

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 5.9.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Further to my message earlier in the week, a very warm welcome / welcome back to d'Auvergne.

It has been a great first few days, with new routines being quickly adopted by all – as you will see below.

We haven't provided a Nursery update yet, as they aren't fully at capacity due to their graduated start dates.

Congratulations – Pride of Jersey Nominees.

I am absolutely delighted that three of our team have been nominated in the 'Pride of Jersey' Awards – they now need your votes!

Firstly, your Chair of PTA, **Charlie Quenault-Walker**, has been proposed in the 'Angel of the Year' category for all the incredible work she does on behalf of our school community.

Next, **Mrs Rhian Davies** is a very deserving nominee in the category of 'Teacher of the Year'.

Finally, **Mrs Alex Wheaton** is a double nominee – and rightly so! Our Deputy Head has rightly been recommended for 'Teacher of the Year' and 'Inspirational Leader of the Year'.

COME ON D'AUVERGNE – LET'S GET BEHIND THESE FANTASTIC COLLEAGUES! GET VOTING!!

Parent Drop-Ins

I thank, in advance, my team for demonstrating a strong commitment to parent / carer engagement. You are all warmly invited into your child's class at the following time / date. The focus this time will be 'arithmetic'.

Once you have visited your child's class, you are welcome to join me in the staffroom for a coffee and a pastry – a chance to strengthen the Year Group community.

I strongly encourage Nursery and Reception parents to attend this first opportunity, as some children can be a little upset if a grown-up isn't there for them. Grandparents are very welcome substitutes, if parents can't attend.

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	Tuesday 14 th October	8.30am – 9.00am
Reception	Tuesday 14 th October	8.30am – 9.00am
Year 1	Thursday 16 th October	8.40am – 9.10am
Year 2	Wednesday 15 th October	8.30am – 9.00am
Year 3	Wednesday 15 th October	8.45am – 9.15am
Year 4	Tuesday 14 th October	8.45am – 9.15am
Year 5	Thursday 16 th October	8.30am – 9.00am
Year 6	Thursday 16 th October	10.45am – 11.30am

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

A few messages from Mrs Wheaton

OPAL

We hope you all had an amazing Summer in or off of Jersey. Those who stayed on Island were very lucky with the weather this year and enjoyed many days of glorious sunshine. If you have any buckets, spades, sand moulds or any other beach equipment that you no longer require we would LOVE to take them off of your hands for our playtime Sandpit. Please bring them in and place them into our OPAL container by the office. Thank you.

Jersey Premium

Should you have any questions or require support regarding accessing Jersey Premium, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wheaton to make an appointment.

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How our Jersey Premium Funding is spent at d'Auvergne can be found here:

<https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/parents-area/jersey-premium/>

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/ChildLearning/pages/jerseypremium.aspx>

P.T.A.

Next Tuesday, is our first PTA meeting, we would LOVE to welcome new parents to our team, as well as welcome back any previous members. Please join us at **6pm** in the Staffroom for a meeting which will last no longer than an hour.

Please see attached the dates for the year and below for this half terms events.

If you would like to help out at any of the events, please contact Charlie Walker charlottesmariewalker@yahoo.co.uk or Mrs Wheaton a.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je

Dates	Event
Tuesday 9 th September	PTA Meeting (1) 6pm 7pm in the staff room
Thursday 25 th September	Scavenger Hunt 6pm-8pm
Tuesday 7 th October	PTA Meeting (2) 6pm-7pm in the staffroom

Thursday 16 th October	Disco – Super Heroes – Come dressed as your favourite superhero. KS1 6–6.45pm, KS2 7–8pm £2 entry Prize for best dressed
Friday 17 th October	Dress down – pyjama day – £2 Come to school in your onesie or pyjamas.
Friday 24 th October	Pocket money toys/sweets £1 end of day sale – Halloween theme Visit the Quiet playground by the tennis tables table.

Other

Please join us next week for a coffee morning with '[Brighter Futures Jersey](#)'. Brighter Futures is a charity that supports parents, carers, children and young people who are facing challenges. They offer free support and programmes focused on parent-child relationships, positive mental health and well being as well as second chance learning and personal development.

