Dear Parents and Carers,

**Head Teacher’s Comments**

**School Awards**

Every week we celebrate the children’s achievements with certificates presented at ‘Tea with Mr C.’ These awards are mainly for effort, but also recognise high attainment. Similarly, our end of term trophies are, on the whole, won by children who have put great effort in to their learning.

**Christmas Dates – A Reminder**

* Friday 6th December, 2pm – 4pm - **PTA Christmas Fair**
* Monday 16th December, 5.30pm – **Carols Around the Tree** (Whole d’Auvergne Community invited for mince pies, hot chocolates…)
* Tuesday 17th December, 2pm & 5.30pm – **Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity** (School)
* Wednesday 18th December, 2pm - **Reception Singing** (School)
* Wednesday 18th December, 6pm – **Key Stage 2 Carol Service** (St. Mark’s Church, ticketed event)
* Thursday 19th December, 9.00am – **Nursery Singing** (School)
* Thursday 19th December, 1.30pm – **Achievers’ Assembly**
* Thursday 19th December, 3.00pm – End of Term (NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB)

**Jersey Sport Christmas Holiday Activities**

With the end of term approaching any parents who may be looking for childcare and other activities over the Christmas holidays 2024 can register and book through the webpage below. If you need some assistance, you can email [bookings@jerseysport.je](mailto:bookings@jerseysport.je) and they will endeavour to assist you as quickly as possible.

[Christmas Holiday Activities • Jersey Sport](https://jerseysport.je/children-activities/christmas-activities/)

**School Council**

This week some of our amazing representatives attended the School Council Networking meeting at Highlands College, this gave us the opportunity to meet other school council representatives from across the island and share our ideas.

These meetings give us the opportunity to be part of government decisions that can have a positive impact on all of our lives.

We talked about the plans and developments for the Millennium Park, we gave feedback on the designs in place for the new equipment.

*With kind regards*, *Yvonne Huelin*

*Lead ELSA*

**LAST REMINDER FOR CLOTHES DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS COSY CLOTHES GIVEAWAY!**

On Tuesday 26th November, you will find us in the quiet playground giving away high-quality clothes... FOR FREE! We can only do this if we receive donations of outgrown children's clothes. Our big focus this year is Christmas Jumpers! Please bring clothes to school, with the last day for donations on Monday. Address them to Mr Blake.

Any donations received after Monday 25th will not be prepared in time for the event.

We look forward to seeing you in the quiet playground on Tuesday.

**Your d’Auvergne Eco Committee**

Have a great weekend everyone – wrap up warm!

Mr Cooper

**Year Group Updates**

**Futures 1**

The dreadful weather this week has highlighted our need to be physically active, even if we don't want to go outside!  Mr Cooper and Mrs Lacy-Kerr have very kindly provided us with some climbing equipment that we can use inside to get our core muscles working, as well as providing us with the opportunities we need to regulate using big movements.

We are enjoying our class story more and more especially as extra sensory elements are introduced.  We now have lots of jumping monsters and bubbles that join our story time.  I am very impressed by the children's ability to put these items away when we move onto the next part of the story.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Mason & the Futures 1 Team

**Futures 2**

Hello again,

This week we have been learning about animal families: mammals, reptiles and arachnids. Not only have we been writing sentences and drawing these wonderful creatures, but during our Challenge Wednesday activity even made our very own arachnid with a link class friend.  We will be bringing this knowledge and using these 'classification' skills when we explore Jersey Zoo on 9th December. I'll place a gentle reminder nearer the time.

Another feature of our week, that you may have already heard about, was our fire alarm drill on Wednesday morning. All of our children were able to quickly exit and assemble whilst remaining happy and calm. It was a very positive experience and shows that, with a little support, everything is accessible for our children.

Within the classroom we have began involving GRID in our sessions. This programme caters for people who need symbols to support their communication and over the course of this term we will be getting the children familiar with its usage on iPad; we will then feedback to each child's parents/ carers whether this would be useful to extend at home.

Enjoy the dark nights and festive lights.

The Futures 2 Team

**Nursery**

An extremely wet week in nursery but wow have we enjoyed splashing in muddy puddles! All the rain has been the perfect excuse for the children to demonstrate their **independence** by changing their shoes, wellies and quite often their trousers too!

This week, the grown ups have redeveloped the **mark making** area in nursery which has provided the children with new opportunities and motivation to enhance their fine motor skills. They have particularly enjoyed the additions of felt tip pens and markers, we are working hard to remember to put the lids back on once we have finished to take care of our belongings.

Our **sound of the week** this week was a-a-a (apple) and next week we will be learning the sound ssssss (snake). Please follow the below link for guidance on how to support your child with their sound learning and pronunciation at home.

