

St Saviour's School



Newsletter

'Achieve, Respect, Co-operate'

November 2018

Autumn Term 2018

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

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We are beginning to really look forward to our school Fayre and other seasonal events coming up in the next few weeks towards the end of the term. We do hope you will be able to join us for those in which your child is involved. Please see page three of this newsletter for specific dates relevant to each year group.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been National Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. We've been watching videos, having discussions and writing about this. We are encouraging everyone to think about how they can choose respect to help stop bullying and have reminded children that bullying is when someone is mean Several Times On Purpose.



Children in Need

A huge thank you and well done! The range and styles of Crazy Hair were something else! The School Council organised the fund-raising for Children in Need this year and managed to raise a whopping amount for this great cause – actual total to be confirmed once they have totted up the different monies.



PTA Christmas Fayre - Friday 7th December 2018 3-4.30pm

There are lots of stalls with items for you to buy and/or for your child to make. There will be refreshments available for you to enjoy too.

As we are hoping it will be busy and full of people, we are asking for your support with a few things:

1. Please can your child bring a disposable lunch and drink on this day (no lunchboxes or bags please)
2. Please keep book bags at home on this day (the less your child has to carry and remember at the Fayre the better!)
3. For those of you who have younger children, please consider if they are able to walk or be carried around the school – the Hall is quite small for lots of buggies and we'd like to keep everyone as comfortable and safe as possible

I will send out a 'map' of where things will be on the day so that you know where to find different stalls/activities. I will be sending home a separate letter offering children from Y2-6 the opportunity to visit Santa in his Grotto during the school afternoon. This letter will be sent home next week. Pupils in Years 2-6 and other, younger pupils, will still be able to visit Santa during the time of the fayre if you'd prefer this.

We desperately need donations of good quality second hand toys (no books, thanks), soft toys/teddies and filled jars - the class with the most filled jars donated will win a prize and there is a dojo point available for each jar donated!

Please bring cakes in on Friday 7th (morning)

News from around the school

Nursery

In Nursery we have had a brilliant creative week, exploring different ways of painting and making new colours. We have also thought really hard about building using the bricks outside, this led to children wanting to make their own cement so that buildings didn't fall down!

The children in Nursery have shown a keen interest in dinosaurs so this will be our theme for the next few days. We will be traveling back in time to the days of the dinosaurs. We'll be inspecting fossils, hatching dinosaur eggs, and trampling around in the mud. The children will be expanding their vocabulary learning new words, such as, palaeontologist, herbivore, carnivore and fossils.

Reception

We have been learning all about Diwali the Hindu Festival of Light. This has started to help us understand that different people have different beliefs and traditions and why it is important to treat them with respect. We made Diya lamps and Rangoli patterns in the playground as a sign of welcome. We have also been learning all about insects. The children have thoroughly enjoyed observing and looking after our Morio Worms and Crickets at our investigation station!

Year 1

We are really enjoying our Forest School sessions on a Tuesday with Emma. We have been identifying trees, making bookmarks and learning about our outdoor environment. We have made a great start with our spellings; please remember to send the homework folders in on a Friday. Christmas show preparations are underway with the children starting to learn their festive songs. We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks for our performance.

Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard. They have been using information booklets on 'How to be a Knight' and 'How to Trap a Dragon'. They have also been learning how to mix primary colours in Art and will be creating this new skill to recreate artwork from The Princess and the Pea story next week.

Year 3

Year 3 have been practising hard in their ukulele lessons and are looking forward to the parent sharing session on Friday 30th. The session will start at 2.20 pm and will take place in the school hall – we'd love to show off our skills to as many of you as possible!

In science, the children have been growing bean seeds and learning about healthy eating.

Year 4

Year 4 have got the bug! After working hard on their float designs and making paper flowers in class with Mrs Ellis, Year 4 have truly got the battle bug. We hope lots of school families will help to build the parish float this year. We have also started a new science topic about sound and hearing. Perhaps you could experiment at home making high and low pitch sounds with different objects or make some 'ear gongs'. Year 4 can show you how.

Year 5

This half term Year 5 have been working extremely hard putting the final touches to their Eisteddfod performances. Pupils from Year 5 will be representing St Saviour's school in both the French poetry recital and song categories. We will be travelling, as a class, to the Opera House on Wednesday 28th November to perform our whole class song, 'Le Lion Est Mort Ce Soir'. Please feel free to come along and show your support if you are available.

Year 6

This half term Year 6 are continuing with their WW2 topic. They will be embarking on an exciting visit next week to the war tunnels to find out lots more about the occupation of Jersey. In maths we will be moving on to multiplication and fractions. In science we have started a unit on light and in English we are about to start writing newspaper reports based on our class text 'Friend or Foe.'

ECO-team

Classes have each voted 2 representatives on to our new Eco team. At our meetings we have carried out an environmental audit around school and have chosen to focus on 3 areas to improve; Litter, Energy and Waste.

On Tuesday the 20th of November, our Year 5 and 6 Eco reps will be meeting States of Jersey politicians to talk about how we can improve air quality in the island. What would you ask politicians to do?

If any parents would like to be involved in the Eco team we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Ms Amy or Mrs Heart.



PTA News

The disco was a huge success, thank you to all the children that attended and some of the Halloween costumes and make-up were fantastic. Our next event is the Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December. We look forward to welcoming as many as possible to this popular event.

Any parents/family members/friends who are available to help setting up or on the day for either the Christmas Fayre or Party Day on Tuesday 18th December, please do let a PTA member or the school office know.

Christmas Events:

Nursery:

Tuesday 11th December 9-10am in the Nursery classroom

Reception:

Wednesday 12th December 1.30pm in the school hall

Key Stage One:

Thursday 13th December 1.30pm in the school hall

Key Stage Two:

We are looking forward to our Key Stage 2 Carols and Celebrations at the Church on Thursday 13th December 6pm



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**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR USEFUL INFORMATION AND UPDATES. MOST RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE. IF YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THERE, PLEASE DO LET US KNOW

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Please see the next/last page for information about our school Parent Champion volunteer

Parent Information and Support



Alma O'Connell is a Parent Volunteer for the school supported by the charity Friends of The Bridge. She will be in school every Monday between 2.00 - 2.45 in the Arc and every Friday between 8.45 - 9.30 in the Welcome Room.

Please drop in for information or to discuss any child/family concerns. Alma will offer a friendly listening ear, provide information or let you know where you can obtain further information or help.

