

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 6.9.24



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

The buzz of starting a new school year in a Primary School – the nerves / excitement / anxiety – was tangible again this week. For the 32nd time as an adult, I love it and I really hope that your children have very much enjoyed the start of term too.

They are settling so quickly into their new routines, with new teachers and friends, and I congratulate them for this.

As always in a large organisation, there will be some teething problems. We have experienced some this week, and I want to use my letter this week to ask for your support (and patience) with a few issues.

Our priority needs to be safety. In the mornings, the long pavement is a **drop-off zone only**. The children should leave their vehicles on the passenger side, so they may step safely onto the pavement – not into the road. The long pavement is not a location for a driver to leave their vehicle unattended at any time. If a driver needs to get out of the vehicle, please take one of the parking spaces – circulate until you find one, if necessary.

Slow Down to less than walking pace on the campus. I have already had reports of drivers being aggressive and excessive in their speeds in school and on the road outside. If necessary, given that we have the grounds covered by CCTV, I shall take steps to make sure this is enforced.

Please consider walking to school. It's only about 750m from the top of Tower Road, or from Rouge Bouillon roundabout, to d'Auvergne...that should be walkable. Reducing the quantity of vehicles on site would be very helpful, and healthier. The **yellow lines** in the school grounds are there for a purpose – on Thursday, the traffic completely stopped as cars were parked on them. Please, stay in your cars and circulate. We will look after your child until you are able to collect them if you are stuck in d'Auvergne traffic. If you are late, the children are taken to the school office at 3.15pm to be centrally looked after.

Moving forward, I am trying to secure funding for 3 'Walking Buses', which will help alleviate some pressures.

After School and Breakfast Clubs

Mrs Rodrigues does an amazing job co-ordinating our After School and Breakfast Clubs. The complexities of managing 1200 'slots' being accessed by our children each week should not be underestimated. The wrap-around offer from d'Auvergne is second to none on the Island; there is no school that comes close to the programme that Mrs Rodrigues has put together to support children and busy working families. I just want to take this opportunity to thank her for her work and to remind parents that these provisions are an 'additionality'

to d'Auvergne School life, and that they and Mrs Rodrigues should not be taken for granted. Our 'contractual' ASC and Breakfast Club agreements are shared with all parents / carers and need to be adhered to – thank you so much.

Office and Support Staff

We (me, you, my team, our children) have an incredible office and support staff team. They are the oil in cogs of our large organisation. The team in the front office, and our caretakers, are some of the unsung smiling heroes of d'Auvergne. The demands on them – from me, you, my team, our children – are **significant and pretty much relentless**. They are amazing and go above and beyond to help. Please, let's make every effort to say 'thanks' to them frequently.

Dates for the Diary

A reminder that we are closed next Thursday (12th) for the International Air Display.

Wednesday 18th September, 6.00pm – 7.30pm Reception and Key Stage 1 'Meet the Teacher'.

Thursday 19th September, 6.00pm – 7.30pm Key Stage 2 'Meet the Teacher'.

These are important sessions, when much information about the year ahead will be provided.

Flu Letters

All pupils should have received a letter regarding Flu vaccinations today. All responses must be received by next Friday 13th, please.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning):

On Tuesday, we were joined by Julie West (our OPAL Mentor) who delivered training on **Outside Play and Learning**. Everyone in school now shares the same informed vision of the importance of play and we have some very exciting next steps and ideas to provide improved lunchtimes for your children.

HUGE thanks to all of the parents who returned the questionnaires before the Summer – we will share the results with you shortly as well as a detailed action plan, stages of development and a play policy!

Small changes that we have made *this* week include children having the freedom to leave the hall when they have finished their meal and taking a 'pause' with football. Next week we are planning on introducing some tactile textiles, a craft trolley, various additional sports equipment and launching our play assemblies.

It would be great if you could have a look at home for any old small world play equipment – cars, dinosaurs, farm animals, fairies, knights, action figures (ideally no bigger than your hand!). A donation box will be below the black post boxes by the main entrance.

