

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

We are delighted to see the children back this term, free of Covid restrictions in school. This means that we don't have to walk in particular directions through the school, we may have assemblies together as whole-school, lunchtimes can be mixed...we can have whole-school events at last!

For the time-being, we request that parents / carers still use the school office window for those quick messages / queries. If you have an appointment in school, feel free to come in and report to the front desk.

Introducing Tuesday Treats (for mums) and Fry-Up Fridays (for dads)

We are now able to freely welcome parents and carers into school. We shall update you with invitations to many workshops shortly, so you may get a feel again of what life is like in the building and what / how your lovely children are learning. In the meantime, you are very welcome to join your child in class at **8.30am** on the dates below, followed by bacon / eggs and a cuppa with me to discuss school life / the learning you observed in class. The sessions will conclude at about 10am.

These dates are for your diaries – more details to follow. (Year 6 can't be fitted in this term – sorry! But we shall see parents on a few occasions at other Year 6 events this summer.)

The arrangements for mums to come on a Tuesday and dads to attend on a Friday are not hard and fast – if you want to attend on the other day, that would be great!

Year Group	Tuesday Treats (for mums)	Fry-Up Friday (for dads)
Reception	17 th May	19 th May*
Year 1	7 th June	10 th June
Year 2	14 th June	17 th June
Year 3	21 st June	24 th June
Year 4	28 th June	1 st July
Year 5	5 th July	8 th July
Nursery	12 th July	15 th July

*Just to confuse matters, the Reception Fry-Up Friday will be on a Thursday!

Time to Pause Workshops for Parents / Carers

Please see attached a flyer in respect to a parenting support programme – run by the amazing Tina Hesse. I highly recommend it.

Children with ADHD

I also attach a flyer for parents / carers of children with ADHD, for a session run by Darren Bowring, Head of CAMHS.

Staffing Update

Mrs Wilkinson leaves us to go on maternity leave from Thursday 5th May. For the rest of the summer term, Ms Keogh will be the class teacher in Y5W. We wish Susie all the very best over the next year, with her latest arrival and thank Ms Keogh for stepping in fulltime to a class she knows very well.

Very sadly, we shall be losing Mrs Sweeney at the end of the summer term. She and her family have taken the decision to re-locate to England. We shall certainly recognise her commitment to our school later this term – a great loss to our community.

Additional Resource Centre (ARC)

I am delighted to inform you of the opening, in September, of an ARC at d'Auvergne School. This will be a highly specialist provision, supporting pupils with complex learning needs. The very small group of children will be taught by a teacher and supported by a team of Learning Support Assistants, in a very nurturing and inclusive environment. We anticipate that the children will also spend some time mixing with the other pupils in the school, where and whenever possible.

I am very proud that we have been chosen to accommodate and lead on this provision, which is a facility that has not previously been available in the Island. It is absolutely the right resource to support these children and their families.

AquaSplash Designing Competition

Please see attached a great competition that children might like to be involved in.

School Walk

A reminder that our School Walk is on Friday 6th May.

Adult helpers are required for all classes (from Year 1 – Year 6). Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to assist. Thank you! Let's hope the sun shines.

LAMBDA

A number of pupils recently took part in LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) exams. These are formal qualifications, that the children may now put on their CVs. Through training in Public Speaking, children developed their abilities to express themselves clearly, whilst also improving their memorisation and recall.

We congratulate the following:

Grade 1 Public Speaking

Tyler: MERIT
Skyla: MERIT
Adam: DISTINCTION
Jared: DISTINCTION
Santi: DISTINCTION

Grade 2 Acting

Lyla: MERIT
Anyah: DISTINCTION

Football

The Jersey Primary Schools' Easter Football Festival has, for over 40 years, been the pinnacle of the local and national footballing calendar. Players that have participated from around the Jersey and England include Harry Kane, Michael Owen, Rio Ferdinand, Graeme Le Saux...all aged 10 or 11 at the time. So, two new names to watch out for are **Archie H.** and **Ethan C.**, from Year 6 who represented Jersey over the holidays at this prestigious tournament. Well done to both....I'd be happy to be your agent in the future, boys!

French Successes

A big well done to **Arthur from 3D** and **Ava from 3B** for winning d'Auvergne Easter competition in Y3 - designing the best books about animals in French language. Congratulations to all children who dedicated their time to design the books about animals and write phrases and sentences in French!

