

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Friday December 4th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Update

As challenges for us rise in the coming days and weeks please be assured that if there are any situations that directly affect d'Auvergne School or particular classes / year groups I shall contact you as quickly as possible, when it is relevant to do so. You may recall in March I explained that you should be able to rely on the information that comes directly from school, as it will be applicable to our setting. Please be assured that any decisions to provide any updates to you are done so once all the facts are known and are done so in consultation with other agencies. Thank you.

Parents, please remember that we would prefer you to wear your mask when arriving at school and you must maintain 2m distancing.

Christmas Production

You may have seen coverage of our production in last night's JEP. It is our intention to stream the finished production on the evening of December 17th, with access being available from 6pm. There will be a charge of £3 per family for access the event, with details to follow next week. This will cover costs and go towards a charitable donation.

Tuck Shop Friday 11th

A reminder that next Friday the PTA will be running their Tuck Shop.

Sweets are available at 50p / bag, but the **money must be in school by Tuesday 8th (3pm at latest.)**

The Great Grosnez Christmas Jumper Parade!

On Friday, 11th December, Grosnez House are holding their annual celebratory event, The Great Christmas Jumper Parade 2020!

On the day, children should come to school in their normal uniform with the addition of a fabulous Christmas Jumper! The jumper can be bought, or hand-decorated and house points will be handed out to the top three Christmas jumpers in each class. During the day, our esteemed judges will vote for the best jumper in each phase and the winners will be announced in the assembly at the end of the day.

There is no donation required for this House event and your child does not have to enter if they do not want to. We look forward to seeing all the extra sparkle around the school with those who do choose to participate. Best wishes, Mrs. Lawrence

Jersey Tutoring Programme

You will shortly be receiving information about out-of-school tutoring, to assist about a third of our school (from Year 1 to Year 6). This will assist those children whom we believe were most significantly affected by the lockdown situation earlier in the year, or those who require specific further support.

The tutoring will be undertaken by our teachers and support staff and will be either 1-1 or very small group situations (maximum of 3 children). As this will be a large commitment by staff outside the normal school day (before / after school, Saturday mornings, during the holidays) we really hope that parents support this level of commitment and make sure that children attend at their allotted time. More details to follow!

All Equipment

If your child has forgotten something, unless it is their lunch, please do not come into school. We request that you email the teacher directly to let them know that they may have forgotten a book, for example. We are having many adults turning up at 'the window' passing things over to the office team that children have left at home; we are trying to minimise this occurring.

Christmas Cards

All cards are to be in school by Monday 14th. We shall quarantine them for a few days and make sure they get to the recipient by the end of term.

We aren't able to send out class lists, so if your child is unsure of all their class names just get them to write a class set and sign 'Love from Freddy' and leave it blank to whom the recipient is.

December Maths Challenges

Enjoy maths through the festive month! A festive mathematical problem and challenge for every day:

https://nrich.maths.org/advent-primary?utm_source=NRICH&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=NRICH%20primary%20Advent%202020&utm_term=advent%2Bcalendar%2Bprimary

Take care everyone.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week we have been very excited as we have been receiving letters from a Christmas Elf! The Elf will be visiting us each day, setting us challenges and leaving us games and treats around the Nursery.

We absolutely LOVED sharing letters, thank you to all of the parents who supported their child to write a letter to their friend, please keep them coming!

We didn't expect the children to be so interested in letter writing and it has really taken off, we even have our own Post Box in the Writing Area now! Please find any opportunity to encourage your child to sign their name at the end of any letters or Christmas cards, this will really help them to be able to soon do this independently.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Knight

Reception

Our week began with many children taking part in our Christmas performance. We were super proud of their behaviour and performance skills, lots of smiley festive faces! At the end of the week we celebrated deco day by creating 'gold rings' as part of a whole school 12 Days of Christmas display. What an amazing groups of artists we have in Reception.

In RWInc this week our focus letter sounds have been: sh, r, j, v. we love receiving your home learning, but please note we will only be expecting them on Fridays - no need to rush!

As mathematicians, we have been exploring time. In class we have been discussing our school day, sequencing important events such as brushing our teeth and comparing day and night activities. You can support your child at home by using time related language such as: now, next, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Year 1

Wow! what a week it has been!

Your children were fabulous on Tuesday morning as they performed their nativity play in front of the camera! They did brilliantly and you will be able to see them when we live stream it at the end of term. The date will be given out soon!