Thanks in advance,
Mrs Wheaton

Oracy

We continue to partner with Voice21 to develop our school's Language Development agenda this year. In class, the children will work on developing, both, their speaking and their listening skills. Each week, our Talk Tuesday activity will be shared in the Weekly Bulletin as well as on our Social media pages.

Should you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wheaton (our Oracy Lead) or Mrs Lutkin-Clarke (our Oracy Champion). We look forward to inviting you into school soon to share some terrific talk with you!

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Jersey Premium

Should you have any questions or require support regarding accessing Jersey Premium, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wheaton to make an appointment.

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How our Jersey Premium Funding is spent at d'Auvergne can be found here:
<https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/parents-area/jersey-premium/>

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/ChildLearning/pages/jerseypremium.aspx>

P.T.A.

Our first PTA Meeting of the year will be **next Tuesday 10th September, 6.30pm** in the staff room – please access by the blue door next to Mr Cooper's office and the lost property! We would love to welcome some new parents to the team, be you new to the school or just fancy becoming a little bit more involved! All are welcome!

Our first event will be our cultural Polish evening on Thursday 26th September in our school hall from 6pm-8pm (more info to follow directly from Mr Cooper soon!).

Dates for the year will follow in a separate Parentmail on Monday.

Social Media

Don't forget to follow our social media pages for updates, photos, videos etc:

Facebook: 'Pages' d'Auvergne School / D'Auvergne School PTA (both have the school logo as profile images)

Instagram: @dauvergneprimaryschool @dauvergnep.ta

Mrs Kruk's MLL Philosophical Question in Your Home Language:

- Does a painting need to look like something to be good?
- Uma pintura precisa ter aparência para ser boa?
- Czy obraz musi coś odwzorowywać by być udanym?
- Trebuie picturile să înfățișeze lucruri pe care le putem recunoaște, ca să fie frumoase? (vezi pictură clasică de peisaje sau portretistica vs pictură abstractă)

Year Group Updates**Futures 1**

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new families that have joined this year.

It has been so lovely to see your children arriving in class with big smiles. They have all taken the move to the new part of the school brilliantly and are definitely enjoying the extra space it has allowed us. Thank you for adapting to the new drop off and pick up area so quickly. Please be mindful of closing any gates and doors behind you as you enter and exit.

A few housekeeping notes:

Please provide the following to be kept in school:

- Coat / jacket as appropriate
- Wellies
- Waterproof trousers and jacket or all in one
- Water bottle (we will wash and refill these daily)
- Spare clothes, including underwear
- Nappies/pull ups and wipes (if appropriate)

Our P.E. Day will be on a Thursday and Swimming will be on a Friday (first session starts 20th September). I will notify you of any other trips/activities as and when they arise, so please do check your emails regularly.

Please do remember, we are always available to answer any questions or listen to any information. That said, the morning drop off can sometimes be a little tricky, so if we are not able to chat, please drop us an email and I will respond ASAP.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Mason and The Futures 1 Team

Futures 2

A big welcome back to learners and families!

It was very telling that all of the Futures 2 children came into our, slightly rearranged, classroom with such enthusiasm and eagerness to talk to their friends of their summer adventures: a hospital stay with a teddy bear, sleeping and fine dining on a train, a boat trip to France, unexpected new kittens and a holiday in sunny Scotland! It is great to see friendships resume and grow.

Now for the new bits:

As I'm sure you're no doubt aware, we will now be entering and exiting in the side entrance, closer to the bottom car park. Hopefully this will lead to a smoother, calmer home-time transition.

Our new timetable is still yet to be finalised. We are constantly looking to broaden the learning experiences we offer and to give further opportunities for the children to join their link classes, when appropriate. Once we have liaised with all class teachers, you will be contacted with a revised timetable and specific days of note for each child.

Finally, "WELCOME!" to our new Futures 2 child, and to Ms. Sarah - who joins our adult team. My hope is that you've heard all about them at home already. Every child has been very supportive, curious and empathetic, and I'm sure we'll all be fast friends soon enough.

Feel free to approach Mr Williams, Mrs Bailey and Ms Phillips with any questions you may have. The 2024/25 term is going to be spectacular.

Best wishes

The Futures 2 Team

P.S If you happen to have or know of any unwanted scooters or bikes, we are keen to build our collection.

