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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the year, the children have been incredibly settled and focused. The children and staff are using the new 4 school values consistently and it was lovely to see our first Stars of the Week being chosen for these reasons last week.

Tomorrow, we will be holding an Exhibition for all of the Geography take home challenge entries. There are some amazing entries and I can't wait to look at them properly. We also have an informal open session where you are welcome to pop in to your child's classroom to have a look at their books and see what they have been learning. We will be doing these open sessions every 6 weeks or so. I hope you will all find them really useful.

We have now introduced "Well Being Wednesday", this is an opportunity for the children to talk about their emotions and any worries they may have. Over the year we will be focusing on the children's health and development and identifying their emotions, this is an important part of their wellbeing. You may have heard your children talking about Colour Monster which is shown on page 2.

We have had a large uptake on the PE clubs and Early Bird clubs before school. If you were unable to log in to parent booking please ensure that the school office know as we will be opening the booking process for parent consultations at the start of October.

Lastly each year we celebrate Harvest and teach the children that some people have greater need than others, to help them to understand society and charity. At Harvest Festival we organise a food donation for others. The Y6 student voice representatives have chosen Shiloh Church foodbank as the recipient this year.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Mrs Coughlin

Reminders

A few timely reminders at the start of the year.

Please can I kindly remind parents that children should not be wearing jewellery to school. Bracelets and necklaces shouldn't be worn and any earrings should be flat studs.

PE safety recommendations are that earrings shouldn't be taped up for PE so we will not be doing this in future.

Children also should not bring toys to school. Quite often this results in children falling out over who this belongs to, hence the request not to bring them in.

Mobile phones should also be left in the office, not their bags and children must not wear smart watches that have the ability to photograph or video.

Homework

As a school we don't set homework tasks every week. Although occasionally we may set challenges linked to current learning.

However, we would like every child to read at home every day.

Fluent reading with a good understanding of the text is essential for all of their other learning at school and so daily practice at home really makes a difference to your child's learning.

Please do record the amount of time your child reads in their reading diary or online in Year 5 and 6 as this forms part of our assessment of their progress.

Pupil Details

We no longer send out pupil record sheets due to GDPR so please ensure that you have informed us if you have moved house, changed your phone number or if any other details have changed.

Colour Monsters

You will see these throughout school. The children are encouraged to think about the emotion they are feeling at the moment.

We are also teaching them that although these are broad terms, to identify the exact emotion. For example I may initially say I am angry, but actually this may be that I am tired, frustrated, irritated or embarrassed. Research shows that naming the emotion helps us all to step away from that immediate emotion and recognise it for it is, reducing negative impact on our wellbeing.

Additional Training Day

A reminder that the staff are having additional training on **Friday 20th October.**

The focus for the day will be Art and Music. The day will be used developing teachers skills in teaching these 2 subjects. We are incredibly lucky to be using the facilities at the Art for Guernsey studio in the morning to develop stronger skills in teaching children drawing skills.

How are you feeling today?



Diary Dates



Sept

October

22nd Geography "Our Island" exhibition and an informal book look for all classes
2.30—
3.30pm

3rd Individual school photos

6th PTA Quiz

17th and 18th Parents evening

19th Capelles takeover of Oatey and Joeyes (PTA)

23rd Half Term Week

We are aspirational. We are kind. We are respectful. We work together.