La Moye Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year, albeit that may seem like a distant memory now! The new term has certainly started with a vengeance...and we are so far collecting every weather there is...rain, wind, sunshine (a little), cold, sleet and even snow! It was brilliant to see the children (and staff and many parents!) so excited playing in the snow, throwing snowballs, making snow creatures and creating snow angels.

Despite all of this, learning has already begun in earnest this term, with children on trips out of school and lots of exciting learning having taken place as we launch this term's new topics. By today, you should have had a curriculum letter that will explain the learning focuses for this half term, do check for any forthcoming diary dates and other important information.

With this newsletter, we have attached the diary dates for the rest of this term for the whole school. These are also listed on our website.

School Clubs:

Now that one of the teacher unions has settled, teachers are now able to run clubs. This term, we have a huge and varied clubs offer, partly because this includes some of the clubs that were postponed from last term. The demand for these clubs has been epic- and many are significantly over subscribed. You will have had an email if your child has not got a place this time around, but we will look to offer places to these children next term if that club is still going to run.

Please remember that our staff run these clubs voluntarily, and so we expect excellent behaviour and attendance at the clubs. It is very frustrating when a place is offered, and that child does not turn up each week, as this place could have gone to another child.

Our final plea is to ensure that parents collect their child on time from the allocated area, which is usually the front of the school. Whilst unexpected events can occasionally happen, please ensure you are on time each week as staff often have to collect their own children or attend meetings after 4pm. Please note we sometimes have to cancel clubs when staff are unwell or called to other meetings. We do try to minimise disruption, but please keep an eye on your emails on club days in case we need to alert you to this.

School Library:

There have been a lot of exciting developments in the school library. We now have our online library system working fully again, so children can take books home and this will be recorded on the system. We will also shortly be appointing a team of new Librarians to support Mrs. Wallace-Sims in managing the library.

This month is "curl up with a book" month in our reading corner and the children are invited to pick up a pillow, snuggle up in a blanket and curl up with a book.

We are also continuing to add even more new books to the library, and this week another set of books has appeared on the new books display.

There are also daily events that are taking place, last week Mrs. Bentley read in Polish to a library full of children, and there are planned story times in Portuguese and French coming up too.

The library is now open at lunchtimes most days for children with trust badges and they can see the opening times on the "What's On" posters around the library.

We are busy judging the book reviews that have been entered in our competition...announcements on Friday in assembly!

Staffing Update:

We have welcomed back Miss Ward to our Reception team this term. She has already slotted right in, getting outside and making superhero dens and potions in the mud kitchen!

We have also welcomed Miss Voyce to our team this term. She is really enjoying getting to know her class and reports feeling very welcome in our school by staff, children and parents alike.

Vacancies:

We will shortly be advertising for two replacement Lunchtime Supervisors. If anyone is interested in this role, please do get in touch via the school office, and keep your eye on the Jobs in Jersey page on <u>www.qov.je</u>.

Charity Market- Friday 19th January!

Our School Council have set this up, after our very successful previous event last year. There will be lots of goodies on sale, with profits going to the charities that the children have selected. Each item is selling at £1 I am told, so please send your child in with a few pounds if they wish to join in.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Baudains, Headteacher