P.P.S If you happen to have or know of any unwanted barrels or building materials, we are keen to build up our outdoor provision.

P.P.P.S No, that's more than enough scrounging for now.

Nursery

Welcome to Nursery!

We have loved welcoming in your children for their pop in and play sessions this week, they have been amazing and we know we are going to have such amazing fun together this year. We are looking forward to seeing them all again at **8:30am on Monday**.

We kindly ask that you please bring with you a recent family photo for us to display on our families' wall. You may email these to Miss Fage h.fage@dauvergne.sch.je if you do not have access to a printer and this is easier for you. Looking at these pictures can often provide a source of comfort for your little ones whilst they are settling in.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team 😊

Reception

What a wonderful few days we have had to start the first term in Reception! All of the children have loved exploring their new classrooms and making lots of new friends. We are practising our classroom routines, beginning with putting their snack, water bottle, book bag and lunch away in the morning. We have also practised our lining up and moving safely and calmly around the school. The children have loved playing on the big playground during break times and lunch times. We have been really impressed with the children coming in in the morning independently. This really helps them to settle quickly and get ready for their day.

Polite requests:

- Please ensure the following items are named: snack box, water bottle, lunchbox, all pieces of uniform. These items are likely to come home again if labelled and the children will be able to independently find their own belongings.
 - All snack needs to be fresh fruit or vegetables. No smoothies/fruit bars/yoghurts etc. It is really helpful for the children if snack is cut up for them. Including grapes and apples. Grapes must be cut in half lengthways to avoid choking.
 - As stated in our the Welcome Handbook, we are a NUT FREE school. Please do not put any nut butters/spreads or nut based food items in snack boxes or lunch boxes.
 - It is quite common to have a few accidents here and there. So, please remember to send in spare uniform, including pants and socks.
 - As the weather is becoming more wet and windy, all Reception children require a waterproof coat every day for play times, as well as a puddlesuit and wellies to remain in school for exploring in our outdoor Reception area.
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We are looking forward to another exciting week next week! We will be learning about our families. If you would like to send in a photograph via email or in person, your child will be able to talk about their family to their friends.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Jodi Shurey (The Reception Dream Team)

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Year 1

The children have settled really well as we get to grips with the new routines of Year 1!

In Maths, we have looked at different 2D shapes (square, rectangle, circle and triangle) discussing their properties (corners and sides) and similarities/differences.

Vocabulary mats for Maths and Topic will be coming home in due course, please use these to prompt discussions with your child about what they are learning at school.

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday, so please ensure your child comes to school in P.E. uniform on these days.

Please ensure everything that is brought to school is clearly labelled.

Please ensure back packs are left at home and only book bags are brought into school.

If you're out and about over the weekend and find any pinecones/little sticks or anything of that sort, please bring them into school so we can use them in the classroom. Also, any junk modelling bits and bobs are very welcome! Please ensure no medicine boxes are brought in and that all containers are clean before bringing them in.

We really appreciate your support.

Year 1 Team

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Year 2

Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays. We are looking forward to what is sure to be an exciting year in Year 2!

The children have come back ready and raring to go which is fantastic! We have hit the ground running with our learning and the children seem keen to get started.

This week we have dived right in to our topic learning. For this term we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We have been busy creating a paper version of London from 400 years ago and discussed how a small fire that started in a bakery, spread through the streets of London causing catastrophic damage. We have made predictions about how and why we think the fire spread and predicted how the fire stopped. We have also taken a look at our text driver for this half term 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. The children have written predictions for this story.

The children have also enjoyed some maths activities this week. They practiced addition and number comparing in a name scabble activity and again in a dice game.

On Friday, the children had a great time being the teachers and teaching us something! We have learnt so many new skills such as painting, singing, dancing, musical instruments and how to care for various different pets, including a praying mantis!

Important information:

Meet the teacher evening will be 18th September at 6pm. We hope to see many of you there. As the weather is quickly changing, please can we ask that children come in with a rain coat.

A reminder that morning snack should please be fresh fruit or vegetables.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a great year!

