d'Auvergne Weekly Update 11.9.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

A very warm welcome / welcome back to d'Auvergne, your school. I do hope that you and your family have had a great summer, with energy-banks now full.

The year ahead promises to be an exciting one, with much planned to further strengthen our standards. **Literacy** will be our significant focus, and we look forward to working closely with families to assist us in helping our children become stronger readers / writers / speakers / listeners. More details and support will follow throughout the year.

Safeguarding – Please Read

Whilst the education of our children is important, looking after them and keeping them safe is more so. If you have any safeguarding concerns about children or adults, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Maguire (our Designated Safeguarding Lead), myself or Mrs Wheaton. Thank you.

In the year ahead, there will be safeguarding matters that come to light – there always are. From the outset, I want to make it clear that there are processes that we have to follow with other agencies. These steps may be difficult to understand by affected families, but are agreed procedures. The systems may feel unfair, perhaps intrusive, maybe disproportionate. We follow them for good reason, but with a view to maintaining positive relationships in the longer term.

Mrs Wheaton – Congratulations!

I am delighted and proud to inform you that our amazing Deputy Head, Mrs Wheaton, has achieved her National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). This is a significant milestone in her career, and reflects her professionalism and knowledge. Well done, Alex!

Moving forward, Mrs Wheaton will be the Head of Futures (our Additional Resource Provision), whilst also remaining our **Deputy Head Teacher** (my righthand!) Her focus, beyond her teaching commitments, will be to the children / families / staff in Futures. This means Mrs Wheaton may be less visible / accessible to the wider school community than she has been but certainly remains our 'Second in Command.'

Mrs Cook – SENDCO / Assistant Head Teacher

I warmly welcome Mrs Emma Cook, our new **SENDCO and Assistant Head Teacher**. Mrs Cook has extensive special needs and whole-school leadership experience, and I am delighted to welcome her to our school. For clarity, an Assistant Head Teacher reports to the Deputy Head / Head Teacher.

Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm

We welcome all parents / carers of children from Years 1 – 6 to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm. This is an important event which we hope will be well attended. We shall meet in the hall with myself from 6.00pm – 6.30pm, then move to classes to meet teachers until 7pm. If you have more than child in school, the session will finish at 7.30pm, as you will have a chance to meet a second teacher from 7.00pm.

PTA

Our First PTA Meeting will be on Tuesday 15th
September at 6pm in the staff room. We encourage all parents to come along!
Our first PTA event will be later this half term and will be a Scavenger Hunt in the local community! This will be an event for all the family to take part in! Please watch this space for further information and keep an eye on our social medias (Facebook and Instagram).

Snack

We have had a number of children coming to the office for snack.
This year, we shall be monitoring who comes, and how frequently, and shall reach out to parents / carers if this occasional offer becomes a frequent one, so we may help accordingly.

Office Hours

A reminder that the Office is closed from 4pm.
The school doors are closed from 3pm, and access back into the building is not permitted. Children have to take the opportunity to go to the toilet before they leave school.

Absence From School

For **every day of absence**, unless acknowledged in advance, parents /carers must inform school. This may be done by answerphone, reporting on Parentmail, or sending an email to admin@dauvergne.sch.je. Thank you.

Netball Opportunities

Year 6 students are invited to a netball 'Come and Play' session on a Saturday at Oakfield, 2:00-3:30pm.
These sessions are run so that children who are not in the Performance Pathway can play netball in a fun and no-competitive manner.
Attached is a link below.
https://race-nation.co.uk/register/jersey-netball-association/youthnets-2026-2027

Additionally, Jersey Netball are running after school sessions for children in Years 1-6. Please click on this link for details.
https://race-nation.co.uk/register/jersey-netball-association/rathbones-after-school-netball-autumn-term-2026

Cycle Clinic

Jersey Sport will be doing free cycle safety checks at school on Friday 25th September after school, 15:00 – 16:00.

You can bring your family's cycles along to the school playground where the team will check brakes, tyres, frame, saddle, chain and all the important parts of your cycles.