Please email Mrs Wheaton if you wish to attend so we know for numbers/teas/coffees/biscuits!

The coffee morning will be held in the meeting room/music room depending on the response!

Mrs Wheaton and Mrs Lacy-Kerr look forward to seeing you there.



Year Group Updates

Futures

A massive 'WELCOME!' to our new pupils and big 'WELCOME BACK!' to those children returning. Although there are some slight changes to how we structure our provision, we are still the same team with the same enthusiasm for learning and play! This year our team gets even bigger, we welcome Miss Billie to Futures! More staffing means we can offer even more opportunities for all of our children.

I'm sure we'll hear about your Summer soon enough, but in Futures we are creatures of habit and look forward to building and establishing new routines. Our entrance for all children will be the door facing the 'bottom' car park (the same door we exit from at the end of the day).

You will receive a personalised email outlining when your child has swimming and PE. In the meantime, we ask that every child provide a change of clothing (including underwear) for those inevitable accidents. Also, a named water bottle is essential.

Finally, if your child requires medication – please take a moment to ensure that all medicines are up-to-date and that the school are fully aware of any health conditions. Please remember, that we can only administer medicines that are registered with the office.

Let's finish on something more interesting – those of you who have caught a glimpse of our new playground will be eager to know that it should be in use in the third week of the term. We are extremely grateful to have this new area, and it will make a huge difference to what we can offer daily. We loved the giant, sloping mud-pit but an outdoor swing, climbing frames and place to cycle is much more our speed!

Here's to a great school year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Mason, Mr Williams and the Futures Team

Reception

What a super start to Reception! We always expect a few tears but on the whole, they have been settled and ready to learn. They have been getting used to their new environment and building independence and making new friends.

Each week, we will share with you our learning in Reception and any information you need. Thank you to those that have brought in wellies and waterproofs; please ensure these are with us by the end of next week as we will be using our outside area come rain or shine. Spare uniform also needs to be kept in school including pants, socks. Please use the d'Auvergne drawstring bag for these rather than backpacks, we do not have space for these.

Next week we will be talking about our families, including any family pets! It would be lovely to have a photograph we could use as a prompt for discussion. These can be emailed to your child's class teacher (emails below) or printed and sent in with your child.

Reception and Key Stage One (Year 1 & 2) parents are invited to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 17th September at 6pm. Mr Cooper will introduce the evening in the main hall and the teachers will share information about the learning that will take place this year.

Thank you to you all for your support and encouraging smiles at the gate. Also, for your patience at the end of the day; we know it's busy, but we need to ensure the children are safe and are delivered to the correct parents. Next week, please encourage your child to come in through the gate by themselves so they can get straight on with their learning and meeting their friends.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Susie Wilkinson (The Reception Dream Team)
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Year 1

It has been a great first few days back in Year 1!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their first few days back at school, especially in their new year group. On Wednesday, we welcomed the children into their new classroom – starting with art and by completing our class capital. 1W made shamrocks as our capital city is Dublin and 1Mc made tartan sheep as their class capital is Edinburgh. The children have spent the first few days learning where the things are in their classroom, having chance to play through learning, phonics lessons, maths and our topic. The book we have looked at for the first few days of reading and writing was 'The Koala Who Could'. Starting

from next week, we will be starting our Autumn Topic (Paws, Claws and Whiskers) and our book will be the Tiger Who Came to Tea.

It has been a real pleasure to get to know the children and hopefully they have been coming home happily telling you stories about their learning. It would be great if you could please read with your children as much as you possibly can do and sign it in their homework diaries so we can reward for excellent reading.

A quick reminder that P.E kit is needed on Mondays and Fridays.

If you have any questions, please get in contact with us.

With very best wishes,

Mr. Worthington

and

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Year 2

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 2!

The children have had a fantastic first week back and have all settled in really well.

We have enjoyed getting to know everyone and hearing all about their summer holidays.

This week, the children have enjoyed some 'getting to know you' games, maths games and getting to know their way around their new classrooms.

