



## St Saviour's School Newsletter

November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter of the term. I hope you and your families are all well. We are really looking forward to welcoming parents to the events we have planned in the run up to the Christmas break. We have a few things in the school calendar in the coming weeks so please check dates and let us know if you are unsure about anything. You should have received any specific information from class teachers.

### Deco Day and the St Peter's Church Christmas Tree festival:

This Friday is Deco Day, where pupils will be taking part in a range of art, craft and making activities during the day. As part of the day, decorations will be made to decorate a range of Christmas Trees for classes. For the first time, St Saviour's School will be taking part in the St Peter's Church Christmas tree festival from 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December. The pupils supported within The Haven and the Year 1 pupils will be making decorations specifically for trees which will be displayed in St Peter's Church during the festival. It is always such a spectacular event, so if you have any time available between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, I really recommend you popping into the church to view the trees. <https://stpeterschurch.org.je/church-life/christmas-tree-festival/>

### Support to relaunch our school PTA:

We don't currently have a fully functioning PTA and are really hopeful we can relaunch the committee in the new year. Please consider whether this is something you could support and commit a minimal amount of time to taking a role in. I will write again before the end of term with a meeting date for January.

It has been agreed that part of the monies in the PTA account will be used to fund Christmas Party Day activities for each class and also towards face painting and tattoos for the KS2 disco (pupils only need to purchase a disco ticket and food if they choose, all other options on the night will now be funded)

## St Saviours School PTA needs new members

Reasons to join the PTA

- Benefit your child - research shows that parental involvement at home and school boosts students achievements
- Get connected - PTA links families to important school and community info
- Meet new people - Get to know our teachers and staff, make life-long friends with other parents
- Strengthen our community - We need your unique perspective to make a difference
- Make your voice heard - Have a say in what events we organise for the children at our school
- It's good for you - Volunteering is fun, healthy and rewarding
- Raise funds - Help raise funds to create fun memories for our school community
- Flexibility - Commit what time you can, you don't have to attend meetings, designing a poster or running a stall for an hour helps keep everything running smoothly

Please email [stsavioursschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:stsavioursschoolpta@gmail.com) to register your interest

## Upcoming Events

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Deco Day – pupils will be involved in plenty of arts and crafts so wear something that can get messy

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery and Reception Christmas event for parents 8.30-9.15am

KS2 Christmas Singing – school playground 2pm (15<sup>th</sup> December reserve date)

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Nativity performance – School Hall 2.00pm (doors open 1.45pm)

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Probable school closure due to industrial action

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Disco – 5-6.30pm

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Party Day – wear non-uniform/ party clothes. KS2 ice skating

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of Term – Christmas jumper /non-uniform day. School closes usual time.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Start of the Spring Term

### **School lunches – update:**

Many thanks for your ongoing support of the request to not include foods with nuts or beef in due to a severe allergy of one of our pupils who has previously suffered anaphylactic shock with this. We continue to work closely with the School Nursing service and are in consultation with a Paediatrician to get the most up to date advice around this. As soon as I get any further update I will write to let you know.

The roll out of cooked school meals continues and our school is due to be able to offer this service during this school year. The current target start date is after the Easter holidays, more information to follow.



Healthy lunches – many of the pupils have varied and balanced snacks and lunches. We encourage healthy eating as part of this and are aware of some pupils who are more reluctant to try healthier options or prefer sweet and fatty foods. Please come and talk to us/the class teacher about what can be done to support if your child is struggling with this. Here is a link to our school handbook that has further information about healthy eating at school: [St Saviour's Primary School - School Handbooks](#); as well as a link to BBC Good Food guide to a range of ideas for food for schools: [Lunch and snack ideas for back to school - BBC Food](#)

### **Children in Need update:**

A **HUGE** thank you to all involved in this recent fundraising. The School Council ran this fundraising and raised a massive £660 – well done!

### **Parents Evening Appointments in October:**

73% of parents registered for check in appointments with teachers last month with 64% of parents actually attending the meetings. Next term we will be writing and sending the annual school report and in the Summer Term there will be another opportunity to formally meet with the teacher and your child to find out more about their learning and progress.

However, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or comments at any time.

### **Parking update:**

Mrs McKeown and myself are meeting Parish officials and the Infrastructure Minister, Deputy Tom Binet (St Saviour) next week. We continue to feed back on the challenges of parking, dropping off and picking up as well as road safety around our school and look forward to some improvements in this area in the near future. Mrs Jones and I attended a parish drop in with Deputy Raluca Kovacs recently to share yours and our concerns with her. We will continue to raise the profile of this within our parish and more widely on the behalf of our school.

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, Mrs Williams