They'll make any minor adjustments there and then and can give advice and answer your questions related to cycling.

Please make a note of the Meet the Teacher evening in your diaries.

Have a great weekend, and fabulous year with us.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures – Oak & Ash Classes

Wow, what a great start to the new school year! I am so proud of how well the children have settled into Futures. For some, it's a brand new school or classroom and for others there have been many changes in the environment they had become familiar with. Our two refreshed classrooms are now called Oak & Ash!

A few housekeeping notes, which most of you are already on top of.
1)Please name everything!
2)Wellies and boiler suits can be brought in to stay at school for wet weather
3)We will keep water bottles at school unless you have specifically requested they go home each day (we wash and refill these)
4)Please try to use the correct designated door to enter each morning. This keeps things consistent for the children and aids transitions.
5)Our P.E. Days are Thursday and Friday.

Swimming is not due to start back until Friday 25th September. I will send out a reminder about this closer to the time.

Our topic for this term is 'Ourselves', We aim to create a 'My family book and would love some photographs for your child to add to it. The areas we aim to cover are:
-My parents
-My siblings
-My pets
-My grandparents
-My extended family
Please could you email any photos you have directly to Mrs Mason at your earliest convenience so we can print them out and be prepared for the weeks ahead.

Finally, please remember, any questions or queries just ask, and if we don't know we will do our best to find out!

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Mason & the Oak/Ash Futures Team

Futures – Willow Class

We have a great start to the school year and have enjoyed welcoming pupils into Willow class. Pupils have really impressed us with how well they have adapted to the changes, particularly to their new classroom or school.

This term, our topic is 'Me and My Family'. For this, please can you send us some photos of your child's family - e.g. parents, step-parents, siblings, pets, grandparents, and anyone else important to your child. Please also send in a baby photo of your child. These can be emailed to l.england@dauvergne.sch.je
We would appreciate if you could send them by next Tuesday so that we can print them ready for learning activities.

Some housekeeping:

- Please make sure lunchboxes, water bottles and clothes are named to prevent them from going missing.
- We will be sending water bottles home each day so that they can be cleaned - please remember to send them back the next day.
- If you haven't already, please send in spare clothes to be kept in school for your child.
- We will be doing Forest School again this year. Please send in wellies and waterproofs for this, which will be kept in school.
- PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Swimming lessons will start on Tuesday 29th September.

Have a lovely weekend,
The Futures Willow Team

Nursery

Fabulous start Nursery **superstars**!

Well done to our lovely little learners and a huge well done to the families to whom this is often an even bigger week. **Great** job everyone.

We will continue to keep your child's entry into d'Auvergne as small or a large as they need and will do this with their own needs at the centre of our thinking. Thank you for working with us on this. We will try and make the **gate** the entry and leaving point for most people next week.

Anything that isn't answered at the gate - please email me on:
l.dufeu@dauvergne.sch.je
... and we can chat via email or arrange a call on the phone.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr du Feu and the Nursery Team

Reception

What a super start to Reception!

The children have made such a lovely start and have settled in really well. There have been a few tears at drop-off, which is completely natural, but we are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they have begun their Reception journey.

A big thank you to you all for your patience at the end of the day while we get to know all of your faces! We're getting there and will soon be experts at matching everyone to their grown-ups!

As part of our learning, we will be talking to the children about their families and the special people in their lives. We would love for each child to bring in a photograph of their family. This will give them an opportunity to talk about who they live with, the people who are important to them, and what makes their family special.

Just a little reminder to please make sure **everything is clearly named**, including shoes. This really does make life much easier for both the children and us when we're trying to find the right belongings.

Please ensure your child has:

- A change of clothes including pants and socks
- Wellies
- Waterproofs
- A named bottle of water
- A separate fruit or vegetable snack for snack time (separate from their lunch)

Thank you so much for your support. We're looking forward to a wonderful year together!
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Wilkinson (The Reception Dream Team)
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Year 1

What a wonderful first week we have had in Year 1! It has been lovely welcoming the children back and seeing their excitement as they settle into their new classroom and routines.

