

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

The school discos last night were thoroughly enjoyed by all! Many thanks for the great effort of the PTA and school staff team involved. The children had a wonderful time!

We are in full swing for our Christmas celebrations next week. It's so important that all children turn up to the event that are expected to take part in. **The children are relying on one another** to be at the Key Stage 1 performance on Tuesday, or the Key Stage 2 on Wednesday – both at 6pm. If someone doesn't show, it's not fair on the others who would be affected by an absence. Fingers crossed, both Portugal and England get the chance to play one another in the World Cup Semi-Final on Wednesday night, with the kick-off at 7pm. Our Key Stage 2 Service starts at 6pm but should allow everyone plenty of time to watch the vast majority of the game. School needs to come first, please. There will be a Retiring Collection, so some coins would be appreciated (most people only carrying a card these days!) – thank you.

Our Christmas songs around the tree will take place on Thursday evening at 5.15pm. This is a lovely event for the whole school – mince pies and hot chocolates all round!

Jersey Christmas Appeal

I am attaching an advert to any family who might need a bit of extra support this Christmas time. If you feel that you are in the category described on the advert, please either apply directly or pop in / contact me to let me help you.

Online Safeguarding Concern: Omegle, Chatroulette, Kik

We are aware of concern from some parents about websites which enable children and young people to meet strangers online, with no moderation or age restriction.

The most common of these are Omegle, Chatroulette and Kik, and they can expose children to inappropriate and unmoderated content.

While these applications are blocked on the school network, children and young people can still access them via devices out of school

Parents can access information about how to talk to their child about internet safety [via NSPCC](#). Information for children on what they can do if they see something upsetting is available [via BBC newsround](#).

Information on how to block specific websites and adult content is available for [apple devices](#) and [android devices](#).

Dogs on School Grounds

A reminder, we should be a dog-free zone on the campus. Thank you.

Breakfast Club Bookings

We appear to be lower than usual on Breakfast Club bookings for next term. For those parents who use this facility, please remember to book in advance – Mrs Rodrigues is looking forward to hearing from you next week.

ESOL classes for parents and carers in d'Auvergne:

There are still places available for parents / carers who would like to learn English as Second Language in d'Auvergne.

The classes will be run on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm from 11th January by the ESOL tutors from Highlands College.

The tutors can deliver courses on various levels (e.g., Beginners, Elementary, Business English, First Certificate), however, due to numbers it may not be possible to run all levels of classes, so some may be a 'best fit'.

If you are interested in enrolling on the free ESOL course in d'Auvergne School, could you please email Mrs Kruk (k.kruk@dauvergne.sch.je)

A crèche for the pupils from d'Auvergne will be available during the ESOL classes.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week, making decorations, practicing our songs and making the classroom look festive and glittery. We have also begun to visit the school library every morning to share stories together. Some of the children have chosen to take a book out of the library to enjoy at home. If you feel your child is ready to change the book, please just pop it in their bookbag and we can do this on our next visit.

On **Monday 12th December** we will be going on a trip to the airport. The staff will be taking the children through the process of checking in, going through security and collecting their bags at the other end. The airport have very kindly provided us with pretend passports, which the children have added their pictures to, as well as pretend boarding cards and luggage tags. We have been practicing being passengers on a plane. We hope that for those of you travelling over Christmas this visit will help the children deal with some of the stresses of travel.

Please also remember that we have a Healing waves session on Tuesday followed by our party lunch at the Aquadome. Your child does not need to bring in any packed lunch on that day.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Nursery

What a fabulous Wednesday of fun we had with our lovely **families** this week. The children loved showing off where they play and learn and were literally buzzing all day long! If you didn't make it in this time, please don't worry - there will be further opportunities for you to join us in 2023.

Speaking of inviting you in ... next Thursday will be Nursery's slot to **sing** around the Christmas Tree. The children will be singing at 13:30 and you are welcome to take your child after their performance. They are required to wear their d'Auvergne polos please.

Next Wednesday is our Nursery **party** - please bring the item of party food in that morning and the children can wear party clothes if they wish!

Have a lovely (snowy?) weekend - we are looking forward to the last week of term.

Mr du Feu & Team

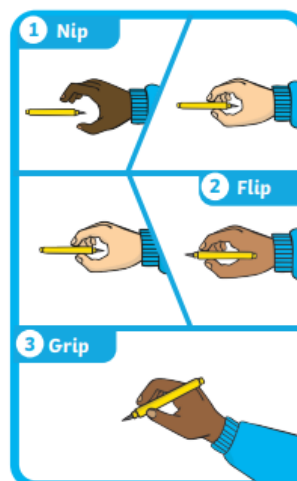
Reception

What a week filled with glitter, sparkles, and excitement!

