

La Moye Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this final letter whilst at the Scout Hut in St. Ouen on the Year 4 Residential having spent the day in my element, teaching orienteering and spending time with one of our wonderful year groups at La Moye, surrounded by dedicated staff who have given up their time to ensure the children have a fantastic time. Amongst all the busyness of the past term, these moments remind me of why La Moye is such a special place to work. The children have so many wonderful opportunities to develop throughout the curriculum, and are supported at every step by staff that always go the extra mile. I am feeling like a very proud headteacher today...like most days in fact.

There are almost too many events to mention in this newsletter, so I will have to summarise!

- Well done to everyone that took part in the Swimathon- such great effort by all, and so many laps swum...possibly a record! Thank you to everyone for your sponsorship for the Lions Club of Jersey.
- Huge congratulations to the football team, who made the cup final after ongoing progress all season. We are very proud of you! Although we were pipped at the post for the cup this year, there is always next season.
- Well done also to our girls' football team for great success this season- what a lot of hard work and progress! We are very proud of them all!
- Our netballers have been incredible too! They have taken part in regular matches, with increasing teamwork, improved skills and so more success, and also did brilliantly in the recent tournament.
- Well done to the Flying Falcons for their success in the F1 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenge, who represented us brilliantly in the UK finals. Thanks to the local companies that sponsored us to ensure these children could attend, and the staff who went along too.
- Our Year 6 students took part in the De Putron Challenge and the children answered questions on current affairs, art and music and maths. They were a credit to the school and should be very proud of their efforts.
- We have also been blown away with our success at the French Eisteddfod this year! We have so many entries with individual speaking, paired speaking and even role-play! Fantastique!
- Thanks to everyone for your support with the fundraisers this term:
 - Comic Relief was a huge success, with an incredible talent show...with some perhaps more dubious teacher entries too! We raised £550
 - We raised £1200 through the dress down and cake stall that raised funds to send our Flying Falcons to the UK. Incredible!

PTA Bingo Evening and Summer Events

The wonderful PTA raised £800 during their Bingo Night- the hall was packed for this event, and it was lovely to see a number of children from Les Quennevais attending with their families too. Huge thanks to Katie and her team for organising this. It was such a lovely community event.

Looking forward into the summer term, subject to having enough parental support, the PTA are hoping to run a Summer Disco before half term, and in the second half of term, a revamped Summer Fair.

There is a PTA meeting on Monday 27th April at 6pm in the school library to plan these events. Please come along if you can.

Staffing Update

We are just letting you know that Mrs Bloomfield, our Nursery Lunchtime Supervisor leaves us at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her many years of dedicated support, and wish her well in her new challenge.

Many of you will also know that Miss Foott has been working in school part time of late, because she is completing training as part of a degree course. We are sad that Miss Foott will be leaving us to complete this work, we thank her for her work across the school and her dedication. We are sure she will go on to great success in her new career in social care.

New Positive Relationships Policy and Core Value Awards

We have been giving out Bronze Awards thick and fast since February! The children have been able to explain in detail how they have met the criteria set, and we have seen so much success. We are now starting to award Silver Awards too! This week in assembly we talked through the criteria for Silver and Gold awards so the children are clear how to achieve them.

Our new Positive Relationships policy has now been finalised. This document will be added to our website by the end of April, following a further staff training session on it after Easter.

A parent information session on these two developments will be held in the Summer term. Date to be advised.

Important Safety Reminders:

- **Young Children and Toddlers:** We have had a couple of near misses when very small children have managed to escape the gaze of their parents at the end of the day and made it out of one of the gates. As soon as children leave the gate, they are no longer in a safe zone- they are either in our car park and are soon on the main road, with the significant dangers that this poses. **Please ensure you keep your toddler/young children with you at all times.** When we have a couple of 'near misses' this is an indication that an accident could well happen, and this would be likely very serious and traumatic for all.
- **Car Park:** Please do not use the car park as a cut through, please use the zebra crossing across the car park, and use the pavements. Cars can be moving in the car park and this poses a risk to pedestrians, especially children.

Important Online Safety Updates:

- **WhatsApp:** We have been made aware that Jersey Police have noticed an increase in the sharing of explicit images on WhatsApp. This includes images of primary school age children in Jersey being shared with their peers in groups. **Please ensure you check your child's phone regularly if you allow them to use WhatsApp** as the perception that this is a safe way of online communication does not mean it is free from online bullying and sharing inappropriate content, in fact our experience tells us the opposite. We continue to discourage the use of social media including WhatsApp for our primary age pupils.
- If you are ever aware of any online safety issues involving your child/groups your child has access to, please contact us and we will support by ensuring we cover any issues in our PSHE lessons and where needed, investigate and follow up issues. All classes in Year 4-6 have been made aware again of rules about not sharing or viewing explicit images, and to report to parents or teachers.

- **TikTok:** Public Health and CYPES are aware of a TikTok challenge encouraging people to heat or freeze NeeDoh Nice cubes. This can lead to severe burns. NeeDoh Nice cubes and similar sensory gel products should only be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. We do not recommend that children in our school have access to TikTok.

Dates for Next term:

- We will be holding our Parent Consultation evenings on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd April. These sessions will all be in person this time around as we feel these are on the whole more successful, especially for the longer sessions. Please use the online booking portal to book your meeting.
- We have a staff training day on Monday 20th April. We are having training from a UK leading Education Expert on the curriculum and developing reading, Mary Myatt. We are really looking forward to what will be an inspirational day.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 21st April for the start of the Summer term. I hope you all have a lovely Spring/Easter break...and hope the Easter Bunny comes to visit!

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