This week has been all about getting to know one another, building positive relationships and helping the children feel happy, safe and confident in their new environment. We have

spent lots of time playing, talking, collaborating and sharing experiences together, and it has been fantastic to see friendships developing across the class.
Alongside settling into Year 1 routines, we have been spending time getting to know the children as learners in reading, writing and maths. It has been lovely to see their confidence, enthusiasm and individual strengths beginning to shine through.
As we move into the coming weeks, we will continue establishing classroom routines, growing in confidence and beginning some exciting new learning topics.

PE Days

A reminder that our PE days are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days and that all items are clearly named.
Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, discovery and growth together.
Kind regards,
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Year 2

A very warm welcome to Year 2!
The children have had a **fantastic first week back at school**, and we have already learnt and achieved so much together. It has been lovely to see the children settling back into school routines, getting to know their new classroom expectations and enjoying being back with their friends.

What have we been learning?

We have been busy getting to know one another and establishing our classroom routines. We have:

- Discussed and created our **class contract**, thinking about how we can make our classroom a happy, safe and respectful place to learn.
- Talked about the **Zones of Regulation** and how we can recognise and manage our emotions.
- Completed a **jigsaw piece activity**, sharing information and ideas about ourselves and what makes us unique.
- In **Writing**, the children wrote sentences describing their summer holidays. It has been wonderful hearing about all the exciting things they got up to!
- In **Maths**, we have started practising our **arithmetic**. This is a daily 10-minute activity, beginning with six addition or subtraction questions, designed to build the children's confidence, accuracy and maths fluency.

- We have also been carefully practising **how to set out our work**, making sure our presentation is clear, neat and easy to follow.

The children also enjoyed their first **PE session with Coach Rob**, where they will be developing their kicking and football skills over the coming weeks.

Teach the Teacher Day

On Friday, the children had a fantastic time during **Teach the Teacher Day!** It was wonderful to learn more about their individual passions, interests and skills. We learnt such a wide range of things, from football skills and different languages to lots of wonderful creative talents. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share their expertise and take on the role of the teacher!

Upcoming Visit – Mont Orgueil Castle

On **Tuesday 29th September**, we will be visiting **Mont Orgueil Castle**. We will leave school at **9:30am by coach** and return to school in time for lunchtime.

If you are able to support us on this visit, please contact your child's class teacher. We would be very grateful for your help!

Reminders

A few reminders to help our mornings run smoothly:

- **Lunch boxes** should be left on the trolleys in the Quiet Playground in the morning.
- **Snacks and water bottles** should come up to the classroom each morning.
- Please bring **book bags rather than backpacks**.
- Please ensure that **all children's belongings are clearly labelled** to help prevent items from being misplaced.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We have had such a positive start to Year 2, and we are very excited about all the learning, adventures and opportunities that the year ahead will bring.

We look forward to a fantastic year together!

Warm regards,

Miss Aubert and Mr Henderson

Year 3

What a fantastic 3 days we have had in Year 3! The children have settled brilliantly into their new classroom routines and have shown enthusiasm and determination in all of their learning.

In writing, the children put an outstanding amount of effort into their independent writing. They imagined peering into a dark cave and discovering a fearsome, scaly green dragon surrounded by glittering gold and treasure. Using their senses, they wrote detailed descriptions of what they could see, hear and feel, producing some wonderfully imaginative pieces of writing.