The children in Reception have been very creative this week and have been practising using their fine motor skills with scissors and various writing tools.

We are encouraging the children to have the correct pencil grip and use the little rhyme nip, flip, and grip to support them with holding a pencil in a tripod grip. Use the picture to support your child at home.

As Christmas is approaching, we have been reading the traditional Nativity story and have shared our own thoughts about how Mary and Joseph would have felt when Baby Jesus was born. Ask your children if they can retell the story with you at home.



In Maths, we have been sequencing events, so putting things in the right order. For example, getting dressed – First put on your t-shirt, then put on your jumper and finally, your warm coat. Perhaps you could try muddling this up at home and see if your child can help you do this in the right sequence.

Important dates:

Wednesday 14th December – Children can come to school in their own party clothes. If you would like to include an additional treat in their own lunch box, then you are very welcome to. Please do not send in any extra food for the class.

Thursday 15th December – Reception singing around the Christmas tree. Children are to wear their full school uniform with red jumpers or cardigans (no PE kit)

We also ask that you provide your child with a tinsel halo like the picture here.

Parents are very welcome to come to the hall for a 2.15pm start.



Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Gina Hill

Reception Christmas Angels!

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Year 1

This week in maths we have been focusing on subtraction. We have been using the subtract by crossing out method. Using pictures, children have been counting the number of items and then crossing out the amount they have to take away to solve the subtraction problem.

In Literacy this week we have been writing letters to Father Christmas! This has been the focus of this terms unaided write. Children have thought about the structure of a letter, thought about questions they would like to ask Father Christmas and thought about what they would like for Christmas this year.

We have continued discussing The Nativity Story in topic this week and have carried out some sequencing activities on this. With Christmas in mind, here is a reminder of the upcoming Christmas events:

-Tuesday 13th December, Key Stage 1 Nativity performance at school; 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Please note each child can welcome 2 adults to each performance. Your child is required to attend both performances.

-Wednesday 14th December, Key Stage 1 party afternoon. Please provide your child with a festive lunchbox.

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- Thursday 15th December, 5.15pm, Christmas Carols around the tree.
 - Friday 16th December, end of term.

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Andre-Brown and Miss Aubert

Year 2

A busy penultimate week of term in Year 2! We have been busy showing off our writing skills in an unaided writing piece where we have written a sorry letter from Excitable Edgar. In maths, we have continued to work on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, please ensure that you are continuing to practice these at home with your children. TTRS is a great way to encourage children with learning both their multiplication and division facts.

We are so excited to show our Christmas performance next week! This week it has really come together, and we cannot wait to welcome you in for the Christmas celebration. Please note that all children **must** come back to school for the evening performance.

There will be no spellings sent home next week due to it being a busy last week of term, however, please continue daily reading with your child each evening.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week getting ready for the carol service. We have been practising our poem and carol everyday. This also needs to be practised at home over the weekend before the big night on Wednesday. .

We have been learning about poetry this week in writing. The children have learnt about an acrostic, a limerick and a free verse poem. Once they understood the rules of each poem type they had the chance to write their own Christmas poem. We hope they will share these with you.

In the makerspace we have finished our Pegasus game by making sure our codes are finished. Some children have also added sound effects to their game. Please encourage your child to show you their game and see if you can win.

During science this week, the children were able to carry out their own experiment. They were answering the question **How does the surface my car travels on, affect its speed?** Ask

your child how they carried out the experiment and what they noticed about the surfaces they tested.

Over the Christmas break we want the children's brains to have a break so there will be no spellings for them to practice.

As always, please do ask if you have any questions. Our emails are below,

Best wishes,

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Year 4

Another busy and somewhat more festive week, as Year 4 were lucky enough to have an art session with Mrs. Willis, making fabulous Christmas cards, using a blended paint effect. They also had a fantastic session in Maker Space making an Elf-sensor to stop naughty elves taking their sweets. They did this using coding and Lego and a piece of Xylophone, so any time their device sensed something going past, it would activate a block to hit the xylophone, alerting them to naughty elves!

In maths, we have been continuing to develop our understanding of multiplication and division. Thank you so much to all those parents who have ensured that their children are using TT Rockstars – we can really see a difference in their recall and confidence. The children should know all their times tables up to 12, by the end of Year 4, so please keep encouraging your child to learn them.