They have produced some great writing to tell us all about them, many using correct sentence structures using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

They have also spent some time learning about our class capitals. 2A's class capital is Harare, which is the capital of Zimbabwe, and 2C's class capital is Madrid, which is the capital of Spain.

On Friday, we had a lot of funny during 'Teach the Teacher Day!' The children really enjoyed showing us their skills, talents and passions. Please see the d'Auvergne Facebook page for photos of the children teaching us their amazing skills.

Reminders:

- Could all children please come into school every day with a coat. The weather is changing quickly, and we would like to get the children outside as much as possible.
 - Children should be bringing in a fresh fruit or vegetable snack and water bottle.
 - Can all belongings please be labelled. This means that any lost items will be sent back to the correct classrooms.
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-Reading and spelling practice (which will start next week) should be completed daily and evidence in the children's homework diaries. Children will also have access to a range of different online learning sites including Mathletics, TTRockstars, Bug Club and Spelling Shed should they wish to use them to support their learning at home. Logins and passwords can be found in their homework diaries.

-PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Can children please come to school wearing PE kit on those days.

-From Monday morning, we will no longer be standing at the blue doors when the children come in. They can be dropped off at the blue doors and walk up the stairs to the classrooms. There is a trolley under the canopy with a number 2 on it. Could children please leave their lunch boxes on the trolley before coming into school and only bring their snack, water bottle and bookbag up to the classroom.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

Year 3

Welcome back and welcome to Year 3.

We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. We have had a lovely first few days with your children.

We look forward to meeting you for Meet The Teacher on 18th September where we will share what Year 'life' is like in more detail, but to give you a little bit of an overview of the term...

Our topic for this term is Ancient Greece. We will be exploring in a variety of subjects including History, Geography, Art, DT, Reading and Writing. Our class texts for this term come from the Beasts of Olympus series and will begin with The Beastkeeper. We will also be reading Leo and the Gorgon's Curse as a starting point for writing, our first piece will be a wanted poster!

In Maths, we will be starting with place value up to 1000. We will also be starting to learn and embed our timetables knowledge. They should already be familiar with the 2,5 and 10 times tables and this year we will be adding the 3,4, and 8 times tables to those they will have been taught. Please get involved with TTRS as this will help them to build their fluency and confidence with their times tables.

As you are aware, our PE days are on a Monday and a Wednesday. The Monday session will be taken by Rob and on Wednesday we will be inviting Helen Oliver from Ballet d'Jerri to d'Auvergne. She will be teaching the children contemporary dance. This is an amazing opportunity for our children and last year ended with a performance to the Ballet d'Jerri dance company.

We will also be inviting Charles le Maistre in on a Monday afternoon. He will be providing the children with a Jerriais experience and will also be immersing the children with learning about Jersey, this will include, games, stories, music and a little model making.

We will also be heading to the MakerSpace to work with the wonderful Mr Livesey, this will be on a Tuesday.

Just to keep you in the loop with regards to laptops. We are just waiting for the children's logins to be generated and for the laptops to go through their final checks at the moment. You will have received the AUP agreement and laptop letter which need to be read, signed and returned before a laptop can be allocated to your child.

And finally, as mentioned, we are waiting on a couple of logins for the children. Please ensure that your child has their planner in school daily so that we can add these for them as soon as they become available.

Also, a reminder that we dismiss the children from the area near the poly tunnel, and should it be raining, we will meet you under the white shelters in the quiet playground.

We are very much looking forward to working with your children this year.

Warmest regards

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton

Year 4

We have had a great start back to school and have hit the ground running with our learning!

In maths, we are looking at place value, and in particular numbers to 10,000. As part of this, we have been looking at adding 25 to 100's.

For example;

25

$$25 + 25 = 50$$

$$25 + 25 + 25 = 75$$

And so therefore, $100 + 100 + 100 + 25 + 25 = ?$

In English, we are making predictions about our class text for this term, and reminded ourselves of our writing targets.

In PSHE, we have been working on our class contracts, and we are beginning to build our class team.

