

St Saviour's School



Newsletter

'Achieve, Respect, Co-operate'

Spring 2017

February 2017

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

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope you had a good week last week and that the children are returning to school ready for this half term, it's a short one with only 5 weeks until we break for the Easter holidays. There's a lot to fit into this half term including the end of the football and netball seasons, World Book Day and Red Nose Day. You will also be receiving your child's annual school report at the end of this term.

PUPIL AND PARENT FEEDBACK

At the end of last term all the pupils in Years 1-6 completed a questionnaire about school. Parents were also invited to take part in a similar questionnaire. The outcomes were as follows:

PUPILS:

93% of pupils feel they learn a lot in lessons
89% enjoy playtimes
88% of pupils feel safe at school
87% enjoy school
87% felt that their teacher gives them feedback so they know how to get better
86% of pupils feel the adults at school care about them
86% of pupils state they have a chance to talk about their differences and how they are special
84% feel adults are interested in their views
84% feel they have interesting learning topics
81% say they know how well they are doing in school

The main areas for us to look into and develop are:

Lunchtime eating arrangements
Outdoor learning opportunities

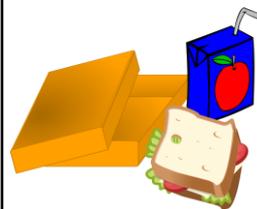
PARENTS

97% of parents feel their child is safe at school
96% of parents feel their child is well looked after at school
96% of parents feel their concerns are listened to/dealt with effectively
92% of parents believe their child is taught well
92% of parents say the school helps them to support their child's learning
92% of parents would recommend our school to another parent
91% of parents feel their child enjoys school
91% of parents say there is good communication between home and school
91% of parents feel behaviour is good or better
86% of parents feel they are kept informed of their child's progress

The main areas for us to look into and develop further are:

Outdoor learning opportunities
Preparing children for transition

We will give you updates on these areas as we look into them further and inform you of how we plan to address them. The School Council have already feedback to Mrs Jones about their class council suggestions for improving the lunchtime eating arrangements.



Many thanks for your feedback!

News from around the school

Nursery

Nursery had a great time visiting Archirondel as part of our creative week. Our focus was pebbles and whilst there we enjoyed creating pebble patterns and stone stacking. Back at school the following day we painted pet pebbles and rock creatures. A big thank you to all family members that supported us on our trip and joined us in our sharing session.

Reception

Just before half term Reception were Pop artists inspired by Andy Warhol. We looked at using the same image but changing the colours each time. The children did this with their hand prints and portraits. We also visited the church. We spotted people and animals in the windows and sat in the choir stalls. Thank you to Rev Dyson for our tour of the church.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy 'Exploring the world' through the eyes of a pirate. They travelled to India and landed safely in Mumbai to learn about Indian culture, Indian dance, Indian musical instruments and the many national animals including the peacock, elephant and the tiger.

Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and some of us are looking forward to burning our Tudor houses to replicate the fire in Pudding Lane! It was great fun to get the musical instruments out and take part in some class singing. We hope you enjoyed our short performance if you managed to pop in and see us. Unfortunately we didn't have as much time as we would have liked for the "Ice" activities. We are looking forward to more "Space" work this half term and another visit to Longueville Manor.

Year 3

We enjoyed our visit to Durrell for a workshop about animal teeth. We also managed to have a lovely walk around the grounds; it was a lovely sunny day. The otters were definitely the class favourite! We have completed our mini-topic about the Greek Olympics and we were VERY excited to share our learning with our families in the form of our mini-Olympics. This half term we will be focussing on Greek myths and legends as well as Greek Gods and Goddesses. If anyone has a copy of the DVD Hercules we would love to borrow it.

Year 4

We really enjoyed Creative week in Year 4. I enjoyed the RE workshop with Mrs Lambotte, it was fun because we got to do lots of activities and other stuff. We learnt how to listen and be calm. Shanice

Year 5

Creative learning week- for the whole week we (year 5) planned a fun week. On Monday we had RE. We were put in groups so we had to communicate. On Tuesday we played the recorder and coded 'Frere Jacques' on to the App Hopscotch. On Wednesday we did design technology. We made a photo frame. Thursday we had 'Year 5's got Talent'. Me and Jacob played our cornet and trombone, but it wasn't a competition. On Friday we had 'Bring your parents to school' day. We did a running dictation and played hit the button and other games.

My best day of the week was Wednesday because I love art. Annabelle Mahrer



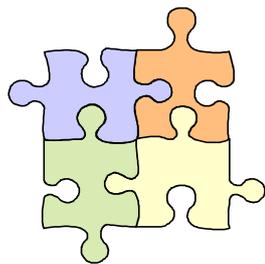
Year 6

This term Year 6 have produced some fantastic lines of argument in our class debates which lead to some very well written persuasive letters. During creative week Year 6 also covered subjects such as RE, art and drama with great enjoyment. To read more about our learning during creative week please see 'La Cloche' for an article written by our very own Yr6 pupils.

Football and Netball

As you are aware the school offers a fantastic range of sporting activities which are reported on through our various social media pages. All teams have made fantastic progress so far this year. The A and B Football teams have really come together as a squad and this has seen the A Team advance to the Quarter Finals of the J.C Kezourec Cup where they will be playing St Georges School for a spot in the Semi Finals. Through the fantastic support of parent helpers we have also been able to field our first St Saviour's Netball B Team giving pupils from Yr 4 and up the chance to represent their school. We wish both the A and B Netball Teams the best of luck as they look to place highly in their upcoming inter-school tournaments. I would like to thank all the parents who help out with both the Netball and Football teams. Your efforts and time is greatly appreciated by both the children and staff. Mr Arrowsmith.

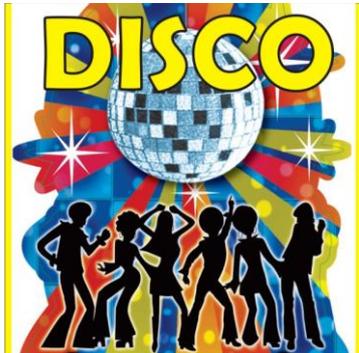
Making Healthy Choices – PSHE/JIGSAW



As part of our PSHE and because we promote good health for all of our pupils we'd like to request that you do not send sweets and chocolate bars into school for children to eat during the day. We really appreciate your co-operation with this. Ideal snacks for playtime are fruit, crackers or plain biscuits.

PTA News

The disco which we held on the 10th February was hugely successful and appreciated by all whom attended. The pupils (and some parents) seemed to have a great, fun time. Thank you to all parents who made/donated cakes for this event. It was so successful we are planning another one for the Summer Term – keep your eye out for the date!



Thank you...

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone at St Saviour's School for making me feel so welcome and helping me settle in. I love being able to help out around the school, whether it's being in Reception doing design and technology or walking with Year 6 to swimming. I've really enjoyed getting to know everyone. Mr Sheldon

Courses/Events:

There are many events/courses taking place over the half term holidays, offered by a variety of providers. Please come into the school Reception area to look at the display of what is available. Some opportunities on offer are:

Grainville Tennis Club Open Day – Saturday 19th March and Sunday 23rd April 10am-2pm

Appleby Junior Chess Championships – Sunday 5th March 9.30am-2.00pm

Fort For All Day – Sunday 19th March 10am-4pm

Please see notices for further details.

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 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**



Spring Term 2017 Dates

March

		1 Cross country competition – Les Quennevais Y6 French Trip Parents Eve 6pm	2 World Book Day 'Bedtime Stories' theme. Come dressed in pjs or a onesie	3 A team Netball tournament pm Football – cup match at St George's school
6	7 Cross country training after school	8 Letters and Sounds information session for FS and KS1 parents	9	10
13 Netball match	14 Cross country training after school	15	16	17 B team Netball tournament pm
20	21 Cross country training after school	22	23 Y5/6 visit Y4 visit	24 RED NOSE DAY – wear something red Year 4 visit Reception class Mother's Day celebration for parents
27	28	29	30 Reception and Year 6 medical checks School Reports sent home today	31 Last day of Spring Term School Fundraiser – French Day; wear red, white and blue and buy a crepe for snack