Jersey Children and Young People's Survey

I attach an important summary report for Primary School pupils, undertaken in 2021 by pupils in Years 4 and 6. They answered questions and told the Government about their lives in Jersey. It makes very interesting reading for us all.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend everyone, I hope the sun shines for us all!

Kind regards,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

People have talked about Summer Term in Nursery being a golden time of solid friendships and outdoor learning ... wow, this week has certainly delivered! It really has been wonderful to welcome you lovely children back.

A little bit of admin: we are giving back you child's labelled **Puddle Suit** this week and hanging up the non labelled ones on the fence. We will then pack these away for next Autumn. We do not want to jinx the weather by handing back the wellies yet though!

Sun cream and hats are now needed each morning please - as the children are playing predominantly outside. If you could also have a labelled, little sun cream in the your child's bag - we can then help them re-apply during the hotter weeks.

Have a lovely weekend,

Team Nursery

Reception

Welcome back Reception! What a busy week we have had.

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the Easter holiday home learning. As we enter the final term of the school year, it is important that we work together to ensure that your child reaches their full potential.

This week we have introduced dinosaurs as our interest! We have explored various Non-fiction books that tell us information about things that have lived in the past, in particular dinosaurs and fossils.

As the weather continues to warm up, please bring **labelled** sun hats and sun cream into school and your child's teacher will store the sun cream safely until the end of the summer term.

Have a lovely week!

Thank you,

The Reception team.

Year 1

We hope that you had a good Easter break and that you are ready for the new term.

We can't believe that we are in the summer term already – where has time gone?

We are continuing to work hard this term and hope you received the topic vocabulary on Tuesday – all about **Food and Farming?**

In Maths next week, we shall be looking at length and height and comparing objects, looking at the tallest and shortest.

In Literacy, we are focussing on comprehension, understanding what we have read by asking questions. Please can you continue this at home by asking questions when your child reads to you each day?

We will be having our school sponsored walk on Friday 6th May, leaving school at 9am. We do need parents for this so please could you speak to us if you are able to help – thank you.

The Year 1 team

Year 2

What a super start to the Summer Term! The children have come in ready and raring to learn, we all clearly needed a break to recharge our batteries.

In Maths, we have been combining different combinations of coins and notes that equal the same amounts of money. Next week, we'll be solving problems involving addition and subtraction of money, including giving change. It would be helpful if you could support your child in a practical context when either popping to the corner shop and role-playing shopkeeper at home to practise using money.

We have also begun our learning about The Battle of Jersey; thank you to those parents who have already done some research at home over the holidays. We're looking forward to visiting the spot where the French soldiers landed on our Island in 1781. More details of this visit to follow soon.

We've had a very musical week too as we have all started learning to play the Ocarina, even the teachers! We're hoping, with lots of practise, that we will be able to perform in front of the whole school by the end of the Summer Term.

We are looking forward to parental support for next week's walk – thank you in advance.

The sun is shining (water bottles are needed every day), everyone is smiling, so we're looking forward to a super term with your wonderful children.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Fage

Year 3

The children have had a super first week back to school. In maths, they have been busy learning about fractions and are becoming more competent with counting in tenths and adding fractions with the same denominator within 1 whole.

In writing, they have learnt about imperative (bossy) verbs and have used these verbs to write instructions for planting a sapling tree, reflecting back on the steps taken last term when they planted trees with Mr Le Quesne.

We have spotted a printer error on the year 3 spellings. The letter 'n' is missing from the word 'often' in week 1 words. Apologies about this.

We had a wonderful time at the zoo on Thursday. The children enjoyed seeing a wide variety of animals and learning all about Gerald Durrell, preparing for our literacy focus on biographies.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Miss Banks and Miss Dunn
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Year 4

This week, Year 4 children became fabulous fish, getting themselves into and out of the pool at Haute Vallee quickly and calmly without fuss. We are so proud of the children who are being responsible and setting a great example as they represent the school, walking there and back.

A few things to help clarify and give advice...

- ALL Year 4 children are swimming every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
 - Friday is the only day PE kit does not have to be worn.
 - The children should come to school with their costumes on, underneath their PE kit.
 - Children can have a spare pair of pants and socks in their school bags (these are the things that are most commonly forgotten, lost or left behind!).
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- Please ensure hats and goggles all fit your child before coming to swimming.
 - On occasion, the swimming staff will need to swap some children around in groups or even into a different class. This depends on the levels of confidence in the pool. Your child may be asked to go swimming with another class.

