

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

I am sure that the passing of Her Majesty will be met across our community with an incredible sense of loss. d'Auvergne School has families from all over the British Isles, Commonwealth and globe and whatever our heritage; whether we are a Monarchist, Republican or neither; I am certain that we are united in recognising that we have lost the world's greatest leader.

As a person Queen Elizabeth had impeccable integrity; she inspired millions, if not billions; she was dependable; she was patient; she managed incredible change with flexibility and open-mindedness. Her authenticity and self-awareness are attributes that we can only aspire to, whatever our background and opinions.

May she rest in peace and may God save the King.

Head Teacher's Comments

On a much lighter note, "**Happy new term everyone!**" It's great to be back. I wish everyone the most successful of academic years ahead.

To the children, learn well! To my colleagues, if you are in the first year of your career or, indeed, your last, I am delighted you're part of our team. And to our parents / carers, we will do our very best to support you and your families.

Supporting me closely this year will be **Mrs Wheaton**, who is now my Assistant Head Teacher. She also has responsibility for Key Stage 2. Mrs Lutkin-Clarke is our Head of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.

What a Start!

Honestly, I don't think we could have hoped for a smoother start to the new academic year for our new (youngest) children and for the school more widely. Additionally, our new Additional Resource Centre, called '**Futures**', has welcomed seven pupils. My thanks to Mrs Fernandes and Mrs Mason for their considerable efforts to get this exciting development underway.

We have hit the ground running and are excited to already be in the thick of new learning and experiences. Congratulations children!

LAMDA Results

Supported by Love Theatre in school, the following pupils have done incredibly well in their recent London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art:

Lyla Habin-Coles: Grade 3 Acting: **DISTINCTION**

Zunaira Zafor: Grade 1 Acting: **DISTINCTION**

Charlotte Rodrigues: Grade 1 Acting: **DISTINCTION**

Again, congratulations children! You should be very proud of yourselves!

Nursery Parents – A New Pilot Project

Towards the end of October, Nursery parents will be invited to join their child's Key Worker from d'Auvergne and your child's Health Visitor (from Family Nursing) in school. This will be a great chance to focus on your child's current levels of development and for all of us to get the best possible picture of how best we may be able to support your little one in the years ahead.

I am proud that d'Auvergne has been selected to be the school to lead on this pilot project, as I feel it will be of immense benefit to all involved. With parents, school and Family Nursing working in partnership, outcomes for your little ones will be improved.

Further information will follow very soon.

Shelters

For some time we have been trying to develop additional shade / protection for the children. We hope they like the new constructions; we have plans for 2 more, when funds allow. Mr Le Cornec, in particular, has worked tirelessly for weeks around school in preparation for the new year – thank you David!

Uniform

We already have a collection of un-named uniform items. These are mainly tracksuit tops and school jumpers / cardigans. PLEASE make sure your child's uniform is clearly named in an indelible pen.

We have allowed a few days grace in respect to correct school uniform. From Monday, teachers will be sending home notes (in an envelope addressed to the parent / carer) if your child is not in the correct school uniform. I am always open to a confidential chat if you need support with the cost of uniform – please don't hesitate to contact me directly if needed.

Punctuality / Attendance

Rachel (our Wellbeing Lead and Designated Safeguarding Lead) monitors our children's attendance and punctuality every day.

Support from myself, Rachel or the Education Welfare Department will be provided to those families who Rachel identifies as being frequently late or where unauthorised absence is high. We aim for 97%+ attendance for our children over the course of the year – this allows for around 1 days authorised absence / half-term (e.g. sickness / medical appointment.)

Holidays in term-time are not authorised. Any request for absence from school must be made in advance of any bookings being made, using a form available from the school office. Thank you.

3pm Finish

For all years except Nursery, we are now finishing at 3pm. As detailed in previous communications, this a year-long pilot and you will be informed in April 2023 if we are able to continue it beyond July 2023. I write this, as I know any change in school hours may have implications for working parents / carers.

Music for the Month

We aim to continually enrich children's experiences (we call this 'Cultural Capital'). In school this month children will be listening to the following music:

- **Zadok the Priest** by Handel
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- **You can call me Al** by Paul Simon
 - **Largo from New World Symphony** by Dvorak
 - **Dido and Aeneas** by Purcell
 - **Alto Sprach Zarathustra** by Richard Strauss

Behaviours of the Month

Each month, we shall be focussing on strengthening a different 'behaviour'. Children will be reminded of what this might look like for them in / around school but also at home.

Our first focus, for September, is '**Conducting ourselves calmly**.' We shall be encouraging children to move sensibly when in / around the building ...**even when no-one is looking**.

'Meet the Teacher' Evening

On Monday 19th September Year 1 and Year 2 parents / carers are invited to meet in the hall at 6pm for a short presentation from myself about the vision for our school. Following this, you will have the chance to hear from your child's class teacher about the plans for the year ahead. The evening will finish at 7pm.