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

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Year 3

It's been a short but sweet week in Year 3! The children have been really impressing us with their 'can do' attitude towards their learning– well done all!

In Maths, we have started the year with 'Shapetember' – with a focus on different types of lines, leading onto describing 2D and 3D shapes. In reading lessons, the children have been developing their understanding of inference, vocabulary and retrieval skills. In writing, we have been getting to know our key text 'Leo and the Gorgon's Curse.' In Science this term, we will be learning about forces. We began our learning this week by getting practical with some push and pull toys to demonstrate different types of force.

We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into year 3 and look forward to further exciting learning experiences next week!

Our PE days this term will be Monday and Thursday. We know the children are very excited to receive their laptops. This will take place later in the term once our laptops have been serviced and we've had chance to prepare the children for this responsibility.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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Year 4

What a great start to Year 4! It's been delightful having the children back in school and seeing how much they have grown in a short amount of time. We are all adjusting well to our new classrooms and routines, and are already feeling more connected.

This week we have already started our Science topic of human digestion which is going to be interesting (and disgusting)! We look forward to next week when we make a messy model of the human digestive system.

In maths we have begun **Shapetember** with learning about angles and triangles. Children have shown a great understanding of the difference between obtuse, acute, and right-angles. Please continue this at home using any angles which you might see in real life – tree branches, roofs on houses, patterns, etc.

We have started reading Demon Dentist by David Walliams and we're hooked! It's definitely a good lesson in teeth hygiene, which the Year 4 children might want to remember at home as well...

A reminder that our PE days are Monday and Friday, so PE kit is a requirement on these days. We also expect all children to come to school with a healthy snack to eat in the morning. This excludes foods which pretend to be healthy like sweet/fruit roll-ups. Snacks should be fruit and veg. Some children have said that they do not bring a snack to school, but this should not be the case.

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Year 5

It has been a brilliant first week in Year 5!

In our English lessons we have started exploring our Poppy Pym book with class predictions, using our Oracy partner talk tactics. We have also been discussing the use of adjectives in our sentence writing to make them super exciting!

In Maths, we have begun our work on Place Value and also completed our first Arithmetic Test. These will be completed every week and the children will then take them home as homework to work on areas that they specifically need to look at.

We have also completed some History and Science work based on our Ancient Egyptian topic. We explored how life is different now and how we can compare the Ancient Egyptian lifestyle growing up and what makes a solid, liquid and gas!

This Thursday we started our Year 5 Swimming Lessons. These will continue each Thursday morning, please could the children remember their swimming costumes, hats and goggles for these sessions and thank you again to those parent helpers who are able to support us!

Next week, Year 5 have their Bikeability assessments on Tuesday morning and we also have an INSET day on Thursday.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunny weather!

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Year 6

It has been a pleasure to welcome your fantastic children to their final year of primary school this week. We have started off as we mean to go on in Year 6, jam packed yet full of fun.

We began on Wednesday with Mr Cooper delivering a tie tying lesson. The more that they practise, the easier this process will become over the year. The children have looked incredibly smart in the rest of their school uniform! In the classroom we have been cracking straight on.

In Maths, we have started the topic of 'Shapetember', looking at the different angles in shapes and working out missing angles in shapes too. In Reading and Writing, we have looked at our new class text, *Oliver Twist*, focussing on the character himself and how he portrays to an audience based on his physical appearance.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday this half term. Coach Rob will teach the children on Wednesday, and the children will have a PE session with their class teacher on the Monday.**
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- There is a letter being sent home today, which is also on Google Classroom, regarding an upcoming trip for both classes. If you have any questions about the information on the letter, please contact your child's class teacher.

Achievers:

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Dennis! He has had a fantastic start to Year 6, not only engaging brilliantly with his lessons but being one of the fastest people to learn how to tie a tie I have ever seen. Keep up this confidence Dennis and you will have a fantastic time and achieve great things. Well done!

6H: The achiever in 6H is Sophie! Sophie has recently joined d'Auvergne this week and has settled in fantastically. She has given her best efforts in absolutely everything and has been a wonderful addition to the class. She has also adapted well to d'Auvergne life and Year 6 in general. Great job Sophie – keep it up!
