



## Number 4 : 21st October 2022



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Dear Parents and Carers,

When we return from half term we have our parents appointments. Hopefully everyone has now signed up for an appointment as the booking system will be closed this evening. You will recall that I reminded everyone at the start of the year that we use Google for parents appointments and access to remote learning if we ever need to again.

The Junior children met in their Houses this week as part of us building the team ethos to select a House song and slogan/chant . It was really lovely to go around the House meetings hearing the children interacting and mixing together with children in different year groups. After half term, all dojo points earned by each House will go towards a running total to try to be the House with the most dojo points.

The PTA have had a busy couple of weeks and so I've added details below of their current spending and upcoming events. Thank you to everyone who supports their events as it enables us to purchase and provide additional resources for the children to enrich either their learning or just enrich their provision.

From after the holidays the children's leadership team of the Head and Deputy boys and girls will be producing the newsletter on a regular basis so that you hear from them as well.

Our Head Boy this year is Luca Sidaner and our Head Girl is Amia Allen. The children were completely chosen by the Pupil Vice Team, their Deputies to support them are Sam Pragnell and Ava De La Mare. I know they will be fantastic ambassadors for our school and I look forward to working with them through the year.

I hope the children have a lovely half term and get lots of rest—they've worked incredibly hard! Well done children!

Best wishes

*Mrs Coughlin*  
*Head Teacher*



### PTA AGM

**Thursday 10th November 3pm**

The PTA will be holding their AGM on the 10th November. We have decided to hold this at 3pm straight after school to enable more parents to attend to agree the accounts and agree a new constitution which aligns with the regulations for charity status. All parents are welcome to attend.

The constitution has been attached to this group message as a separate document.

### Prosecco and Presents

A reminder that we have our popular early Christmas shopping evening with a Prosecco bar on **Thursday 10th November from 6pm.**

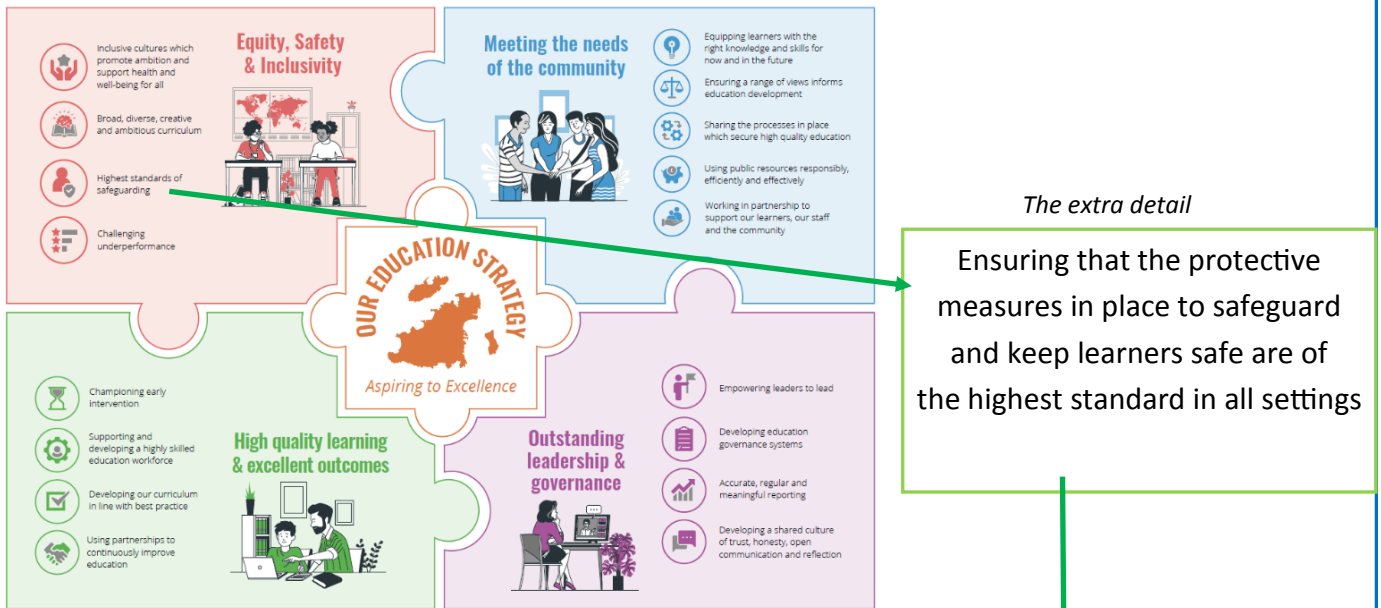
### PTA Funding

The PTA are currently purchasing

- furniture to create a new Inclusion parent room in the Junior foyer (Formally Mrs Coughlins room)
- Weighted lap blankets for children when needed
- Footballs and netballs
- Water bottle carriers for all classes
- Small portable ovens and hobs for Design and Technology Lessons

# Education Strategy

The Education Strategy established by the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture serves as a compass for what our Education system needs to deliver. The strategy acts as the glue that holds together our overarching priorities. It is split into 4 priorities as shown in the graphic below and describes how these commitments will ensure the best outcomes for our children.



*The extra detail*  
 Ensuring that the protective measures in place to safeguard and keep learners safe are of the highest standard in all settings

## How this looks in our school

- Mrs Ballentine is the child protection officer. Mrs Fyfe and Mrs Coughlin also trained to the same level
- Mrs Coughlin maintains an overview of all safeguarding in school.
- All school staff have received regular safeguarding training.
- All PTA committee members have DBS checks and undertaken Level 1 safeguarding training.
- Robust system in school for reporting concerns about children.
- Children's attendance at school regularly monitored.
- Regular parent helpers hold DBS checks.
- Regular site checks around site safety such as all gates being locked in school time.
- Regular staff training i.e. LSA's undertaking training on domestic abuse, understanding the needs of families where a parent may be in prison.
- Children taught about keeping safe both physically and about online safety.
- Opportunities to talk—worry box, positive relationships in school enable children to talk to an adult when they are worried. Children report that they feel listened to.
- Staff wearing high viz jackets so the children can spot them easier when being supervised outside.

October	November
<b>Dates for Diaries</b>	1st and 2nd      Parent Consultation evenings
	10th              PTA AGM 3pm
	PTA Prosecco and Presents shopping evening 6pm
	Dec 2nd          Christmas Fayre 1.15pm
24th –          Half Term week	
28th	