

8th October, 2021

Dear Parents,

Parents Evening (UNCRC Article 5, 18)

If you are on the wait list for a face-to-face consultation appointment, you need to reserve an online one. The Government guidance for schools states that these appointments should be virtual, except in exceptional circumstances. We know from your feedback last time, that many of you preferred the face to face (and it is our preference, too) so we have put mitigations and risk assessments in place so that we could offer both. We must adhere to this guidance, so more face-to-face appointments are not an option this time round, sadly. The slots are always allocated on a first come first served basis because the option would be school arranging the timetable and allocating you a timeslot.

Pumpkin carving (UNCRC Article 31)

On Friday 22nd October we would like to invite the children to bring in a carved pumpkin. This is an optional activity and they can be placed on the wall outside the school. House captains will judge them and award a small prize in three categories: KS1 (Reception to Y2), KS2 (Y3-Y6) and a family prize. The children can enter individually, or you can enter as a family. Please feel free to take them home again at the end of the day.

DISCO!!! (UNCRC Article 31)

This is next week, **Friday 15th October** from 5-6.15pm. Sweets, crisps and drinks will be on sale from prices between 20p and £1 so they will need to bring change. The tickets will be £2 available via Pay360 from Monday 11th October. You can drop children off at the gate at 5pm. I would like to thank the staff for volunteering to run this. All proceeds will go to the four house charities.



Drop off zone reminder (UNCRC Article 3)

The drop off zone in the morning is for drivers who do not want to stop. It is not a parking area. If you park on these spaces, it restricts the flow of traffic considerably. We have had incidents recently, where parents have been rude when asked to move; I am sure you will agree that this is unacceptable. Also, the zig zag area in front of the school is not a safe place to pull in and in the absence of disabled parking, this space is used in lieu of that. Whilst writing, here is the unofficial one-way system at drop off and pick up times. If cars approach from both directions, it is difficult for the road crossing to be safe. We have a shared responsibility to keep children safe; thank you for your support.

(Portinifer Tearooms is now Café Ouen!)



Jersey Sport Swimming Sessions (UNCRC article 31)

Jersey Sport is running a week of intensive swimming lessons during October half term at Langford for children aged 4 - 7 years old (young splashers) and 8 - 12 years old (swimming); the links for these and how to book are as follows:

[2021 YOUNG SPLASHERS \(age 4-7\) • Jersey Sport](#)

[2021 SWIMMING \(age 8-12\) • Jersey Sport](#)

Remembrance event

We will be supporting the parish in paying crosses in the graves of fallen soldiers on Saturday 13th November, at 9am. If your child would like to attend this, to represent the school, please let Mrs Wiseman know.



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Just One Tree (UNCRC Article 29)

On Friday 22nd October we will be supporting the 'Just One Tree event', at the request of the Eco Team. Each child will be encouraged to pay £1 to plant a tree - uniting children, parents and schools across the world in taking positive action for our climate.

JUST ONE Tree is a non-profit Community Interest Company removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation. On average a tree absorbs 48lbs of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere every year. JUST ONE Tree supports reforestation projects in Madagascar, Haiti, Indonesia, Mozambique, Nepal, Kenya and Zambia where the deforestation has been devastating. And in the process helps to provide training, agricultural education and sustainable incomes alleviating extreme poverty within local communities.



We will be marking the number of trees we are financing by asking every child who has donated to add a leaf fingerprint onto the outline of a tree which represents their class. These will be displayed on the ECO board in school. Please donate to <https://www.pay360educationpayments.com> by Thursday 21st October so that we can make our display on the Friday.

Safeguarding Audit

This week we had a whole school safeguarding audit to check our compliance in areas such as policy, child protection, health and safety, online safety, staff training, attendance, recruitment, site security and curriculum. I am pleased to say that the school is compliant in all areas and we have a few recommendations which will refine our practice. I would like to thank the staff team for their commitment to this work.

Coming soon!

We have plans to trial a school cycling crocodile, so that children have the opportunity to ride their bikes and we can reduce congestion around the school. Families would meet at a nearby location and the children cycle together, under adult supervision. Details to follow.

New Youth Wellbeing Drop-in Service

A new Saturday wellbeing drop-in service for children, young people and their families will open tomorrow, 9 October, following calls for more accessible mental health services.

The free and confidential service has been launched following consultation on the [Children and Young People's Mental Health draft strategy](#) by the Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (CYPES). A mental health practitioner, working alongside a youth worker will be available every Saturday, between 10am - 6pm at the Youth Enquiry Service (YES) at La Colomberie, St Helier. Watch for more details: <https://youtu.be/LsPbWpeqDPQ>

Mrs Charlesworth