

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Busy Busy Busy! So much good stuff going on in our school at the moment.

We say a very fond 'Farewell' to **Mrs Longman** next week. Maggie is leaving us for new challenges and we sincerely wish her all the very best. For too many years to mention, Maggie has supported our younger children – particularly those who find their learning a bit tricky – with care, passion and professionalism. She has lead our School Council and been responsible for inducting dozens (hundreds?) of external placement students. Maggie, you will be greatly missed and we wish you all the very best.

Thanks to you all for your understanding of how we've had to run our Parent Consultations recently, I hope you received clear communications from the teaching team.

Next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> is our **Deco Day!** Glittertastic! It's a PTA DRESS-DOWN DAY (Festive Outfits) for £1 per family...get those reindeer antlers out!

## **PTA Community Award**

I warmly invite suggestions from parents about their own children, or others, who are doing something extra-special in the community for the benefit of others.

Perhaps they help a neighbour, are a local eco-warrior, are committed to a charitable cause...whatever it may be, we want to hear from you about your child! We want to celebrate the good work that happens outside school. Nominations by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December please, directly to myself or the office. Thank you!

## **Golden Paintbrush Award**

We are delighted to launch our 'Golden Paintbrush Award for artwork completed by children out of school.

Each half-term, children will be given a particular focus; this term it is 'SKETCHING'. Their efforts at home in this respect may be brought in during the half-term and placed in the Golden Paintbrush Box (located in school). All efforts will be celebrated, but the best will be displayed in school and shared in a virtual gallery on our website. Awards will be given to the best each half term. All Year Groups can take part!

If you are short of art materials at home, we shall also be providing those to the children who want to take part – no-one will miss out with the chance to take part.

Thanks Miss Keogh for organising!

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### **Christmas Productions – Filming Next Week**

As previously communicated, we shall be filming our Christmas Nativity and Services this year. These will then be streamed, as live, later in December (details to follow).

On Monday and Tuesday all children from Reception to Y6 MUST wear smart school uniform. PE Kits / Tracksuits that might be needed for clubs / PE must be brought in a bag for them to change in to during the day. PLEASE make sure all clothing is named!

Your child will have brought home either yesterday or today an OPT-OUT letter for filming. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE FILMED, COMPLETE THE LETTER AND RETURN IT TO US BY MONDAY. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE THAT 'CHILD-POST' IS SECURE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FOLLOW THIS UP WITH A PHONE CALL. **If we do not hear from you**, your child will be part of our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you Mrs Prothero and Mr Le Blond (Mariane's dad) for all your help!

### **Un-named Lost Property**

We have an abundance of un-named items piling up which we can't get back to their owners. High-quality coats, school uniform etc will be placed on the railing by the playground to be claimed by parents at the end of school today. All children will be given the chance to view it first, to check if any of the items belong to them.

If clothes are clearly named, we really do our best to reunite them with their owner. If they are not marked, we really can't help too much.

### **[www.dauvergne.sch.je](http://www.dauvergne.sch.je)**

On our website are many helpful resources for our families for whom English is an additional language.

It's really very important that our EAL pupils maintain and develop further their mother tongue – it is a significant help to educational success and builds cultural capital. Please do not just read or speak to your children in English, if they are able to access another language. On our website you will find an EAL Guide for Parents and Carers to explain this more...we call it translanguaging.

### **Christmas Raffle Tickets**

PLEASE return any UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS to school on Monday, as we have sold out and there is still a demand. Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

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## Year Group Updates

### Nursery

This week we have been rehearsing our Christmas Dance Show! The children have worked in their Key Groups to learn different dances. These will be filmed and the link to watch the video will be made available to you at the end of term.

The filming will take place on Tuesday, please send your child to school in a Christmas jumper on that day.

We have also been enjoying learning about letters, how to write a letter and how to put them into envelopes. Please spend some time this weekend writing a letter with them for one of their friends at school. We can enjoy sharing these next week.

Talk about writing 'To' at the beginning and 'From' at the end. Ask them what they want to say, you can scribe this for them before encouraging them to sign their name at the end. Remember, all attempts at writing are AMAZING!

Please see the 'Pencil Grip' video for some tips on ensuring your child is holding their pen or pencil correctly.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ipcr\\_RcYVI0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ipcr_RcYVI0)



#### [Nursery/ Reception - Pencil Grip](#)

How to help children to hold their pencils correctly.

[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ipcr_RcYVI0)

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs Knight

### Reception

that these are also regularly recapped and practised at home. In case you have lost track of where we are up to, here is a list of the sounds covered so far, along with the formation rhyme to help your child write each letter correctly:

Letter sound	Formation rhyme
m	Down Maisie, mountain, mountain
a	Around the apple, down the leaf
s	Slither down the snake
d	Around the dinosaur's bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet

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t	Down the tower, across the tower
i	Down the insect's body and a dot for the head
n	Down Nobby and over his net
p	Down the pirate's plait and around his face
g	Around the girl's face, down her hair and give her a curl
o	All around the orange
c	Curl around the caterpillar
k	Down the kangaroo's body, up his tail and down his leg
u	Under the umbrella and into the puddle
b	Down the laces and around the toe
f	Down the stem and across the leaves
e	Lift of the top and scoop out the egg
l	Down the long leg
h	Down the horse's head to his hooves then over his back

There is also a great parent's guide for the Read Write Inc. phonics programme. Please access it by following the below link. (For info - we are learning the 'Set 1 sounds')

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team

## **Year 1**

We are all working so hard in Year 1 and this is producing great results. A few children have been moving up in their RWInc groups and proving that practice makes perfect! Don't forget...read,read,read,read...and read some more.

