

# St Saviour's School



## Newsletter

'Achieve, Respect, Co-operate'

Autumn 2018

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

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Apologies that this is the first full newsletter of the academic year – the time has been whizzing by!

We have now well and truly settled into the new school year and the pupils are making good progress with their learning. We are looking forward to seeing many of you next week when we have parent-teacher sessions in order to find out how your child has settled in and what their targets are for this term. If you have not booked yet, please do so through ParentMail or by contacting the school office.

As part of the Jersey Festival of Words last week, pupils in Key Stage Two visited the Opera House to listen to and see authors at work. All pupils seemed to enjoy this experience, and are hoping to see an impact of this experience in their own writing. We continue to have a weekly 'Writing Challenge' in assembly. Recently, the pupils have been writing about what makes them special, being safe when using the internet and rights and responsibilities. Pupils' writing is then chosen for sharing in our Friday celebration assembly. Visitors to our school have recently commented upon the high quality of writing they have seen, this made us very proud!

### PUPIL FEEDBACK – HOMEWORK

School Council, at their meeting last week, fed back on the rather big issue of homework...

During the meeting all school councillors voted for keeping homework as part of what we do. However, as representatives of their classes they have suggested that some homework remains the same whilst other aspects change. They agree that reading regularly is important and felt it is important to keep this.

However, they would like class teachers to provide classes with a choice of homework activities which they choose to do, rather than set pieces. Any quality homework would then be added to learning journals (cross curricular books) in school. They suggested that all teachers should give dojo points (reward points) for excellent homework which is brought into school.

The teachers, alongside Mrs Williams, will be discussing this over the next couple of weeks so you should see evidence of this change very soon.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school choir will be joining the congregation at St Saviour's Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, everyone is welcome at the Service which starts at 9.45am. We will be holding a small Harvest Festival celebration in school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October and anyone wishing to make donations of food items can do so on this day. The food items will then be taken to the Church who are donating them to Caring Cooks. Please send anything into school on the Friday morning.

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and PTA AGM

We would welcome your support of this event today (Friday 3pm). This is a regular event in our school calendar and we always show our appreciation for this worthwhile charity.

The PTA AGM will be held during this event. The PTA are looking for new members as we say 'Thank you and Good Luck' to Mrs Andrews-Callec and Ms MacMinn after many years of service on the committee. Please let us know if you would be willing/able to help in any capacity on our PTA.

**SCHOOL DISCO – Thursday 25th OCTOBER – tickets now on sale**

## News from around the school

### Nursery

Nursery were very excited to have a visit from a tow truck this week. We learnt all about the vehicles that might be towed by the truck and we saw the tow truck lift a van. We also had a chance to sit in the driver's seat and hoot the horn. We also talked about what vehicles people might need for different jobs. It was great fun!



### Reception

Reception are settling in really well. We are enjoying 'rolling' snack and trying new foods. This is helping us to be independent. We are looking at the season of Autumn and have been exploring the changes in our environment. We have been making dens and wearing superhero capes – we are being 'SUPER' to our friends and following the school Golden Rules.

### Year 1

Year 1 are settling in well to the routines in class and are becoming more independent when changing their reading books. We have been exploring the Jurassic period and have designed our own dinosaur habitats. We have planted beans and we are watching them grow. Ask us to identify some of the leaves that you find in our school.

### Year 2

Year 2 have been working really hard in school. We have settled into good routines and we are enjoying learning more about our topic. We have started to create our own castle designs out of boxes, learning a medieval dance to teach parents and preparing our medieval banquet for celebrations week.

### Year 3

Year Three have been really enjoying their learning as part of the Farm School project. They are going once a week for 6 weeks and are learning about planting, growing and harvesting crops. They are also learning about farm animals; how they live on the farm and what they need.

### Year 4

Year 4 loved the trip to the Jersey Festival of Words to learn from fantasy author Robin Etherington. We've been writing about fantasy pets and settings as we read our hilarious class book 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel'. Now we've moved on to writing clear instructions and linked it with our Ancient Egypt topic. If you join us on the 25th of October at 2pm Year 4 will give instructions to show you how to mummify a pharaoh and how to play the ancient board game of Senet.

### Year 5

So far this half term Y5 pupils have taken part in a range of exciting and engaging activities. We were lucky enough to visit the Opera House in conjunction with the Jersey Festival of Words. During our visit, we had the opportunity to meet Andrew Cope the author of the 'Spy Dog' series as well as author Adam Frost who spoke about his newest book 'The Awesome Book of Space'. Year 5 have also been working hard to plan and practise their French assembly which will be held on Wednesday 24th October. All the pupils in Year 5 have extremely enjoyed The Year 5 French Experience and made fantastic progress so far.

### Year 6

In Year 6 we have been doing lots of work on our class topic WW2. We have been looking at D-day which links in with our class text 'Friend or Foe' and our literacy unit 'Beyond the Lines.' We have also been focusing on the Blitz and evacuation. From this learning we have been able to produce lots of creative writing where the children have put themselves in the shoes of soldiers and evacuees. In maths we have been looking at place value up to 3 decimal places and beginning to convert them into fractions.

### CHOIR

We are delighted that once again our Key Stage 2 choir pupils will sing in West Centre on Thursday 24th November, to start the Fete de Noue celebrations in St Helier. The same pupils will also represent the school at the Jersey Hospice Care Carol Service on Sunday 27th November at St Andrews Church at 4.30pm. You are welcome to join us at any of these events.

### Football and Netball

This week saw a fantastic start to netball season for our netballers, they have shown fantastic sporting behaviour so far this term. Many thanks to the parents who help out and support with both the netball and football teams. Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated by both the pupils and staff. Watch out for upcoming match dates.

### Eco-Active

We're re-launching our Eco team so we can go for our green flag status by July (and make the world a better place)

The eco team will be made up of 2 children from each class and as many adults involved as possible.

We'll keep you informed of all our projects and hope that you can get involved 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 try to be on duty at the gate most Monday and Friday afternoons if you would like to speak to me informally.**

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kirstie Williams'.

**Mrs Kirstie Williams  
Headteacher**