

St Saviour's School



Newsletter

'Achieve, Respect, Co-operate'

March 2018

Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Saviour's School,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. The term has gone so quickly we are almost at the Easter holidays. We have a number of activities and events coming up in the last two weeks so please do see the dates at the end of this newsletter. A reminder that our school re-opens on 16th April, after the Easter break but will be closed on Tuesday 8th May for INSET (staff training). The Bank Holidays also fall either side of this on 7th and 9th May when school will be closed.

Thank you

The School Council are busy counting the monies raised as part of our World Book Day celebrations and the class councils are writing lists of books they would like, particularly non-fiction, for the school library. Thank you so much for the phenomenal response we had to collecting sponsorship for this event. We will let you know of the total amount raised and the selection of books purchased soon.



Reducing Plastic Waste

Key Stage 2 are currently working with the school Eco-Team and Hautlieu students. They are considering how to reduce the amount of plastic waste created at lunchtimes. As part of a KS1 and 2 assembly yesterday, pupils were asked to consider using reusable pots to bring in items like yoghurt, crisps etc in order to reduce the amount of small packet waste they might have. They also talked about using reusable bottles for break and lunch drinks, rather than plastic bottles if they were being thrown away daily. The amount of waste is being measured (weighed) daily, with the aim of each class reducing the amount over a two week period.

Annual Reports

The teachers are currently completing their written reports which will be sent home to you before the end of this term. From your feedback last year, we have kept the timing the same and are including targets/next steps. These will then be followed up during the parent-teacher meetings during the Summer Term. We hope you continue to find this information useful, as always your feedback would be gratefully received as we are always trying to improve on what we do. Please send any comments slips (in the report pack) back into school for my attention.

Developing Children's Voice and contributing to The Children's Plan

We are delighted to have been working alongside Andrew Heaven, Director for Children's Policy recently. Members of School Council will be attending the Engagement Day at Hotel de France tomorrow. Each class has been considering how their ideas and priorities can contribute to the overall plan for children in Jersey. This event is open to the public between 2 and 6 pm and it would be a great opportunity to look around the stands and information, including seeing the work of some of own classes displayed.



News from around the school

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed learning about the topic 'People Who Help Us'. They've had special visits from the Police and Paramedics. They also enjoyed a trip up to the Airport, where they went up the Air Control Tower and the onsite Fire Station. We had a lovely day on Friday to celebrate Mother's Day in Nursery, lots of Mothers turned up and had a lovely time enjoying afternoon tea and activities in class with their child.

Reception

Reception are really involved in their story telling at the moment. We have been looking at a variety of traditional tales. We have even had a visit from a giant who left his teddy bear behind!



Year 1

Year 1 have continued to learn about pirates this half term. The children have interviewed each other for jobs on a pirate ship from scrubbing the decks to being the chef! The children are now busy creating their own moving vehicle using junk modelling materials. We would appreciate any more empty cartons and boxes that you can spare. We are visiting the Maritime Museum at the end of this half term. We are looking forward to hearing about boat building in Jersey and exploring all of the interactive activities there.

Year 2

Year 2 are still busy learning about Space. The children wrote postcards from the moon and diaries from the International Space Station. We had an exciting creative parents' session just before the half term break and made some amazing art that was 'out of this world!' Thank you for coming; it was lovely for the children to have so many parents in class. We are continuing with our visits to Longueville Manor next week and we'll be linking part of our visit with our science and looking at recycling and waste on our beaches in Jersey.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about soil formation and made some mini compost bins. The children used empty plastic bottles and added: gravel, soil, live worms, left over vegetable peelings and shredded paper. The bins were wrapped in cardboard to keep them dark and then placed outside.

The bins will be kept for four weeks and then the worms will be passed over to Ms Amy, so that she can add them to her own compost bin at home! Also, we have been learning how to play golf, Mr Osmand, golf professional at Les Mielles, has been visiting us every Monday.

Year 4

Learning the facts about deforestation in rainforests around the world has prompted Year 4 to write polite but persuasive letters to the President of Brazil, urging him to protect the Amazon. This week we're learning how palm oil production has consequences for many endangered animals, including orangutans. We'll be writing more persuasive letters and also collecting clean packaging of products that contain palm oil for a display.

