



Headteacher: Mrs Jenny Posner

Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Summer break. It has been lovely to see all our families and children and find out about their adventures during the holidays. We also welcome our new Reception and Nursery families into school. The children have all settled in so well with their new teachers.

We also welcome Miss Rachel Le Seilleur, our Year 3 teacher, and Mrs Holly Howard, our new lunchtime teacher.

As you may be aware, I got married during the summer and have now changed my name. This has caused great confusion amongst the children, staff, people who I have emailed during the summer, new parents and I am just getting used to it too! My new name is Mrs Posner and my email address has changed to j.posner@stmartin.sch.je. Any emails sent to my old address will still be received.

Upcoming events

On Thursday 21st September at 6pm, we have a Meet the Teacher meeting for all parents at school. This is a very important meeting for parents to attend to meet their child's new class teacher and find out about the curriculum, the expectations for the year and how to help at home. Each teacher will run two sessions so if you have more than one child you can attend both. The first session will be 6-6.30pm and the second session will be from 6.35-7.05pm.

We will be sending out a 'dates for your diary' list next week with all the important dates from now until Christmas.

Car Parking

At the start of the year it is a good time to remind everyone about our car parking arrangements. We are very fortunate to have a Parish car park located just opposite school. Please can we ask everyone to be mindful about parking considerately and ensuring they don't park in the recycling area. Parking in the old school is strictly just for staff with permits. This area is currently being developed and Connetable Le Troquer has been in touch as he is worried that children/parents are currently parking there and they mustn't do this for their safety. Parking at the front of the school in the small car park is just for the Head/Deputy, the minibus and disabled access and we ask parents not to park there. We really encourage green ways to travel to school. There is an area to store bicycles at the front of the school and we encourage walking, scooting, cycling or car sharing if possible to reduce the amount of cars.



During the year, there are some occasions when there is a large event on in the Parish e.g. community event at the Parish Hall, funeral at the Church etc. Whenever possible, we try to let parents know about these events so they are aware the car park might be busy and to look at alternative ways to drop off or pick up.

Medical Needs

All children with medical needs have a Health Care Plan written for them. If you think your child's needs have changed over the summer please contact Mrs Hidrio to let her know. Please can you also make sure that you bring in any inhalers or epi-pens and give this to the front desk so everything is up to date.

Term Dates

Our term dates can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.je/education/schools/schoollife/pages/termdates.aspx>

Please note that on Thursday 14th September, the staff have a training day (INSET day) and school will be closed. We also have an INSET day on Tuesday 8th May 2018.

Book Sale

Year 4 and Year 5 are going to a special event linked to Poetry at the Opera House as part of the Festival of Words. As part of these festival and to raise money for a coach, they are going to run a book sale. Please find a letter from Miss Rive, Mr G, Year 4 and Year 5 attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Sponsored Walk

Many thanks for everyone who collected money for the sponsored walk in July. We raised a fantastic amount and if you have any additional sponsorship money, please do bring it in.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend.

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JERSEY FESTIVAL OF WORDS 2017

September 27th - October 1st

Dear parents, family and friends of St Martin's,

To support our learning in Literacy, Year 4 and Year 5 have the exciting opportunity to visit Opera House to be part of the Jersey Festival of Words on Friday 29th September. They will be listening to a workshop held by Joshua Seigal, who is a poet and performer. He will be sharing his book 'I Don't Like Poetry' and it is sure to inspire the most reluctant poetry readers.

In order to get us to the event, we would like to organise a coach. However, as these are very costly; our classes would like to raise the money from a book sale.

We welcome all donations to the Year 5 classroom door, and hope that it will be an opportunity for you to select some new reads for the book shelf!

ALL BOOKS WELCOME! We want to create a book sale that will have something for the youngest to the eldest member of your family. Hopefully we can get more grown-ups talking about books!

The book sale will be held on **Tuesday 19th September** outside the main office.

Books will be on sale for 50p and all money will go towards the cost of the coach. Any additional funds raised will be put into our school library.

Many thanks,

Miss Rive, Mr Guegan, Year 4 and Year 5!