Our big filming day is on TUESDAY when we will perform our stunning nativity play in front of the camera! As you know, we are not allowed to sing but this won't stop our incredible enthusiasm!

We are continuing to learn the days of the week and months of the year off by heart. Most of year 1 now know the days of the week but not so many know the months of the year.

Please keep practicing at home.

Keep practicing number and letter formation at home - it is having a big effect.

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

## **Year 2**

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What a superb celebration we had this week, it was wonderful to see the children looking so smart for the wedding. We invited Reverend Shea in to conduct the service and decorated the hall, so it looked fit for our Christian Wedding. A big thank you to Matilde's mum and Kelly's dad for the delicious cakes, a fantastic day was had by all.

The children have begun writing a recount of this special day.

Please ask your children about their upcoming Christmas performance of the '12 days of Christmas' poem. We are speaking this, not singing it!

It's still full steam ahead as we move into December, please keep reading with your child every night, practise those spellings and try and access Mathletics as often as you can.

For those children who have not yet joined our 2020-2021 google classrooms, we'd really like to get the whole of Year 2 set up before the end of term. If your child has lost their username and password, please contact us.

Thank you, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

### **Year 3**

This week the children have been busy preparing their dance and poem ready to perform next week. The children have been working really hard to remember their words and dance moves but please encourage your child to keep practising at home. Ensure that your child has full school uniform on Monday, with their PE kit in a bag. On Tuesday, if your child is in a club – please once again have kit in a bag so Year 3 look as awesome as they sound.

Next Thursday is deco day for year 3. If you have any spare Christmas decorations or anything that is made at home, please bring it in to your respective class teacher—it will be very much appreciated.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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### **Year 4**

In Maths this week the children have been reading, understanding, planning and solving addition and subtraction word problems. The problems have had two steps to them and have involved numbers up to 10,000. At home, please encourage the children to have some fun and write or draw their own word problems. Then they can demonstrate to you how they solve them. They can be as creative as they want, but they will need to solve it too!

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We have some great journalists in the making in Year 4 too. This week, newspaper reports have been written all about the Viking invasion at Lindisfarne. Powerful vocabulary was used to describe the event and terrified monks and victorious Vikings were interviewed to provide the reports with sources. We are looking forward to reading the next edition of the paper, which will be reporting all about the wicked creature Grendel appearing from his swampy marsh and attacking the Viking Hall!

Many of the children are now taking up the Accelerated Reader quizzes in the mornings before changing library books on a Thursday. The great news is that now they could do the quizzing at home too. The children have log in's, in their diaries. The link to the quiz site is on our school website, under the 'Our Learning' tab. Click on the link that says 'Renaissance'...<https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/about-us/our-learning/> Please remember that it is important for the children to do these quizzes on their own without support, to demonstrate their understanding of the book they have read.

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## **Year 5**

What a busy week! We have been getting ready for our Christmas filming on Monday, remember to keep practising over the weekend, we want it to be perfect for our filming.

In maths, we are looking at prime numbers, can you explain to an adult at home what a prime number is?

In writing, we are getting ready to write a newspaper report on the Titanic.

See our achievers below:

5KL - Ollie, for working hard in writing. Ollie used new techniques to write his own newspaper article including adverbial phrases and quotes. Well done Ollie!

5L - Tyler, because of his huge improvements made in the pool. A few weeks ago he was a non swimmer and today he's dominating in the deep end.

5H - Edana, for always persevering even when things get tough. Edana is always willing to give things a go and do things to the best of her ability. She is strong minded, and well determined to push her learning forward. Keep up the hard work!

Remember all children should be wearing a coat to school.

Have a great weekend!

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## **Year 6**

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 6 - travelling back in time to Victorian times. Thank you to everyone, who made the day such a success by dressing up and looking the part, as poor Victorian children. The day began with an inspection from Mr Cooper, in the playground, and the children were made to perfect their posture by walking around the playground with books on their heads.

In class, the Victorian activities continued - focusing on the 3Rs and saying their times tables by rote learning; looking at Victorian poetry; writing their spellings on blackboards; sketching Queen Victoria and trying their hand at needlework.

This week, we have also been joined (virtually) by Kirsten from You Matter, who hosted an on-line session looking at friendships.

Ollie is the achiever from 6AW this week for his wonderful commitment to Victorian day.

Brilliant commitment to his Victorian day role, FABULOUS sewing and a brilliant diary entry!

Keep up the good work Ollie 😊

Charlie is the achiever in 6W this week, for being a lovely friend and for assisting his peers with their needlework on Victorian day. He has also been rehearsing his line for our Christmas poem and made a great improvement in his delivery of it.

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