



# Les Landes Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> June, 2016



Dear Parents,

## School Walk and Community Picnic

Despite the damp weather, the school walk and picnic were great opportunities to get the whole school community together. It was lovely to see the children walking in their houses and supporting each other along the way. Sponsorship money is still coming in, and once we have it we will share the total with you. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to support us on the day, in whatever capacity; events like this simply couldn't go ahead without extra adults. In particular, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Simon for their time in preparing the route in advance and offering assistance as the children made their way round the course.

## Skype conversations

This week, we have dealt with three separate incidents where children have been unkind to one another via Skype. These conversations are happening at home and we have advised the children to avoid these chatrooms if there is inappropriate use. Please support us by monitoring your child when they are online so that the impact of these conversations does not affect their learning at school. If you would like support with this, the e-safety workshop offered below will help.

## Keeping children safe online

The Bridge is holding an online safety event later this month. Adam Burroughs will be holding a discussion group for parents about online safety at 6pm on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June at the Bridge - in association with Brighter Futures. Topics under discussion will include social media, sexting and gaming. Please let Mrs Grigg know if you would like to attend.

**E-Safety talk**  
with Adam Burroughs  Barnardo's  
SUPPORTING CHILDREN BACK TO THEIR FUTURE

ADAM BURROUGHS  
FROM BARNARDO'S

WILL BE HOLDING A DISCUSSION  
AROUND INTERNET SAFETY FOR  
PARENTS AND / OR TEENAGERS

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WILL IN-  
CLUDE:

- SEXTING
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- BULLYING
- ONLINE GAMING

Time & date: Wednesday 29th June at 6pm—7pm  
Venue: The Bridge, Le Geyt Road, St Saviour

## Feedback about our school

In recent weeks, we have welcomed a number of visitors to our school. These have included London Headteachers, consultants and the school's Professional Partner from the Education Department. All of these visitors have commented on the behaviour and engagement of the children, the strength of relationships in the school and the quality of teaching and learning. They were in agreement with us that the children at Les Landes are taught a curriculum that is enriching and broad. It is great for us to have feedback on the strengths of the school as it helps us to identify our next steps. We will share these priorities with you in September.

## Kicks Count charity box

Mrs Stear (Jack's mum in Reception) is involved in the above charity, which encourages mums to monitor their babies movements during pregnancy. There will be a collection box in the dome next to our existing recycling boxes. Please consider recycling the following:

- Sweet biscuit wrappers
- Baby food pouches
- Any plastic Ella's Kitchen food and snack packaging
- Certain plastic cleaning product packaging (trigger heads, dish washing up liquid caps, cleaning wipe packets and plastic air freshener packaging)
- Stamps - if possible cut with no more than 1cm of paper around the stamp

## Whole School Photo

Order forms for this will be sent home today. The full sized photo is on display in the main entrance, please pop in if you would like to see this before you order. Alternatively you can see it on Peter

Trenchard's website and you can zoom in to find your child! These are due back by next **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** and can be ordered online too.

### **Summer Uniform**

I have received a small number of queries about whether girls can wear shorts under their summer dress. If this is something that parents feel strongly about, I am happy to let them do this, as long as the shorts aren't visible and the children don't get too hot. At the Autumn Term Parent Forum, I would like to add this to the agenda so that we can explore reasons for this and find a suitable solution before next Summer.

### **Class teachers next year**

We are now in a position to share with you the teaching arrangements for September. With Mrs White on maternity leave, we have appointed Miss Claire McMenamin to cover the two terms in Year 5. Miss McMenamin is currently teaching in a number of schools across the island, and has taught at Les Landes occasionally this term. She is a welcome addition to our strong staff team and we are looking forward to welcoming her. The other change affects current Y2 and current Y3 children. Mrs Webster will be moving to teach Year 3 next year and Mrs Parker and Mrs Price will move up to Year 4 with their current class. This will support the teaching of the Y3/4 curriculum, which is over a two year block. The staffing will therefore look like this:

Reception: Mrs Courtness

Year 1: Mrs Dawson

Year 2: Ms Guglieri

Year 3: Mrs Webster

Year 4: Mrs Price / Mrs Parker

Year 5: Miss McMenamin and Mrs White from Easter 2017

Year 6: Mr Doyle

On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June**, the children will spend the day in their new classroom with their new teacher. On this day, they will go straight to their new class.

### **DATES**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Y5 at St Aubin's Fort

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - St George's Church using the school field

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 assembly, 2pm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Y6 at secondary schools

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - children on 'move up' day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day - 1pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Annual school report sent home

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Reserve Sports Day

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Leavers' assembly 1.30pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Charlesworth