On Tuesday 20th, the parents / carers of pupils from Years 3 – 6 will have the same opportunity: 6pm in the hall, 6.30pm – 7.00pm with your child's teacher.

For those parents whose children attend 'Futures' and are in Year 1 or above, you are most welcome to come to the relevant evening to meet your child's link-class teacher.

Home Learning Diaries

Your child will be bringing home their Home Learning Diary. These are **IMPORTANT**. It is a critical tool of communication between parents / carers and the class teacher. There is an expectation that the diaries will be used by adults at home to comment very regularly (ideally, daily) on their child's home learning. In particular, **comments on reading, spelling and maths** should be made by the parent / carer. These subjects are reflected as 'Non-Negotiables' in our 'Home Learning' flyer that is coming home today. This resource is designed to stuck on your fridge door to remind you what each Year Group should be doing each week. Some home learning has to be done (**Non-Negotiables**), some are **Monitored / Additional or Background tasks**. If you have any feedback on the flyer, please let Mr du Feu receive it (l.dufeu@dauvergne.sch.je). Thank you.

ADHD Parent / Carer Support Meeting

Please find below a link to book a ticket for an ADHD Parent/carers support meeting – where you will get the opportunity to find out what the Jersey Youth Service has to offer our children.

[ADHD Parent/ Carers Support group meeting – Jersey Youth Service Tickets, Tue 27 Sep 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

The Jersey Youth Service runs Youth Projects island-wide for all children and young people aged 9 – 25 years.

They have a number of community-based projects (one in each Parish) and also a number of focused Youth Projects, plus a targeted offer.

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- During this session they will tell you about the opportunities available for all your children (the general JYS offer).
 - The Young Carers project will be talking about what they can offer the siblings of children with ADHD.
 - They will also be taking you to the YES Project (which is just down the road) where they will talk to you about the Information and Support Services offered to children and their parents.

You will have the opportunity to meet with parents and carers of children with ADHD afterwards, for peer support and sharing of strategies.

Kind regards,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

We are delighted and privileged to welcome the Futures children and their family into our d'Auvergne community. All the children have settled in brilliantly and are quickly learning their way around our school.

As soon as class timetables are firmed up, we will be able to give you more information about when each child has their P.E. sessions. Please keep an eye on your email inbox over the coming weeks as this is where we will be communicating any important information you need to know. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of our team.

We are all looking forward to an exciting term of building new friendships, learning and exploring.

Mrs Mason, Mrs Bailey, Miss Norman & Miss Fern

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Nursery

How wonderful to welcome in our shiny new learners to Nursery. The boys and girls have done you parents proud this week. They have explored, shared and above all PLAYED beautifully.

Next week will be slightly busier and a little more noisy – but the children are ready.

Please email me or bring in a family photo so we can have a small amount of you guys with us every day. Also, if you haven't already – please sign up to Tapestry.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

What a great start to life in Reception! We're looking forward to seeing them develop their independence and resilience as they embark on their journey through d'Auvergne.

We will be taking the next few weeks to truly get to know you and your children, their passions and interests and develop a strong home school link. With that in mind, your children will be bringing home a d'Auvergne school planner; this will be used as a form of communication and a place to record all home learning. These planners must be signed each week by yourselves and kept in their d'Auvergne book bag as we will be checking them daily.

Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to come into school independently; this will promote a quicker and settled start to their day. Please ensure they only bring what is absolutely necessary to school and are able to carry their belongings independently.

Each day, they need:

- **A navy d'Auvergne drawstring bag with a change of clothes** (This will be kept at school unless they've had an accident and need a fresh change of clothes.)
- **A d'Auvergne bookbag** (with school planner inside)
- **A lunch bag**
- **A water bottle**
- **A snack pot containing fresh fruit or vegetables.**

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BELONGING TO YOUR CHILD!

Next week, we will be talking about ourselves and our families. Please could you send in a photograph of your child with their family members. You can either pop one in their bookbag or email one to us.

Please note that Reception will need to be in their **PE kit on Wednesdays**.

It gets rather busy on the gate so if you have any questions or you need to speak with us about a worry or concern, then please send us an email and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your support. We are super excited to be working with you to teach your wonderful children.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Hill

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Year 1

It has been a pleasure to have our children back in school this week, and they have made a great start to Year 1.

PE days for Year 1 are Monday and Wednesday. Your children should come to school in PE kit, on these days.

A couple of reminders:

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1. Please ensure that everything that comes into school is named. Property is the responsibility of the children.
 2. Please provide your child with a named water bottle, in addition to any drinks they have for lunch.
 3. Please don't send your child to school with a backpack. A bookbag is suffice.
 4. Snack should be a piece of fruit please.

