

11 February 2021

Dear Parents

As we reach half-term it's amazing just where the time goes! It's been a busy and productive few weeks and I can honestly say that the children have been brilliant in their efforts and resilience in getting on with things – more often than not with a smile on their faces. Thank you too for all your continued support in working with us through the current ongoing restrictions – it really has made our job so much easier in keeping the learning going and more importantly, everyone safe!

Thank you also for your responses to the school survey which closed today – I will collate the information and let you know the results in due course.

All members of staff have been offered Lateral Flow Tests this week; this will become a weekly offer continuing after half term. They have also been offered an appointment for a PCR test over half-term.

We also say a fond farewell to Miss Sarah de la Cour who has been working in Year 6 this half term as part of the Jersey Graduate Teaching Training initiative. Under the ever-watchful eye of Mrs Pateman, she has really impressed us all with her diligence and professional attitude towards her work and I am sure she will make an excellent addition to the profession when she has completed her training in July.

### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Thank you to all who were involved with the Parent Teacher Meetings this week. Just a couple of minor glitches here and there, apologies to those who it affected, but I believe, on the whole, it was a positive experience which enabled you to at least see your child's class teacher given the obvious restrictions we currently work under. If you didn't manage to make an appointment, please let your child's teacher know so a convenient time can be sorted out straight after half term. Thank you.

### **Jèrriais Eisteddfod success!**

Please see the following information from Mrs Sargent who has been teaching and preparing a group of our children for the virtual, pre-recorded Jèrriais Eisteddfod this half term.

*"The Eisteddfod took place yesterday and I am really pleased to say that the Year 6 group from JCP won the Dramatic Presentation class! They achieved 93 marks (a platinum certificate) and are winners of Le Prix Joan Tapley. The Year 4 group also did exceptionally well with 91 marks - another platinum certificate. Freya in Year 4 also won her individual class with 91 points and will be receiving La Coupe Lé Hérisier. The rest of the girls have received an assortment of gold and platinum certificates for their entries too. I am so pleased for them!"*

Mrs Sargent will be in contact with all those who took part again once the certificates come through. In the meantime, she has edited together their performances, with the adjudicator feedback, for us to share in one of our virtual assemblies after half term! Well done to all those who took part! #Excel

### **Child Measurement Programme – Reception and Year 6 Pupils**

A reminder that this is taking place after half term for Reception and Year 6 pupils. Please refer to the letter from Family Nursing & Home Care sent on 25 January, for further information. Reception parents only – please return your questionnaire from Family Nursing & Home Care to school if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

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## Music News

Congratulations to Robyn in Year 6 who has achieved Grade 3 violin with a high merit. Well done!  
Mrs Smith

## Eco News

On our return to school, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February will be the first day of 'Fairtrade Fortnight!' Our Eco Team have been busy recording their views about Fairtrade issues for BBC Radio Jersey's 'Morning Thoughts' Please listen out on the way to school, during the first week back.

As you are aware, every year we strive to come up with a fun and exciting way to raise money at school for the Jersey Fairtrade Group. This year, due to Covid restrictions, we will not be hosting an event, but we would like to invite all members of our school community to 'Dress Down' on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March – and come to school dressed in the colours of the Fairtrade logo – black, blue and green.

We will not be asking for a monetary donation on this occasion, as we will make a donation to this charity from school funds.

However, we would like to continue to encourage you to look out for the many Fairtrade products available to buy in Jersey and continue to show your support for farmers worldwide!

Thank you, Andrea Christopher and The Eco Team

## Packed Lunches Available to Order from JCG

JCG continue to offer a delivered packed lunch for our pupils which is available to order via their website <https://forms.jerseycollegeforgirls.com/jcp-packed-lunches/>

Please be advised that orders for the following week need to be placed **by midday the Friday before.**

Finally, I do hope you all manage to get some quality family time together over the coming week and that, whatever you do, you keep safe and well!

With kind regards

Richard Sugden  
Head Teacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### New dates or changes in red

\* Provisional dates – to be confirmed

<b>February</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – teacher training	No school
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	School closed
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Fairtrade Fortnight	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)	
<b>March</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day	All day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fairtrade Dress Down Day	All day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day – details to follow	All day
31 <sup>st</sup>	Open Day & Spring Concert	To be confirmed
<b>April</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term	Normal time