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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended parents consultations this week, I hope you found them useful.

Overleaf I have added the information about Assessment and not using levels anymore as I believe a few people may have missed the message on Dojo last week.

We were joined by The Health Improvement Commission on our Parents Evening as the children (the F.O.O.D group) are looking at healthy eating. Around 40 families completed a survey to gather their thoughts but we would be grateful for more input as helping our children to understand their health needs is part of our focus on personal development this year. Please could you take 5 minutes to complete the survey linked on Dojo, I am sure the children would be very grateful.

Today we have witnessed at least 3 infant children being lifted over the Infant gate when they have arrived late at school. The gates are locked for the children's safety at around 8.40am when the children are registered. If you arrive later than this, please bring your child through the main front entrance of the school in the Junior building and walk them through to the infant building. Do not lift children over the gate, this is incredibly dangerous.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 20th, the school is closed to pupils as we have a Teacher Training Day.

We will be working with Art for Guernsey in the morning on developing our skills in teaching drawing as part of the new Guernsey curriculum entitlement documents. We will also be working on the use of music across the curriculum as part of the Focusing Developing the Arts curriculum this year.

We start swimming every week when we return from Half Term, please ensure that children are not wearing earrings on swimming days.

Have a good weekend and for those travelling this Half Term — safe travels.

*Mrs Coughlin*



## School Uniform

Today is the last day for picking up previously owned uniform from the school as tomorrow it will be moved to Shiloh Church.

You can access their Uniform Bank each weekday morning.

As this supply of uniform will no longer be in school, please ensure all uniform is labelled so it can be returned to its owner.

I am still seeing a lot of bracelets/friendship bracelets/festival type bands, these are not school uniform and should not be worn in School.

## Car Park — Rules of Use

A further reminder as this week has seen a large number of cars parked on the pavement and yellow line.

- Be courteous to other parents
- **Do not park on the yellow lines /kerbs/ Zebra crossings or in the bus lane**
- Junior parents, please do not abandon your vehicle at the back of the car park as it blocks up the site. Please stay with your vehicle and move it forward as the infant parents leave.
- Children should not be waiting at the granite gate to be picked up on a drive-by as this leaves them in flowing traffic which is dangerous.

## Assessment Information

We will no longer be using the National Curriculum Levels that we used to share with you (i.e. 3b). All Primary Schools in Guernsey are beginning to use a new system for assessing your child in reading and maths.

This information will be shared with you in writing in the Summer Term report. This system allows:

- Teachers to more effectively pinpoint children who need more help with their reading and maths
- It will give Teachers clearer information about which areas of reading and maths an individual child might be struggling with
- It will give parents clearer information on how their child is doing and the next step for their learning in reading and maths

### Reading

There are three main fundamentals of reading. These are the foundational skills which children need to be good readers.

Fundamental 1	Fundamental 2	Fundamental 3
Reading for meaning, interest and enjoyment. This is about how much independent reading a child does and how widely they read.	Accurate encoding and decoding of text. This is about a child's ability to use their phonics to read and spell words.	Reading with fluency. This is about a child's ability to read with expression, accuracy and speed

### Maths

There are three areas of core learning in maths. These are the foundational skills which children need to be good mathematicians.

Number facts	Understanding and applying number	Geometry
This includes number bonds and times tables.	This covers place value, fractions, calculation, measure and statistics	This covers shape and space; position and direction.



## Diary Dates

**ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

October		December	
19th	Capelles takeover of Oatey and Joeys (PTA)	6th and 7th	Year 2 Nativity (pm)
20th	Teacher Training Day	8th	Christmas Fayre
23rd—27th	Half Term Week	14th	Book Look /Stay and Play
		22nd	Break up for Christmas
November			
23rd	PTA AGM at 2:50pm in Junior Hall		

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