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed passing their Astronaut Training last week, rising to the physical and mental challenges they faced. We are busy working on persuasive writing in preparation for our visit to the States Chamber on Monday 19th March. Please support your child with their reading at home, asking questions to further their understanding, as well as asking them to predict, summarise and consider word choice.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Year 6

This term Year 6 has been learning all about the continent of South America with pupils linking their learning to both their reading and writing. They have been working hard to research and learn about the countries that make up the continent, completing an independent research project based on a South American country of their choosing. We have also enjoyed learning about artists and music when focusing on Día de Muertos which saw Year 6 pupils produce some well written non-chronological reports.



Extra Curricular Activities

As you are aware, the school offers a fantastic range of sporting activities which are reported on through our various social media pages.

St Saviour's football teams continue to have a fantastic season with the A team progressing to the semi-finals of the minor cup where they will face Les Landes school. Congratulations and we wish them all the best in the next round of the cup.

A huge well done to the netballers who competed in the recent tournament and for getting into the semi-finals. They finished third place and we are incredibly proud of their efforts, determination and teamwork.

Our school was well represented in the Primary Schools cross country competition with all pupils running well and completing the course in good time.

A massive thank you to those parents and staff who continuously give up their time to help train and support the children.

PTA News

The Spring Term disco is booked for Wednesday 28th March. Details and information to follow. As always, we would be most grateful for donations of cakes to sell at the event.



Maternity news:

As you are aware Mrs Heart is expecting her second child. She will be taking maternity leave from 20th April. We are using existing school staff in order to ensure consistency for the pupils during Mrs Heart's absence. Mrs Peckham, Mrs White and Mrs Titherington will be sharing the teaching, Miss MacMinn and Mrs Salter will continue with their work in supporting Reception too.

In line with our open door policy please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. You can pop into the school office or telephone me. Alternatively, I am on duty at the gate most Monday and Friday afternoons if you would like to speak to me informally.

Yours most sincerely,

**Mrs Kirstie Williams
Headteacher**

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Please see the next/last page for upcoming events/dates

Easter Egg Competition

We would like to invite you to take part in a competition to celebrate Easter through decorating an Easter egg to bring into school.

Topical themes always work well
i.e. Eggs-factor or Eggs-ercise.

Other ideas could be an eggs football match, eggs-pedition, eggs-hausted or eggs-plosion!

We will have 1 prize per class. Eggs can be brought into school on the last Monday and Tuesday of term and taken home on Wednesday 28th.

Good luck – we look forward to seeing all your creations!





Sport Relief Monday 19th – Friday 23rd March

Daily Challenges:

- Monday 19th March – Hula Hoop Monday
- Tuesday 20th March – Skip-a-Thon Tuesday
- Wednesday 21st March – Run Wednesday (one mile)
- Thursday 22nd March – Boogie Thursday
- Friday 23rd March – Footie Friday (football skill based activities)

Timings each day:

- 8.30-8.45am KS2 on playground and KS1 inside. (HD and BA leading the daily challenges)
- 8.45-9am Nursery and Reception either on playground or in hall. (HD leading daily challenges)

Lunchtime 5 minute challenge (volunteer activity - KS2 at 12pm and KS1 at 12.30pm):

- Monday – Squats
- Tuesday – Press-ups
- Wednesday – Burpees
- Thursday – Plank
- Friday – Sit ups/ step ups

*Following School Council suggestions, we will have a box for loose change throughout the week.

On Friday, all children are to come in Sports Wear (not PE Kit) and can pay £1 towards Sport Relief.

*A large Daily Challenge Activity sheet will be up near the front door that week, to remind children and parents of what's happening each day.

Dates for the next two weeks:

19 Sport Relief Y5 visit out of school	20 Sport Relief	21 Sport Relief	22 Sport Relief	23 Sport Relief – Non-uniform :Sports/fitness theme
26 Easter Egg competition entries in today and tomorrow	27 Easter Egg competition entries in today Year 4 parent sharing session	28 Annual reports sent home to parents PTA Disco	29 Last Day of Term Non-uniform	