[RWI Speed Sounds Set One - "m" - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8MzQJ528tw&list=PLVB0Ddgu7ewGCwrhUvCphCyx3eUTgJO8c)

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Finally, as you will have seen on Tapestry, we have published our **key groups**, sharing with you who your child's key worker is. We have spent a long time observing the children, their friendships and the adults that they enjoy spending time with to help us craft these groups. The children eat their lunch with their key groups and have group time each morning where we join in listening, turn taking and special activities together.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team 🙂

**Reception**

Wow, we have been so impressed with the retelling of our story ‘The Little Red Hen’. Thank you to all those parents who practised this at home with their children over the weekend, we really can tell. We have continued working on sequencing this week, a very important skill. We’ve also been learning to recognise number and showing it in different ways e.g. 3 is the same as 2 + 1 or 0 + 3. The children have been showing their skills on their whiteboards and drawing what they could see e.g. 5 can be shown as:

Give your child a number from 0 to 5 and ask them to show it in different ways with objects or drawn on paper. We will be doing lots more on number and number patterns throughout the year, so it really helps if your child knows the value of a number.

It was lovely to see so many parents this week and we enjoyed sharing their learning so far with targets to work on at home. If you didn’t make an appointment or missed your booking, please contact your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.



**Next week:** Please provide your child with a clean **jar** for a science experiment we have planned.

We have some important Christmas dates in the diary we’d like to share with you…here goes…

**Friday 6th December** - **Christmas Jumper day**. Children can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. They must wear the rest of their uniform underneath.

**PTA fair (Parents welcome to visit 3pm – 4pm.)** Reception will be selling handmade wrapping paper so come along and buy some for your Christmas presents.

**Monday 16th December – Reception Christmas Party.** Children can come into school dressed in party clothes for the day. Please ensure they have suitable footwear and a warm waterproof coat as normal. We will be providing some extra treats to have and enjoying a fun filled afternoon of party games.

**5.30pm – Carols and mince pies for all the family.**

**Wednesday 18th December – Reception Christmas singing at 2pm**. All parents welcome.

Children should come into school with their normal school uniform but we’d like them all to wear a tinsel headband, similar to the picture shown (any colour).

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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

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**Year 1**

It has been great catching up with you all at parent consultation meetings and sharing how the children are settling into Year 1.

In Writing, the children have been writing about how to keep safe during Bonfire Night. The children wrote guidance about keeping safe, focussing on using 'and' and 'because' to extend their sentences.

In Maths, the children have continued to build on their number bonds to 10, using these in number sentences. Can your child put 7, 5 and 2 into a part, part, whole diagram and then make a number story with it? (2+5=7).

In Religious Education, the children have been discussing communities: what a community is and what communities they are part of.

In PSHE, the children have been discussing and then illustrating the differences and similarities that they have with other children in the class. The children have enjoyed finding out what similarities they share with their peers that they may not have known about before, and also learning that us all being different makes us unique and special!

**Reminders** -

Mrs Andre-Brown's class have now completed their cycling sessions and starting on Tuesday (26th) and running on 3rd and 10th December, Miss Lee's class will take part in their cycling sessions. Mrs Andre-Brown's class will still have P.E on Tuesdays.

Thank you to those children who have been accessing Spelling Shed. Between now and Christmas, there will be no set activity for the children to do that is linked to that week's spellings but there will still be generic activities available for the children to access.

Please ensure reading is done every night and the homework planners are signed to reflect this.

Many thanks for your support,

Year 1 Team

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**Year 2**

Thank you to all that joined us this week for parent consultations. It was great to discuss how your children have settled into Year 2.

This week the children have been learning about division in Maths. The focus has been making equal groups of 2, 5 and 10 and the counting how many groups that have made. For example: You have 15 apples. You can put 5 apples in a basket. How many baskets will you have? 15 ÷ 5 = 3. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In Literacy this week the children have been working hard on their independent writing. They have been writing a recount of our text driver 'Molly McDrew and The Great Fire of London.' They have been writing the recount as if they were Molly. The children have worked hard on using expanded noun phrases to add lots of description to their writing and they have been focusing on proof-reading their work to make sure they have all the correct punctuation.

The children have been very busy in their music sessions this week, practicing for their performance on 3rd December. The children are very excited about this. Jersey Music School have asked each child to learn a short sentence that they will say during the performance. These have been sent home with the children. We would be grateful if you could encourage the children to practice their line.

Christmas is coming round quickly and so we are beginning to get ready for Nativity! Each child has been given an acting part or a sentence to say during the performance. Their lines have been sent home with them this week. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to begin learning their line.

Staying on the theme of Christmas, for the Christmas fair 2A are making wool snowmen. If you have any spare white wool that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Reminders:

-Please provide a healthy fruit or veg snack for your child and a water bottle.

-Please send homework diaries in every day and read/practice spellings daily.

-Please send your child in with a coat.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

**Year 3**

Another productive week in Year 3!

Thank you to all parents who have met with us this week, it is a real pleasure to talk about the progress that the children are making and discuss how we can support them in achieving their next steps.

Our week started with a performance of Peter and the Wolf from the Jersey Opera House. We learnt about themes, repeated parts of music and heard some wonderful piano playing and storytelling.

In reading we continue to develop our fluency and comprehension skills whilst enjoying the adventures of Demon in the Underworld... Will he manage to saved the Cerberus?

Our letters from Leo to his parents about his epic adventure to find the gorgon in Poseidon's temple are really taking shape. We have seen the children applying the skills we have taught as well as using some ambitious vocabulary in thee modelled writes.