We are so pleased that your children are all learning the days of the week and the months of the year! Well done. Please keep practicing at home if they don't know them yet.

We have been using '**Hit the Button**' this week to practice our number bonds. It's a game online that can be used at home (just put 'Hit the Button' into Google and it's Number Bonds - Addition within 10) so please can you practice this too and see if you can beat your score?

We're nearly at Christmas, just 2 more weeks to go, so let's keep working hard at home and school and then we will be ready for our break.

Miss Fage & Mrs Prothero

Year 2

The children did a tremendous job this week, with reciting their '12 days of Christmas' poem, in front of the camera. More details to follow as to how you can watch this, you are in for a treat!

We are beginning to assess the children this week, based on their learning this term. Please keep working at home on addition and subtraction, number bonds, weekly spellings, reading and handwriting. Your support really does make a difference.

After Christmas, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. The expectation for the end of Year 2 is children know and can use at least, x2, x5 and x10 multiplication facts. The holidays will be a great opportunity to practise.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

Mrs Andre Brown and Mrs Lutkin-Clarke

Year 3

This week the children have been busy performing their poem and dance. The Year 3 teachers, Mr Cooper and Mrs Prothero were really impressed with the final production and that is due to so many of the children working hard and practising their words and actions at home, so thank you for your support!

A little reminder about encouraging your child to read at home and to complete the Accelerated Reader quizzes (either at home or school).

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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Year 4

This week has been all about the times tables! We have noticed a marked improvement with the pace of recall of multiplication facts with all three classes. There is a real sense of drive with the children, so...Keep going! Aim for 40 correct answers in 4 minutes. Encourage time on TTRockstars too. Remember that the link is on our school website.

On Monday, in ICT with Mr. Livsey, the children were introduced to Kodu Club, a fabulous and interactive coding activity for the children create, build and instruct on the computer. We certainly have the start of some capable coders and programmers.

Thank you to those parents who have been able to offer time to walk to swimming sessions next term. We will be in touch about this once we have had all the letters returned. If you have not signed the swimming letter from your child, please do so as soon as possible and return it to us by Monday, 7th at the latest. If you need another letter, just let us know.

Our roving reporters have been writing about the slaughter of some Danish warriors at the hands/claws of the swamp creature, Grendel, this week too. They have produced some fabulous writing and we can see that they are all eager to see what happens next in the story. Well done to all our Year 4 journalists.

Have a great weekend!

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Year 5

Lights, camera, action! Year 5 had their chance on the big stage this week with a professional camera crew filming our beautiful rendition of the poem by Emily called Christmas Eve. There wasn't a dry eye in the house with all the children doing themselves and the school so very proud.

Christmas is well and truly in the air with the fantastic decorations created by the children during deco day. We all had so much fun and the school is now bursting with Christmas colour!

In maths, we are still plodding along with our topic of multiplying and in literacy we are doing so well with our newspaper writing.

Our achievers in Year 5 for this week are:

5L: Sam for constantly pushing his personal boundaries in the pool. He has gone from struggling in the shallows to swimming full lengths in the deep!

5KL- Jacob for working his hardest in everything he does. Jacob will welcome a challenge and not be defeated by it; he will use a range of strategies in class to solve problems. Well done Jacob!

5H: Ethan B, for using his initiative whilst learning. Ethan has shown independence and extended his own learning this week. He has shown great curiosity and a greater thirst for learning. Keep up the hard work! Super proud teacher.

Year 6

Another busy week in Year 6, with lots of hard work in maths, reading and writing. In maths, we've enjoyed learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers. In reading, we've been sharpening up our reading skills - working out the meaning of unfamiliar words in context, inferring and summarising. We have also been learning about how to use the subjunctive in our writing, as well as looking at the features of persuasive writing and how to get what you want!

In French, this week the children have been looking at identity and how they celebrate their birthdays in their homes and home countries - sharing how to say happy birthday in their home languages and in French. They have also been revising colours and learning how to talk about family members in French.

This week, 6AW are proud to present DARCEY as this week's achiever! She has made FANTASTIC progress with her Accelerated Reader assessment, showing that being a keen book worm pays off! Great job Darcey! Keep your head in that book!

In 6W, Jake S is our well-deserved achiever this week, for making good choices, showing great focus and enthusiasm in all subjects and making some lovely contributions to our class' persuasive letter to Mr Cooper!

Stay safe and remember to read x 10 and go on Mathletics and TT Rockstars!