Pre-topic vocabulary will also be coming home. It would be beneficial if you could share this with your child.

Next week, your child will bring home their homework planner. Weekly spellings will be stuck in here, to be practised at home. Spellings will go home on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday. Children will also start to bring home reading and RWI books.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert

Year 2

The children have settled well into Year 2 and are already working hard. We have been busy learning about our classroom's capital cities of Edinburgh, Havana and Jakarta and where they are in the world. We have also been practicing our handwriting skills and thinking about our aspirations for the coming year.

In Maths we have been writing about our favourite numbers and the different ways they can be represented.

We will be starting spelling on Monday, please check your child's home learning diary for these. We are also looking forward to starting our new topic!

Welcome back, we look forward to the year ahead.

Year 3

We are incredibly proud of the Year 3 children in their first week, for settling into their new classrooms and learning the new Key Stage 2 and year group routines for the day.

This week we kick started our Gods and Mortals topic, reading the story of Theseus and the Minotaur based in Ancient Greece. The children have dramatised it, retold it, drawn it, discussed what they would do in the place of a character, spread rumours and predicted! On Tuesday, the children all met Mr. Livesey, who will be working with Year 3 this half term in the Maker Space. He had them finding their way through mazes (just like Theseus) and next week they will be designing their own maze. We really have packed a lot in already!

Yr3 Home learning: Next week, the children will come home with this year's diaries. This means, the children will be starting their times tables and they will be given a list of spellings to learn. They will write in their diaries, which times tables they are working on and the spellings will be stuck into the back of their diaries. We will send out a little note to provide you with more details on this. We are keen to establish the routine securely, with your help.

Please do ask if you have any questions. Our emails are below,

Best wishes,

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Year 4

What a wonderful start back to school Year 4 have had. We have already enjoyed a fantastic art session exploring patterns, with Mrs. Willis.

The children were introduced to our class text: Demon Dentist by David Walliams and made some good predictions about what is going to happen in the book, and enjoyed becoming acquainted with some of the interesting characters

In PSHE, we looked at 'Being Me In My World' and listened to some different genres in music. They enjoyed practising numbers in French with Ms. Kruk and saying how they are feeling. In Maths, we have done a times tables challenge and are looking forward to getting stuck into Maths No Problem and counting in ten thousands.

Please ensure that your child is regularly using TT Rockstars, as by the end of Year 4 they are expected to recall all their times tables up to 12.

It is of paramount importance that you are reading with your child each evening and signing their homework planner.

Our PE days will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact us at the email address below:

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We look forward to the rest of the school year and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ms Watson and Miss Trigg

Year 5

What an incredible first week back in Year 5!

The children have settled in well and each class has spent some time agreeing on their class charter for the year ahead. We have each learned about our class cities and have begun art-work related to these. We have had conversations around our new topic 'Stargazers', discussing what we already know and what we would like to find out more about. This has influenced the start of our research for this half term's independent writing piece. In Maths we have looked at place value of numbers up to 100,000, exploring lots of different Maths resources.

We are looking forward to starting Maker Space with Mr. Livesey on Monday and swimming at Haute Vallee on Thursday. Please have a scan through the swimming checklist prior to Thursday's lessons, d'Auvergne swimming hats are available to purchase from Miss. Shurey for £1 a hat if required (these are essential for entering the pool).

Reminder that all laptops should be fully charged and brought to school every day, unless stated otherwise by class teacher. We will also be checking reading diaries for consistent adult signatures after supporting your child with home reading.

P.E. days for this term are Wednesdays and Thursdays (swimming kits on Thursdays).

Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher with any queries or concerns. We look forward to working alongside you this year.

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Year 6

A fantastic start to Year 6, although we have had a slightly shorter week than usual, the children have shown us incredible enthusiasm for all tasks presented. They have also shown us a high level of respect and displayed wonderful maturity around the school.

We started off our Year 6 journey with a lesson from Mr Cooper on how to tie a tie. The children all looked incredibly smart when they left Mr Cooper's company. Some children may need to continue practicing this skill as part of their morning routine. Until they are proficient in this, we are more than happy to assist them when they arrive in the classroom. Also please ensure that your child's name is clearly recorded on their tie.

This week we have also started looking at good examples of Persuasive Letters in Writing, explored Place Value in Maths, explored different sources in History to learn a little bit more about Charles Darwin (our topic for the Half Term) and refined our inference skills in Reading.

A few quick reminders:

- Year 6 Trip to the Zoo – **Wednesday 14th September**. Please check the weather forecast in preparation for this.
- Please remind your child to fully charge their laptop and bring it to school every morning (laptops are prohibited from being charged in school).
- PE days for this Half Term are **Monday** and **Thursday**.

We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 20th September** for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please email your child's class teacher.

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