

Tuesday 17th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that your child/ren have enjoyed the start of this new school year! The staff and I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to those families who are new to the school.

Ask the Headteacher

'Ask the Headteacher' is our way of ensuring that parents can ask me questions about the school curriculum / policies / systems and routines without having to make an appointment to speak to me directly. I will then reply to a selection of these questions through the newsletter. If you have a question to ask, please complete the 'anonymous' return slip below or collect one from the school office. You can hand the slip back in at the school office or give it to your child's class teacher, however if you would prefer to remain anonymous you can post it in the main letter box adjacent to the front door.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality at Plat Douet is generally very good. Please be reminded that children should arrive in school between 8.30am - 8.45am in time for registration. Arriving late (after 8.45am) can have a knock on effect on your child's learning and is not conducive with a settled start to the learning day. Late arrivals can also be disruptive to others.

Our school Education Welfare Officer is Lisa Smith. Part of her role is to help support children and families to be on time and have good attendance. Lisa will be in school on Wednesday 25th September, 2nd October and 9th October, where she will complete 'Late Gates' and be leading drop in sessions to support parents and carers with attendance matters.

Hair Styles

A reminder that in accordance with our uniform policy, pupils should not have extreme hair styles e.g. partly shaved hair or dyed hair / coloured highlights in hair. Long hair should be tied back. Hair bands, hair bows and 'scrunchies' should be in plain dark colours e.g. blue or black. Thank you.

Harvest Assembly

This annual school assembly, for pupils only, will take place on Monday 30th September. As in previous years we would like to make a huge display of the produce. We would be grateful if every child from Nursery to Y6 could bring one or two items into school to contribute to the display. Items could include:

- a small bag of fruit or vegetables
- a tin, jar or packet of any food
- homemade bread, biscuits, cakes or pies
- fresh flowers

Please bring your contributions into school between Monday 23rd September and Monday 30th September. We would also like all pupils to bring £1 to school on Monday 30th September so that they can buy something from the sale. Any items left over will be sold to parents from 2:45pm onwards. All money raised will be given to the Jersey Variety Club who support many of our families with school uniform and residential visits.

Headlice

At the start of the new academic year it is very important that all parents/carers check their child's hair with a fine tooth 'nit-comb' for any evidence of head lice. If any are found, hair should be treated using either the 'wet combing' or the various lotions methods. Hair should then be combed every day for 14 days with a fine nit comb to remove resistant eggs and newly hatched lice.

PTA

You are invited to a meeting to discuss the way forward for the PTA on Tuesday 1st October at 6pm. The PTA does an amazing job and supports the school in many ways. However, we are in urgent need of members so that the pupils can continue to experience high quality events and the school can buy additional high quality resources through fund raising. I would like to thank everyone that has been involved in the PTA but a special thanks must go to Clare Lewis who has been Chair for the past few years (as well as being a full-time secretary and also working at Golden Cockerels).

Smoking

May we remind everyone that smoking is **not** allowed on the school premises or within the school grounds / on the pavement immediately outside the school grounds.

Sponsored Activities

Our Sponsored Activities will take place over three days this year due to other exciting school events. More details to follow from your child’s class teacher.

Y1 and Y2 will take part in a ‘Dance-a-thon’ on Thursday 26th September
Rec, Y3, Y4 and Y5 will take part in sponsored activities on Friday 26th September
Y6 will, walk from Corbiere to school on Monday 30th September

All pupils should all come to school wearing their tracksuits/PE kit. Y4/5/6 pupils must wear suitable shoes for walking. They will also need to bring their packed lunch in a disposable bag. A light waterproof coat is essential.

Tuck Shop

Our Healthy Tuck Shop takes place every Friday morning. Pupils from Reception to Y6 may purchase a healthy food item for 50p which they will eat as their morning snack.

Questionnaire

Later this week I will be sending an email with a link to a Parent Questionnaire. We pride ourselves on the positive feedback we have received in previous questionnaires and want to ensure that this is maintained in future feedback from parents. Therefore, please take 5 minutes to complete the questionnaire as your views are important to us.

Kind regards

Phil Walker
Headteacher

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My question is...
