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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term we have had! We have been so impressed by the way our new children in Nursery and Reception have settled into school, and how well they have adapted to the new environment and routines. I was watching some of our new Reception children during a phonics lesson this week, and they were incredible!

There have already been so many successes this year. We had a wonderful French trip this September with Year 6- the first time for five years due to Covid, and not only did the children set a very high standard in their behaviour and attitude, they got the most out of each and every activity. This made the trip really enjoyable for all, including the staff. We are now planning next year's trip!

Staffing Update

We have now appointed a permanent PE specialist to replace Mr. Murphy who left us last term, Mr. Jack Scurr, who will be starting in January. Mr. Scurr has considerable experience as a teacher, sports coach and also as a sportsman in his own right. He is excited to be joining our team and very eager to get started. We would like to thank Mr. Bolton for covering the role for this term, and for all his hard work organising the events and fixtures.

A letter has already been sent to Miss Thomas' class to inform them that Miss Thomas will be on parental leave from early in the Spring term. We have appointed Mrs. Mason to join our Early Years team and cover Miss Thomas' class from January. Mrs. Mason is currently the Reception teacher at St. Peter's School and has a wealth of experience teaching in the Early Years in several Jersey schools. We are delighted to be welcoming her to our team.

Transition Survey for EYFS

We have just sent out a short survey for our Nursery and Reception parents to gather feedback on the transition into our school, or from Nursery to Reception. We will use this information to inform our processes for next year, so please do complete it if you can, it should only take around five minutes.

New School Council

We appointed our new School Council during Democracy Week as part of our commitment to respecting children's right to have their voices heard and be listened to, part of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Deputy Helen Miles visited in our assembly and talked about her role and what it means to represent people in the States of Jersey. The children then wrote their manifestos and made a speech to their classmates, answering question in the class meetings. We then held a secret ballot, and the new School Council was voted in. The team have already held their inaugural meeting and I hear they have grand plans! Well done to them all!

Sports Success

We were so impressed by the large group of children that took part in the Marathon Mile a few weeks ago. We think we were the largest-represented non-private school, and third overall! The children were super-really eager to challenge themselves, even when it was trickier than they thought. All of the children that started the race, finished! The event also raised money for charity, and Alfie (Y3) did an amazing job of raising £800 for Robin Ward! What an unbelievable achievement!

Last week we also had great success in the Table Tennis tournament. Our children were brilliant, and our Year 5 girls and Year 6 girls teams won their leagues! Well done! Mr. Bolton was very impressed with the teamwork and support on show from everyone.



We also had huge success in the Cross-Country event at the beginning of October, with our teams coming in the top ten in all four races. Our Year 6 girls were second overall, with two girls, Emily and Lily in the top ten finishers. The team spirit was really strong at this event, and the staff were so proud of the way they cheered on all of the finishers, no matter what position they finished in. The 'Together' value in action!

Update on Developments

Whilst school is closed for half term, there is going to be a lot going on! Our new music and sensory rooms are going to be completed, and the conversion of our current sensory room into the new office and meeting room will also be completed. In addition, work is due to start on our servery, with a view that hot food service will begin either towards the end of term or in January. Watch this space for more information!

In the woodland, our new Science Outdoor Classroom is going to be built next week, with more additions and finishing touches to other areas coming soon.

And finally...

- After half term, we will send an updated diary dates sheet out- look out for this.
- The incredible Caring Cooks 'Let's Get Cooking' programme has been thoroughly enjoyed by Year 1 this half term...next it is Year 2's turn!
- We are delighted that we have managed to appoint a new PTA committee. Thanks to Nikki, Lyndsay and Katie for staying on within the core team, and thanks to the new members that came along to the meeting and volunteered to help out. It is great that all classes now have a class rep. The PTA couldn't continue without your support! They are now working on planning their first big event... the Christmas Fair on 30th November...more details to follow, and they will need your help!
- School reopens after half term on Monday 4th November. Have a safe and enjoyable half term, and Halloween!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Baudains,
Headteacher

