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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now a month into the new school year. The children have continued to shine and demonstrate our 4 values consistently. Many of our Stars of The Week have been chosen for demonstrating more than 1 value which is amazing!

The Pupil Leadership Team are marching on developing our School Bank and shop, we have had a large number of Bank note designs for the competition so judging will be hard. They have also developed an inventory list for the shop ready for purchases to be made. Today we have opened up the applications for the School Bankers and the Shopkeeper roles.

Our wellbeing check-ins are going well too. The children are valuing having time to talk about their feelings and being listened to. Quotes from two of the children illustrate this "I enjoy doing the well being check-in, I'm honest about how I feel because I can trust my teacher", "Yes I really like it, I'm mostly happy. I know my teacher checks". Children are also giving really positive feedback about The Snug and working alongside Mrs Edmonds on Emotional Literacy, "The Snug is a lovely place where you can be calm, speak to people in a private way and share your feelings. The snug makes me feel safe", "It's a relaxing and safe space, it helps me if I'm stressed as it's so calming". I also see many random Acts of Kindness between the staff on Wellbeing Wednesday too which cements the whole school together.

We have worked hard on updating the School website so please do check it out, you can find lots of information on there about the school. We are finally able to use the school Twitter (X) and I'm considering reopening Facebook again, we have also set up an Instagram page so watch this space! These are different ways of us trying to ensure everyone has information about the school.

Have a good weekend.

*Mrs Coughlin*



## Book Looks

I mentioned I would do a Book Look in December, however following parent feedback, I will try to do these on different days of the week each time to facilitate as many people as possible seeing their children's books.

In Reception this will be a Stay and Play session instead as they do not write in books, you can find out more about how they are learning through play.

### Next 2 Dates

Parent Consultations 16-18th October  
14th December (Thursday) 2.30-3.30pm

## Car Park

We are lucky to have a car park unlike some schools. However, we appreciate that without parking wardens (which we don't have) parking is always going to be tricky.

For everyone's safety and modelling of positive behaviour to the children please can I remind parents:

- Be courteous to other parents
- Not to park on the yellow lines /kerbs/ Zebra crossings or in the bus lane
- Junior parents please do not abandon cars at the back of the car park which blocks up the site.
- Children should not be waiting at the granite gate to be picked on a drive by as this leaves them in flowing traffic which is dangerous.

### Absences

Please can we remind Parents/Carers to contact the School Office via email/ telephone/Dojo before 9:30am if your child is going to be absent from school. We require you to provide the reason for the absence as per The States of Guernsey Attendance Policy.

### 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.



### Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the donations as part of our Harvest Festival. These items will certainly help families in need in our local area when donated to Shiloh Church food bank.



### Diary Dates



October	December
6th PTA Quiz	6th and 7th Year 2 Nativity (pm)
16th—18th Parents Evening	8th Christmas Fayre
19th Capelles takeover of Oatey and Joeys (PTA)	14th Book Look /Stay and Play
23rd Half Term Week	22nd Break up for Christmas
November	
23rd PTA AGM at 2:50pm in Junior Hall	

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