For an ocean themed display in the corridor, we are collecting bottle tops and food wrappers (clean) in the colours blue, green, yellow, orange and red. Please bring in as many as you can in the next week.

This coming week the new spelling words will be using the phonic pattern 'tion or sion'. What do the words mean? Can you find examples of these words in texts over the weekend? Please let us know if you are walking with us on Friday next week, as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please get in touch. Our emails are below.

Best wishes,

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Year 5

A wonderful first week back! Our World War 2 day on Thursday was very exciting learning about what it would have been like to be children during the war. We were evacuated to a safe countryside location and learnt how to ration food and to make do and mend with what we had including sewing old clothes.

In reading, we have started looking at Anne Frank's diary and discussing how she felt when she first started writing and where she was hiding.

This term we will be writing our own diary entry as if we were in the war, we have started this week by looking at the features of a diary and imagining how we would be feeling if we were in the war.

We are continuing our chapter on decimals in maths, now focusing on adding and subtracting decimals, remembering to line up all the numbers correctly when using the column method.

In Maker Space, we have been learning how people communicated during the war. We learnt about Morse code and made our own light to share secret messages in morse code

between each other. Can you use the help guide below to create secret messages either by light or sound?

A ● -	J ● - - -	S ● ● ●
B - ● ● ●	K - ● -	T -
C - - ● ●	L ● - ● ●	U ● ● -
D - ● ●	M - -	V ● ● ● -
E ●	N - ●	W ● - -
F ● ● - ●	O - - -	X - ● ● -
G - - ●	P ● - - ●	Y - ● - -
H ● ● ● ●	Q - - ● -	Z - - ● ●
I ● ●	R ● - ●	

Please can we ask for parent and grandparent helpers for our school sponsored walk next Friday 6th May. We really require your help. It is set to be a really fun day out and you will be sure to get your steps in for the day! Please could you let your class teacher know if you can help as soon as possible.

Thank you for all the continued support. Remember to keep reading and signing the home learning books every day.

Year 5

Year 6

It's been wonderful to see the Year 6 children back at school, after a lovely Easter break, looking refreshed, recharged and revitalised and ready to learn!

In writing, the children have embraced writing emotions poetry and looking at a range of figurative language, including similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration. They have done a great job of assessing the effectiveness of others' writing and planning their own shape poem about emotions - noting down and developing their initial ideas. In maths, the children have been learning about statistics and interpreting pie charts and line graphs, as well as constructing their own.

The children have had their first introduction to Gaelic football this week, and we were so impressed with how quickly they picked up the rules and how well they did during their very first session. Year 6 have also been continuing with their rugby sessions, being trained by two Jersey Reds players, which they really enjoy and which they are becoming notably faster and better at dodging being tagged. Please ensure that your children wear their PE kits to school, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Children in 6A will also need to wear their PE kit on Mondays.

You Matter came into school, before Easter speaking to 6A and 6H, and this week talking to 6W, about 'Mental Health', looking at depression and anxiety and ways in which we can look after our mental health. We were also lucky enough to have Jersey Lifeguards come into assembly on Friday, to talk to us about keeping safe at the beach and in the sea. Achiever's assembly will start again next week.

We are looking forward to our school walk next Friday, 6th May, to St Aubin. If you would like to come on the walk, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child is wearing comfortable footwear, and that you check the weather forecast in advance, to ensure they have a sun hat, sun cream, bottle of water, or coat, if required.

Now that we are in the summer term, it is essential that your child is bringing a bottle of water to school every day, so that they are hydrated throughout the day. As we are now having more PE lessons and the weather is warmer, we would also be grateful if you could ensure that your child is regularly using a deodorant. 😊

Home Learning

Spelling: Unit 9 – ei and ie

piece, perceive, relief, deceive, achieve, ceiling, believe, receive, niece and tricky word: neighbour

Maths: A new selection of tasks on Mathletics have been set and keep practicing on TT Rockstars!

Reading: Remember to keep reading daily, keep doing Accelerated Reader Quizzes and completing Cracking Comprehension texts. Bug club is now available to you as well.

Speaking and Listening: To write your own opening to a fantasy fiction story, like The Secret of Platform 13. We would like this piece of work to be handwritten. Please feel free to illustrate it as well. If you are struggling for inspiration, there are some images of fantasy characters and settings on your Google classroom. Remember to set the scene (you could use some figurative language to help do this) and introduce your characters.

Key Stage 2 Assessments Focus: Maths, SPAG and Reading pack.