We are coming to the end our addition and subtraction unit in maths. This week, the children have been working on word problems and using bar models to help them to solve them. As part of this, they have been using the vocabulary in the question to help them to work out which number operation to use. This has really them to use their addition and subtraction skills as well as practise applying their place value knowledge.

In science we completed no one, but two investigations! We explored magnetic force by looking at how many paperclips a magnet would attract and also how many pieces of paper we could put between two magnets before the magnet force was broken, there were a few surprises!

We have started to practise our poem, The star and carol, Away in a Manger, for the Christmas performance. Please take time to practise the words at home so that the children become familiar and fluent with them.

Also, next week sees Deco Day... We are excited about the decorations that we will be making with the children.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your children's learning...

Warmest regards,

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton.

**Year 4**

A very busy week this week with parent consultations! We hope that parents left feeling positive about their children's learning and more at d'Auvergne. As a reminder, Google Classroom has some materials which we have posted which will help with Reading, Writing and Maths: there are instructions for column addition and subtraction; information about *questioning* when reading a book; information and examples of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, and more. Please use these resources at home, and support your children to access them, so that they have instructions which they can use any time they need. If you would like printed copies of these, please contact your child's class teacher directly and we will create a little pack for you. We're aware that some children are without their laptops, so we will do this for them already.

In Writing, children have written a letter to Mrs Wheaton, convincing her to (or not to) let us have a pet dragon at school! We will mark these and they will go in their Independent Write folders with their best examples of writing throughout their time at d'Auvergne. Although they're not yet marked, immediately they look captivating and we are sure that they are making progress with their writing abilities.

In Maths, we have finished subtraction and now move onto multiplication. Please ensure that your child is using Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars at home. They *must* be secure with times tables 2-12 within Year 4. It is essential for the children to know that multiplication is also *repeated addition*, meaning that the 9 times table is simply 9 + 9 + 9 and so on. We have explained that if children remember their place value knowledge, and can add up numbers up to 12, then they can do multiplication!

In other areas, children have created some brilliant **animal towers** in Science, writing as many animals as they can on duplo blocks and connecting them to their correct animal class (mammals, fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles). History has seen us learning about Boudica, the tribal queen who led an uprising against the invading Roman forces in Britain circa 60 CE.

**Year 5**

It has been a great week in Year 5!

In our English lessons we have written our non-chronological piece of Writing about either our time at Crabbe or d'Auvergne School! This allowed the children to use their real life experiences to bring their writing to life and the skills we have focussed on. We have continued to read our Poppy Pym book in our reading lessons and are focussing heavily upon synonyms and antonyms at the moment together with dictionary skills. We have also been working hard on Bug Club. Please can this be encouraged at home so the children are moving up their bands levels as we approach the later half of the Autumn Term.

In Maths, we have started our multiplication work, which is ensuring the children have the necessary skills and foundations to build upon in order to cover the Year 5 curriculum. Please ensure the children are accessing Maths Tutor at home on a weekly basis, Mathletics is no longer being used. We are aware a few children are awaiting laptop chargers please be assured these are on their way and we are just awaiting delivery!

We have also started to look at some Art work, specifically Egyptian printing. This week, the children planned their designs and next week there will be a chance for them to try carving these out and learning these skills.

We had a super time at Swimming on Thursday and the children are improving with their skills and resilience each week. Swimming will continue this half term and finish at Christmas time. Please see the recently sent parentmail about the swim clothing needed on Thursday 28th November.

Have a super weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning!

Mr Worthington and Miss Condlyffe

**Year 6**

In Year 6 this week we have watched the Jersey Opera House production of ‘Peter and the Wolf’. It was a brilliant performance, and the children were engaged beautifully. In the classroom, we have been continuing with our reading and writing with our book ‘Street Child’ being the focus of our lessons. In Maths, we have continued with our topic of fractions, looking at comparing and ordering fractions. The children have done really well with their daily arithmetic as we have been looking closely at adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions ahead of next weeks lessons.

A few gentle reminders:

* Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
* **Our PE days remain Monday and Wednesday. 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. We have MakerSpace this half term and the children will need their laptops for these sessions.
* You should have received a letter about the upcoming ‘Victorian Week’. If you have any questions about any of the information on the letter, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Home Learning

Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.

Spellings: Practice daily. Spellings can be found on Google Classroom or on the physical handout.

Maths: Complete Maths Tutor - Fractions and Decimals course. If your child needs help assigning this, please contact their class teacher.

Maths: Arithmetic paper practice - refer to google classroom for support and videos.

Achievers:

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Molly! She is an absolute delight to have in the classroom. I am always impressed with the attitude that this young lady puts into her work, and how supportive she is to others in the classroom. She works brilliantly with others, and I can always trust her to do the right thing. These are great skills to have at such a young age. Well done Molly!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Sophia! This young lady has the most exceptional standards, especially in her presentation. Her books are immaculate and the pride / care she takes is wonderful to see. Sophia's handwriting is wonderful and definitely better than mine! Keep up those high standards you set yourself Sophia - great job!