

4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

Dear Parents,  
**Staffing news**

We have two teachers leaving at the end of this term, to take on new challenges. Miss Freer, who has been at Les Landes for the last three years, has accepted a teaching position in Singapore and this will be an exciting move for her. Mrs Parker has been at Les Landes for eighteen years and originally job shared with her mum, Mrs Simon. 2023 will be the first year for 33 years without a Simon family member teaching at Les Landes! Mrs Parker has accepted a position at Project Trident, so she may still have contact with some of our past pupils.

It goes without saying that the contribution to our school from both is immeasurable and their loss will be significant. The recruitment process has started and I will keep you updated.

### **Nursery plans on hold**

The Education Minister has made the following decision:

*"Work on a nursery for Les Landes has been postponed. This is due to nursery places being available at neighbouring schools, including St Peter's and St Mary's. I will continue to assess demand for places at Les Landes and consideration will be given to the development of a nursery at the school in the future."*

This will also mean that the re-build of two classrooms is postponed too. If you would like to give feedback about these decisions, I can collate these for the Minister if you email [admin@leslandes.sch.je](mailto:admin@leslandes.sch.je)

### **Parent Forum**

Our first meeting will be **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3.15-4.15pm**. We will put on a film in the dome for children during this time so that we can have as many parents as possible attending. Aims and responsibilities of the forum are here:

<https://www.leslandes.sch.je/page/?title=Parent+Forum&pid=63&action=saved>

If there is a policy you would like clarification on, a question you would like to raise or a area you feel needs discussing, please either contact your parent rep or come directly to [admin@leslandes.sch.je](mailto:admin@leslandes.sch.je) before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November so that an agenda can be shared a week in advance. Please note, this is not the forum to discuss individual children or circumstances. Items from school so far include feedback on EdShed, changes to our parent survey, a counter bullying policy working party, updates on capital projects, website changes and feedback from a UK consultant visit.

### **Out of school learning**

We often take the children off site during the school day, we are not obliged to inform you of these, unless the visit requires particular arrangements or equipment. We will endeavour to avoid dates when we know in advance that children have medical appointments, but this cannot be guaranteed. Opportunities for learning beyond school are often presented to us at short notice and we are committed to the cultural and historic enrichment Jersey offers.

## Movie Night

We would like to invite all children to school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm** for a movie night. Children can wear pyjamas / onesies and bring a cushion or beanbag if they wish. Tickets will include a drink, crisps and sweets and will cost £5. The event will be run by staff volunteers and profits will go to the school fund which funds additional resources for all children. Tickets must be purchased via Pay360 or in person on the SumUp machine. We will not accept cash for this event. The children have voted: KS1: Clifford, the Big Red Dog and KS2: Minions, The Rise of Gru (U). Please note the KS1 film is PG but we consider it to be suitable.

## Events in the next fortnight

To start Anti-bullying Week, **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** we would like to invite all children to wear odd socks on this day. We will be marking the week in a number of ways, including an assembly about boundaries.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** is Children in Need, this will be non-uniform with the option of spots.

## Pumpkin winners

The House Captains and Vice-Captains awarded certificates to the following children: Cassian (Y1), Willow (Y5), Sukey (Y5) and Orla (Y4). Thank you for supporting this, it certainly generated lots of talk!

## Remembrance cross planting

The school will be represented at a short service to lay crosses on the graves of fallen soldiers from St Ouen, at the parish church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15-10.15am. If you would like your child to take part in this service, please email [admin@leslandes.sch.je](mailto:admin@leslandes.sch.je). Thank you for your support.

## Personal details

Please access your SIMS Parent App and ensure all your personal detail we have on file are correct.

Mrs Wiseman will be sending invitations out to families this week who are not yet signed up. The log-in should be the same as your Pay360education payments details using your product provider and password. If you have recently moved we require proof of the new address to be verified.



## Government Consultation - details attached

<https://www.gov.je/government/consultations>

## Registration for Reception 2023

If you have not already submitted a 'Registration of interest' form for your child, these need to be in by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Upcoming dates:** <https://www.leslandes.sch.je/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Mrs Charlesworth, Headteacher.