White polo shirt (with school logo). Grey skirt, tunic or trousers. Black shoes (school shoes, plain black trainers) SUMMER As winter or summer dress or grey shorts.	P.E KIT - Navy Blue School tracksuit or navy blue unbranded jogging bottoms/leggings White polo shirt (with school logo). Black/Navy shorts. Trainers.
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Secondhand uniform can be purchased from school for a nominal price per item.

ADHD Parent/Carers Support meeting

Thursday 27th July 2023, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Crabbe Residential Centre.

Tina Hesse, the Early Intervention Manager at CAMHS will be teaching parents/ carers all about the importance of self-care and will be providing strategies to implement it into daily life.

If you wish to attend, please reserve a free space here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adhd-parent-carers-professionals-support-group-tickets-673709873367?aff=oddtcreator>

DATES:

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

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



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:

- 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.



I hope you have an enjoyable Summer break with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th September.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. McCool'.

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher