

St Saviour's School



Newsletter

'Achieve, Respect, Co-operate'

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Spring Term 2020

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

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We are really looking forward to our Focus Week next week. We are going to be very busy developing our STEM (Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering) skills and would like to invite all parents/carers and friends of the school along on Friday 14th February from 2pm until the end of the school day. We will be showcasing the products and processes of the 'Moving Vehicles' projects the pupils will be working on during the week. You are welcome to look in any class or the school hall to see a range of what has been achieved. Please do just bear in mind that parking may be particularly busy at this time, so if it's an option to arrive without a car, you may prefer to do this.



Staffing updates

We are sorry to have to tell you that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Maindonald at Easter as she is moving on to spend more time with her family. Luckily for us, she still wants to do some work from time to time so we will be welcoming her back when she is available.

At the end of the Summer Term we will be wishing Mrs J Allan all the very best as she heads into a well-deserved retirement. She is also looking forward to spending more time with her family.

We are currently recruiting to these roles and will let you know when new members of staff have been appointed. I know you will join me in wishing both members of staff all the very best for the future.

Things we are working on

We are currently (almost half-way through the school year) on track to achieve the aims we set out to work towards during this school year. Some of them we are well on the way with and others we already have planned in for the next term and a half.

- We have been developing our school curriculum and Mrs Fowler is currently leading the middle leaders within school to develop the broader curriculum offer for all pupils. One of the areas is developing STEM skills for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 and this will be evident next week.
- Updating our Counter Bullying Policy and developing a clear, consistent approach to bullying in school based on up to date research and evidence. We are already working closely with Dr Graham Ramsden (Educational Psychologist, Education Department) and have staff training booked in for the Summer term. He will also be running a session for parents on Wednesday 17th June at 6.30pm.
- Safer routes to school for pupils who walk/scoot/cycle and have been supported by Deputy Pamplin, parents and the Eco-Team. We really want to ensure that the routes pupils/families take when getting to school are safe and considerate to the environment. The school survey is still open on this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YQOF4/> Please take the time to answer the few questions in order to help us.
- School Council developments with the School Council Year 6 representatives being part of the island-wide School Council Network – our pupils have met with the Education Minister and Children's Minister to share and discuss issues.

News from around the school

Nursery

The Nursery children have shown a keen interest in initial sounds and have been playing 'I spy' by using the initial sound of our names. We have also been exploring different materials and using them to make junk model robots. Next week we are looking forward to thinking like engineers when we make our moving vehicles.

Reception

Reception class have enjoyed learning about under the sea and pirates. The children have explored how to make treasure boxes out of egg cartons and built a pirate ship in the reception playground using the large blocks, the children were super creative and even added a plank to walk! We are looking forward to our trip to the Maritime Museum where we can dress as pirates and deepen our knowledge about the sea around the Channel Islands. Next week we will be making moving vehicles and exploring how magnets work to move the vehicles. Finally, reception will be starting to rehearse their Mother's Day assembly which will take place on 19th March at 9am – you are invited.

Year 1

Year 1 are enjoying learning about how we travel and see the world. We will be designing, building and testing our moving vehicles as part of our school STEM week next week. After half term, our focus will be on pirates. We look forward to welcoming you to our pirate day activities on Tuesday 25th February. The children are invited to come dressed as pirates for the day!

Year 2

This half term has been very busy in Year 2. Our Space topic has sparked some interesting questions about the depths of Space. We have also been enjoying our Netball coaching sessions within PE.

Next half term we will be continuing to learn about materials and as part of our topic we will be visiting La Collette. During our Longueville Manor visits we will be learning about the history of the hotel as well as doing some gardening. Thank you for continuing to support your children with reading at home.

Year 3

Year 3 are really enjoying learning about the Romans. They are currently designing Roman Chariots which we will be making shortly. A huge well done to everyone for completing their reading homework this week – let's see if we can keep this going next week too. We are really enjoying our PE sessions with the cricket coaches.

Year 4

Year 4 doubled up on learning at a recent trip to Durrell. We visited lots of rainforest animals to learn about their behaviour and why they are endangered, then we explored some amazing animal skulls in the education department to learn about different types of teeth and animal diets. This week we are putting all our learning into a report about rainforest animals. In other news, we're learning about what happens inside your body to the food you eat. Ask a Year 4 pupil to find out more!

Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard over the last few weeks. We had a superb Victorian themed day a couple of weeks ago and this led into our Victorian themed writing and enquiry work. We are developing our historical knowledge facts linked to inventors, ready for our STEM wheeled vehicles week next week.



Year 6

This term Year 6 have been learning all about South America and its physical and human geography. They have been linking their writing to their topic and have so far produced a persuasive leaflet and biography. Next half term they will be putting all their knowledge to a test by writing an adventure story set in South America. During STEM week Year 6 will be designing and creating mini carnival floats based on the Rio carnival in Brazil. You can come along to our parent sharing science fayre on Friday to see all our final creations. Along with Year 5, earlier this week we were very lucky to get to see a sneak preview of Grainville School's production of Grease, which was great. We saw lots of ex-pupils and even some siblings!

Extra Curricular Activities

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

St Saviour's football teams continue to have a fantastic season.

A huge well done to the netballers who are playing well against other teams in the league. They have a tournament coming up next half term too.

Our school will be well represented in the Primary Schools cross country competition with 14 pupils entering the run, we wish them all the best as they take part in the race.

A massive thank you to those parents and staff who continuously give up their time to help train and support the children, without whom it would not be possible to run so many activities.



School Council news:

Our School Council meet every 2-3 weeks to discuss issues and ideas that arise in school, such as ideas for sunshelter games, money we raise for charity and what is bullying.

Some of us have gone to see the Education Minister and ask questions about schools across the island. We have also gone to School Council Network meetings at Highlands and discussed a project we are involved in. We have been thinking about 'collaboration'. Written by Ben Casey



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,

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Headteacher**

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Reminder of dates next week:

Thursday 13th February 2020 – School class and team photos, all pupils to wear full school uniform, not PE kit

Friday 14th February 2020 – 2pm STEM celebration event. Come into classes and see what we have been doing during the week

Friday 14th February 2020 – Non-uniform day