

# St Saviour's School



Partners in Building  
A Future

## Newsletter

'Achieve, Respect, Co-operate'

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

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Apologies that this is the first full newsletter of the academic year – the time has been whizzing by!

We have now well and truly settled into the new school year and the pupils are making good progress with their learning. It was lovely to see so many of you visiting the teachers last week in order to find out how your child has settled in and what their targets are for the term.

As part of the Jersey Festival of Words recently, pupils in Key Stage Two visited the Opera House to listen to and see authors at work. Years 1 and 2 were joined by an author who visited our school. All pupils seemed to enjoy this experience, and we have already seen some evidence of this having an impact on their own writing. We have been having a weekly 'Writing Challenge' in assembly time. On a Monday the pupils are given a topic/theme/sentence starter and they have time in class to develop their writing over the week. Volunteers from each class then come up in assembly on a Friday and share their writing with the rest of us – there have been some magnificent ideas shared and some incredible vocabulary used. Last week's theme, linked to Harvest, was "You have discovered a really disgusting vegetable, how can you persuade someone to try eating it...?"

For the next two weeks each class is focussing on being creative – making links between curriculum areas and doing lots of fun activities. Look out for artists working within the school as each class will be updating the large art pieces hanging around the school. See our Facebook page for a sneak preview...they are looking incredible so far.

REMEMBER – Non-Uniform Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – donations for School Council

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

I was incredibly proud of the school choir who joined the congregation on the Sunday and sang 2 songs confidently, we received lots of positive feedback. They were amazing ambassadors for our school. Many thanks to Mr Loxton and Mrs Lopez who helped train the choir and supported the pupils on the day. We have lots more events coming up in November and December.

### Weather...



We are becoming aware of the changing weather with the onset of Autumn. Please support us by ensuring your child/ren have **CLEARLY NAMED** waterproof coats/jackets to enable them to have a break outside, even if the weather is slightly wet and changeable. We do like to give everyone a chance to get a break in the fresh air, unless the rain is particularly heavy.



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and PTA AGM

Thank you so much for your support of this event. We raised the impressive amount of £217 thanks to your generous donations of cakes and/or money. The AGM was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September and the committee was re-elected unopposed. Please do see Mrs Andrews-Callec, Mrs Ellis, Miss MacMinn or any other members of the committee if you would like to offer support or have any suggestions for fund-raising or community building projects.

SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – further details to follow

## A reminder - Top anti-bullying tips

### Tips for parents and carers

You can access a really useful free anti-bullying online information tool at:

[www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool](http://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool)

Get some advice. There are many organisations that can give you some advice. Contact them if you are worried about bullying and want to talk to someone. <http://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/advice-parents-carers/>

If your child is being bullied or you think they might be, here are some tips on how to talk to them and prevent further bullying.

◇ If your child is being bullied, don't panic. Explain to your child that the bullying is not their fault and together you will sort this out.

- Bullying is never acceptable; and should always be taken seriously. It is never your child's fault if they've been bullied.
- Try and establish the facts. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events. If the bullying is online, save or copy images and text.
- Find out what your child wants to happen. Help to identify steps you can take; and the skills they have to help sort out the situation. Make sure you always keep them informed about any actions you decide to take.
- You may be tempted to tell your child to retaliate but this can have unpredictable results. Your child might get into trouble or get even more hurt. Rather – role play non-violent ways they can respond to children that are bullying them (e.g. "I don't like it when you say that to me / do that to me. Stop."); show them how to block or unfriend people if the bullying is online and help them identify other friends or adults that can support them.
- Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place)



# **BULLYING MUST STOP!**

**PLEASE DO COME AND SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF AT SCHOOL IF YOU  
HAVE ANY CONCERNS**