Next week, we will be voting for our School Council reps. If your child is interested in the position, they will need to prepare a short speech, to be delivered to the class, on why they think they will be suitable for the role. This speech should be ready for Monday.

Some housekeeping...

1. Please ensure laptops come into school each day and are fully charged at home.
2. Your child will need to be signed up to Year 4 Google Classroom, as we be using this platform to support learning. Logins are in planners.
3. Please ensure your child reads as often as possible, and planners are signed.

Kind regards,

Mrs Andre Brown & Mrs Hyde

Year 5

A wonderful welcome back to all of our old year 4, now year 5 children! The children have settled in well with their new classrooms and routines, and we have seen many happy faces over the first few days of returning to d'Auvergne.

This week we have eased into our Victorians topic with some unique Queen Victoria sketchbooks, which should give off *ye olde England* vibes. We have begun maths, starting with Place Value, now counting numbers up to one million. We have helped the children to understand that despite 1,000,000 having 7-digits, the methods of counting to, from, and around these numbers remains the same. Similarly with our arithmetic, adding and subtracting 6-digit or 7-digit numbers does not change our solid column method which the children have already shown good recall of. As mentioned last year, it is expected that all year 4 children are **secure** in their times tables up to 12. While this may be the case for many, we do find that a lot of practise is still needed within the year group. It is **essential** that times tables are practised at home considerably.

We began our week with swimming which the children fondly remembered from last year. Some have already had the chance to jump off the diving board in the deep end of the pool! We were very proud with how they walked to and from Haute Vallee, and they maintained their positive attitude around the fun and challenge of swimming.

Children will come home today with their new Home School Planners. Shortly, passwords will be put in them so they can access online resources at home. They will also receive their spellings for next week. Each child should come home with a spelling letter, outlining **all** of the spellings for this year. This gives parents an idea of which spellings (and spelling patterns) should come next, so these may additionally be practised at home.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

It has been so lovely seeing the new Year 6 children settle so well into the busy and exciting few days. Despite it only being a three-day week, we have managed to accomplish so much already. On Wednesday, the children began the day by organising their things into their new lockers. They then had a visit from Mr Cooper who delivered his 'how to tie a tie' lesson (please encourage your child to practice doing their tie by themselves in the morning). We began our new reading book, *Secrets of Platform 13*, and the children made some brilliant predictions based on the front cover of the book. In Maths, we have begun our place value topic and continued with daily arithmetic sessions similar to last year. They have also been looking at different examples of persuasive letters in Writing, analysing how effective some examples we have given them are from a success criteria. Both classes have also had a session in the forest school with Mr George and P.J. Friday morning began with some beautifully prepared house captain speeches. Well done to those who took time outside of school to prepare their speeches.

John Muir trip:

Your child should have come home this week with two letters regarding the John Muir trip coming up in the next couple of weeks. One of these letters is an informational letter, please read it to make sure your child has the correct clothing and equipment during their week. The other letter is a participation consent form. Please can this be handed back to your child's class teacher no later than Friday 12th September for 6H children and Friday 19th September for 6G children. Unfortunately, if we do not have the letter signed and back in school, your child will not be able to join us on the trip. The dates for each trip are listed below:

6H: Monday 15th September – Friday 19th September

6G: Monday 22nd September – Friday 26th September

A few gentle reminders:

- **Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday this half term.** The children will have a Kickboxing session with a Kickboxing coach on Monday and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.

Home Learning

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Further expectations around this will be shared in our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday 18th September at 6pm.

Achievers

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Mikolaj. This young man has had an amazing start to his time in Year 6. He has not only cracked on with all his work, but he has offered his help to a range of other members of staff in and out of the classroom. Even when he has found things tricky, he has persevered and made the best of the situation. This skill of not giving up and carrying on when things get tricky is so important, well done Mikolaj!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Jake. His positive, enthusiastic and hard-working nature has been a delight for the first few days of Year 6. He has given everything his best efforts and has been commended by several teachers for his attitude to school life. This was encompassed by his efforts to go home and learn the tricky skill of tying a tie! Great job, Jake. Keep it up!
