

## **OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER**

The first half of term has been a very busy one and I am sure your children are ready for their half-term holiday. There are several events planned for the second half of term, further information on some of these is enclosed with this mailing.

**Pre-Prep Harvest Assembly:** Mrs Margaret McGovern from Jersey Hospice was very grateful to receive such an array of harvest produce from our recent Pre-Prep Harvest Assembly. I would also like to add my thanks to all those Pre-Prep parents who sent such a wonderful collection of fruit, vegetables and other produce to the Assembly.

**Appearance:** Children should return to school after **the half-term break in winter uniform**. As a school we pride ourselves in the appearance of our pupils and as such I would like to remind you that pupils should look smart at all times. Boys' hair should be no longer than collar length at the back and not covering the ears. Girls with long hair must have it tied back. **Please see the Uniform lists (available on the web site), or in your child's Pupil Planner for more information on children's appearance.**

**Uniform Shop.** Purchases can be made **by appointment only** during half term. Please telephone **Paula on 07797 841 829**. During term time the shop is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 8.15 and 9.00 am. **May I remind parents that ALL uniform should be clearly marked with your child's name.**

**Second-hand Uniform:** Any saleable items of second-hand uniform are always welcome. It would be much appreciated if name labels could be removed from the clothing before it is brought into school. As many of you will know we use the proceeds from these sales to purchase 'luxury' items for School, such as new music stands.

**Readathon Week.** Once again I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all the children who took part in this year's event, and to all their sponsors. Forms 1 and 2 had a 'Book Character Day' during the week and came to school dressed as a character from their favourite book.

The senior school took every opportunity throughout the week to read their chosen 'Readathon' books for their sponsored event. All monies raised goes to the Readathon charities; CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children and The Roald Dahl Foundation for Sick Children.

**Music:** The Pre-Prep C, Junior and Senior Choirs will be participating in the Jersey Music Eisteddfod this year. Further details are included with this mailing.

**Parking and driving within School grounds:** For the safety of all the children, may I remind you to take extra care when driving in and around school, especially when dropping-off and collecting your child.

I would also like to remind you that parking should be in **designated areas only** and **never in the yellow chevron box** in front of the Jubilee Block. It would be particularly helpful if when parking you **do not 'block-in' other car park users**, as this has been a problem this last half of term. There is plenty of extra parking available on the High Field opposite the school exit gates.

**School Day:** Children should not arrive in school before 8.15 am as the classrooms are only supervised from 8.30 am onwards.

**School Office:** The school office will be closed during the half-term holiday, however the answer phone will be on at all times.

**Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOPS):** How to protect your child online (details enclosed).

**Forward Date for your Diary:** **St Michael's Parents, Summer Hog Roast', Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011.** This event is being organised by the St Michael's Parents' Association Committee (details to follow).

**Michaelmas Term 2010 Information:**

**Music Eisteddfod:** Junior Choir – Friday 5th November (details enclosed).

Pre-Prep C and Senior Choir – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November (details enclosed).

**School Examinations:** **Form 6 only** on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, **15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> November.** Please avoid making medical or other appointments for the children during this time.

**French Eisteddfod:** Tuesday and Wednesday, **30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December** (details to follow).

**Parents' Evenings:-**

**Forms 1 and 2** (by appointment): Tuesday and Wednesday, **23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Forms 3 and 6** (by appointment): Wednesday and Thursday, **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Appointments for Forms 1 and 2 parents' evenings will be sent out during the week following half-term.** Work will begin on the Form 6 and Form 3 evenings shortly after. If you cannot make a certain date or time please let the office know in advance.

**Christmas Sale:** **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** (details enclosed).

**Pre-Prep A Christmas Nativity:** **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.30 am** (details enclosed).

**Pre-Prep B and C Christmas Nativity:** **Wednesday and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2.30 pm** (details enclosed).

**Festival of Lessons and Carols:** **Tuesday 14th December** (details enclosed).

I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

I wish you all a most enjoyable and relaxing break.

**RICHARD DE FIGUEIREDO**

**October 2010**