



Les Landes Newsletter

6th November, 2020



Dear Parents,

Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the non-uniform day, soup lunch and pumpkin competition. We raised £221 on the non-uniform and £140 on the soup.

School Developments

This term we have developed a system to support behaviour known as 'restorative practice'. It provides a framework for children to support themselves and each other to resolve conflict, without needing adult intervention. We have seen really positive examples of children resolving issues between themselves and we will continue to develop our training on this as a staff. In addition, we have continued to refine our planning and teaching of writing, using the stimulus of a book shared as a whole class.

Authorised leave

In the last year, we have seen an increase in requests for children to have the day off school for their birthday. This does not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances and I would like to remind you that attendance continues to be monitored by both the school and the Education Welfare Service. If your child is off school because it is their birthday, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Christmas Raffle

We are still hoping to run a Christmas raffle as we did last year. Coordinating this will be Julie Simon and Kristie Potts. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, or help to collect these, please let them or Mrs Wiseman know.

Thank you, Phoebe

Phoebe in Y4 allocated some of her £100 Government money to our school and we were able to buy wet playtime games for her class. What a star!

Crossing Patrol

Thank you to Eve Mann, who has offered to help us out with road crossing patrol whilst Mr Farrington is off. Paul Bain, who works at the Education Department is providing some caretaker hours and he will be doing the afternoon crossing. Thank you for your concern for Mr Farrington, we have passed on your good wishes. If you are able to help us out on a rota, please let us know.

Tutoring programme

The Government is investing money to support schools so that we can help children to catch up after the partial school closure. We have identified children who we think would benefit most from a 12-week programme and we will be contacting you shortly. These sessions will be after school and led by Les Landes staff.

Scholastic

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/les-landes/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by November 30th, 2020.

Registration of interest letters

You should have received a letter if you have a child who will be 4 before 1st September 2021. If you haven't received a letter (and you have a school-age ready child!) please email Mrs Wiseman in case your child is not registered.

SIMS Pay

A message from Mrs Wiseman. 'Thank you all for continuing to persevere with access to SIMS Pay, once it works this system is brilliant and a number of families are now able to make direct payments on our system. If you are still having issues with your login, we may have a solution! If you have already signed up for the Parent app Lite the login and password information will be the same for SIMS Pay. If you are happy to try accessing using this login information and letting me know any issues you are still having, I can go back to the product provider to escalate the problem.'

Poppy Appeal

We have poppies for sale in school. If the children bring in money, we will sell these in classes next week.

Christmas events

As you will have anticipated, the Carol Service, Y5/6 Production, Nativity and Christmas Fayre cannot go ahead this year. However, we have a few dates of events for the children:

Friday 13th November - **Children in Need**, non-uniform (Pudsey accessories optional)

Friday 11th December - **Christmas Jumper Day** in aid of Save the Children

Wednesday 2nd December - **Class Deco Day and hotdog lunch**

Tuesday 14th (KS1) and Wednesday 15th (KS2) - **Christmas Parties**

These dates are in the website calendar.

And finally...

Please see the links below to the speeches and statements made by the Chief Minister and Health Minister at this afternoon's press conference, held in light of the increasing COVID-19 case numbers.

The Press Conference will be available to watch later on the Government of Jersey Facebook page.

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/ChiefMinisterStatement6Nov.aspx>

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/HealthMinisterStatement6Nov.aspx>

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