In maths, we have been exploring place value, focusing on understanding how many ones make ten and how many tens make one hundred. The children have developed their understanding through the use of practical resources, such as Dienes blocks and Base Ten equipment, as well as taking part in a range of engaging games and activities.
In reading, we spent time closely examining the front cover of our new class text, *Beasts of Olympus by Lucy Coats*. We discussed what we could see in the illustration and made thoughtful predictions about what the story might be about and the adventures that could unfold throughout the book.
In history, we began our exciting topic on the Ancient Greeks. The children shared what they already knew about this fascinating civilisation and generated lots of questions about what they would like to find out as the topic progresses. We are looking forward to learning more about Ancient Greek life, achievements and legacy over the coming weeks.
A reminder that our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days.
Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another wonderful week of learning next week!
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Mrs Davies - r.davies@dauvergne.sch.je

Year 4
It has been lovely to welcome your children into Year 4 this week. We have had a fantastic week getting to know your children, and we have taken part in some enjoyable back-to-school and transition activities.

This week in Maths, we have started our new topic of Place Value, considering what each digit in a number is worth. A secure understanding of place value is key to many areas in maths and always benefits from consolidation.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsjqtfr

It is an expectation that, by the end of Year 4, children will be fluent on x12 times tables, and the children will need your support with this. TT Rockstars will help provide practice!

In English, we have started our class text Demon Dentist, and we have discussed our predictions for what we think is going to happen.

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.
4. PE will take place on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday in 4H, and on a Tuesday and Friday in 4AB. Please can you ensure that the children come to school in their PE kit on these days.

Wednesday, 23rd September; Meet the Teacher.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Hyde and Mrs AB

Year 5

Welcome back, Year 5!

We have loved getting to know our new classes this week and cannot wait to continue learning more about each other over the coming year.

This week, we have spent a lot of time discussing our classroom expectations and the kind of environment we want our classrooms to be. The standout words chosen by the children were safe, calm, tidy, learning conversations, and respect. Together, both staff and children will do everything we can to make our classroom a happy and productive place to learn by following our school rules: respect people, respect learning, and respect property.

In Writing, we have started exploring our new text, *Kassim and the Dragon*. Using the Talk for Writing approach, we will learn the text together before writing a class version and then creating our own independent pieces. This week, we discussed the question: *Why might someone ignore a warning?*

In Reading, we have begun studying *Oliver Twist*. We have been making predictions about what might happen, reading the opening pages, and answering comprehension questions based on the text.

In Maths, we have started our Place Value unit, where we are reading, comparing, and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000.

Reminders

- PE: Wednesday
- Swimming: Thursday
- Spelling test: Friday
- Arithmetic test: Monday or Friday
- Please, please, please read every day!

Further information about Crabbe will be sent out shortly.

We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 23 September.

The Year 5 Team

Mrs Harris and Mrs French

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Year 6

Welcome back to the oldest and boldest of d'Auvergne school! How tall they've grown over summer! We trust everyone had a wonderful summer. It's been a joy hearing about some of the adventures the children have been up to.

As soon as the week began, we hit the ground running with tie-tying. Very impressively, many children have mastered the skill quickly. Alongside this, we are expecting children to look their smartest including shirts tucked in.

In Maths, as you can expect, we return again to the basics of place value. Children are identifying and comparing values of numbers over one-million. Needless to say, basic number sense is crucial in this final year at primary school. Children should fluidly and fluently be able to manipulate numbers to the point of mastery.

Reading has us starting 'Skellig' - a curious story with a haunting feel from the outset. Who is this mysterious creature? Why is he eventually 'carried into the light'? Expect a lot of inference needed in this highly captivating short story.

In Writing, we venture into the avaricious dragon's cave alongside Kassim to ask whether it is worth stealing from a greedy dragon. Children have been introduced to the story and have explored the advanced vocabulary in it which helps create clear imagery in the reader's mind.

6G please be advised a letter has gone home about the John Muir themed week next week. There is a kit list so please pay close attention to the weather next week. If anything changes, we'll be in contact as soon as possible. Please make sure your children have plenty of food and water as it will be a highly active week. It's set to be an incredible experience to kickstart their ultimate year at d'Auvergne Primary School.

6B will be enjoying the same experience from Monday 21st September. A letter will be sent out shortly about this.

Please be advised that our PE days this term are on Tuesday and Thursday.

We look forward to an excellent finale this year with your wonderful children!

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