



St Saviour's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so lovely to see so many of you at the parent-teacher check-ins this week. We enjoyed welcoming families into school and being able to have an informal chat with you. It was also lovely to see you in classrooms a couple of weeks ago for our open classroom event. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see the classrooms and to have a short meeting with the teacher. Any feedback you have on these two events would be gratefully received and will help us to shape things for future events.

Parking update:

Many thanks to those of you who responded to our parking survey. There were 60 responses from parents. These are the headlines:

- 58% of parents feel that the recent changes in parking around the school have had a positive impact.

The main additional comments to this question included concerns around the extended yellow lines taking out more parking spaces than necessary; more space being needed for parents/staff; pick up time remains a challenge for parents to find parking spaces (the morning drop off seems to be easier); the safety aspect of the busy main road.

- 63% of parents/families report feeling unnecessarily stressed about the parking situation at school. The main causes for this are; driving around multiple times to get a space making parents late for drop off or for pick up, having to arrive very early to secure a place and not overly worry.

Towards the end of the survey there were a range of comments and suggestions made as to how the situation could be improved. These include the following:

- School permit parking in close proximity of the school, possibly on Bagatelle Rd where the 1 hr zone has now been installed



Upcoming Events

Friday 20th October-Friday 27th October

INSET and Half Term – school closed

Monday 30th October

School reopens for Autumn 2

Friday 17th November

Children in Need fundraiser led by School Council

Week Beg Monday 11th December

Christmas events for parents – watch out for more information after half term

Monday 18th December

Christmas Party Day

Tuesday 19th December

Last day of term; Christmas Jumper Day

- Obtaining at least part of the green zone field opposite the school for part parking and a drop off zone with suitable crossing support available for pupils
- Turning Chasse Brunet into a drop off zone for pupils. There were also some suggestions that this road could then have diagonal parking for staff/visitors that require more than 1 hr parking
- A 12 hr in 24 hr zone for Bagatelle Rd which would alleviate the long-term parking but would support longer stay for staff, parents and visitors to the school

Myself and Mrs McKeown (School Business Manager) have met with a range of people to share our concerns and discuss possible ways forward. We have had a meeting with representatives from the Department for Infrastructure, some communication with the Parish of St Saviour and I have met with the Education Minister, Deputy Inna Gardiner. We will continue to try to resolve the most pressing issues and I will keep you updated with any further developments.

Christmas Events:

Yes, before we know it the festive season will be upon us. Staff are already planning for events and sessions for parents so please look out for further information, relevant to your child, after half term. We will aim to get dates and specific information to you by the end of the second week. I'm sure you will want to get the date/s in your diary.

OPAL:

We continue to develop and improve play opportunities for pupils during lunchtimes and after half term there will be some new activities including wheeled toys (scooters and carts). We can't wait to see the children enjoying these and have safety equipment to support the safe use of the new toys. The weather is likely to get wetter and the field is more likely to be damp and muddy, we will aim to give pupils as much opportunity to access the space available but this may mean they get a bit dirty during their play. We will have some wet and windy weather gear for them to use but please remember to provide them with a suitable coat/jacket for the weather (rainproof and/or warm).

Oracy developments

Another key area for us as a school is to develop Oracy (the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language). As part of this the pupils are learning and improving key skills as part of their daily lessons as well as within our assemblies. Ask your child to tell you a little more about this. Those of you that attended the parent-teacher meetings this week will have been given an Oracy leaflet to find out more about it. Our school website will be updated with a new section on Oracy in the next half term and you will be able to find out more information there.

Have a super half term next week. School reopens on Monday 30th October. We look forward to seeing you all again then.

In line with our open door policy please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Please either ring or email to let me know you would like me to get in touch with you. We welcome any and all feedback so that we can improve on any aspects to make things even better for all of the pupils at our school. There may be times when we cannot change things in line with your suggestions but we will be able to explain the reasons behind this to you.

Yours most sincerely,

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