Rehearsals have been in full swing for our Christmas Carol Service next week. They are all sounding angelic, and we know it's going to be a magical evening. We have been also made something special for our performance next week, as an added sparkle to their performance.

Choir have also been busy, giving members of the public a treat on Thursday singing Christmas carols beautifully, at Grande Marche – what fantastic ambassadors for d'Auvergne they were.

It has been wonderful to see how seriously all the children in Year 4 have been taking their roles as monitors. It's an encouraging sign to see how conscientious and dedicated they are about having a job and how much they appreciate their rest-day!

Next week, we will be putting on a Christmas film, as voted for by the children, which will either be Elf, or The Grinch, if for any reason you do not wish your child to watch it, then please email your child's class teacher.

In 4T, Charlie Birch, is the achiever, for his energy, enthusiasm and overall joyous presence in the classroom. He is always smiling and ensures he is prepared and organised for the school day. Well done, Charlie.

Well done to super Santi, who is the achiever in 4NW, this week. He is an excellent role-model to all, in the way in which he gets straight on with his learning, without being asked, and always does his work to the highest standard and presents it beautifully. Santi is a fabulous learning partner and football coach to his peers - with the most incredible collection of football boots! He has been keeping the class well informed about how each country is doing in the World Cup, especially Portugal! 😊 Well done, Santi, I am proud of you.

Kind regards,
The Year 4 Team

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we completed our independent write about Tim Peake returning to Earth and his best bits when he was on the International Space Station. We all worked hard to include all the key features of a newspaper and exciting Alan Peat sentences including 'tell: show three examples;' and 'name-adjective pair-'.

In maths, we have learnt a range of methods for multiplication of 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. Ask your child to show you their favourite method to answer $48 \times 32 =$

Next week, we are looking forward to all our Christmas events including our Christmas Church Service on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm at St Mark's Church and Family Carols on Thursday 15th December at 5:15pm at school.

On Thursday 15th December, we will be having our Christmas Party. As part of this we will be letting the children pick a Christmas movie, below are the movies we will let the children pick from. Please let us know by Wednesday if you do not want your child watching any of these movies:

Nativity

How The Grinch Who Stole Christmas

Klaus

The Christmas Chronicles

The Santa Clause

Year 5 Team

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Year 6

In Writing, we have been planning and drafting our Victorian ghost story... Some of us have chosen terrible typewriters; some have chosen phantom photographs; and some are scaring us with terrifying telephones. The quality of writing we are seeing is fantastic!

In Maths, we have introduced division, remembering the 'bus stop method' for short division. If you have a division problem like $3/342$, your child should be able to tell you how many times 3 goes into each value.

In Reading, children have been developing skills of retrieving and recording information, identifying key details from fiction and non-fiction.

For our topic, we enjoyed (or endured) a frightening Victorian Day! Children paid 1p for their education, showed good posture balancing books on their heads, and practised writing using chalk on a blackboard. The day was fully enjoyed by all, despite us being particularly bossy. This led to some interesting discussions at the end of the day about how children's rights have developed, and how education is vastly different to how it used to be. Thank you to all parents, carers, and children for your efforts during Victorian Day. The children looked spectacular, and it helped to immerse ourselves into Victorian life.

Please note the following events taking place next week: that next Friday is the end of term:

- Wednesday 14th December 6.00pm – 7.15pm Key Stage 2 Church Service (St. Mark's)
- Thursday 15th December 12.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Party Lunch
- Thursday 15th December 5.15pm Family Carols and mince pies / hot chocolate around the tree (Wrap up!)
- Friday 16th December Grosnez House Christmas Jumper Parade

Home Learning WB Monday 12th December

Reading: Daily for 20 minutes. Please remind your child to record this in their homework diary.

Spelling: This week's spellings feature the **-ful** suffix. **Careful, flavourful, hopeful, deceitful, pitiful, beautiful.**

CEW: **Frequently, rhyme, rhythm, sacrifice**

Maths: Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars.

Achievers

This week in 6AW the achiever is Paloma. This week Paloma has carefully constructed some fantastic Victorian-style paper crafts. She has shown incredible concentration and detail, just like an inventor would! Well done, Paloma!

The achiever in 6B this week is Noah. Noah has demonstrated endless talents, drumming for some of the Christmas choir songs, and also helping the whole class in computing! He has been a great help this week. Thank you, Noah – keep it up!

The achiever in 6H is Lily for being a fantastic role model and ambassador for year 6. Her behaviour is outstanding and her efforts in learning are to match. I couldn't ask for a better year 6 representative who always uses their initiative and keeps everyone's best interest at heart. Great job!