

Dear Parents,

Friday, 23 September 2016

As the new academic year continues to get off to a great start, I would just like to bring one or two things to your attention and also ask a favour!

Firstly, I am delighted to inform you that at long last, we have finally received our, 'all clear' from Ofsted, following our inspection back in July 2015.

As is required, I immediately supplied Ofsted with an Action Plan to highlight how we were going to address the recommendations made in the report. I eventually received a reply which did require some further minor alterations and additions. Again, I immediately replied to this request and on 25 August, I finally received confirmation that the measures that have been in place for a significant period of time now, are acceptable to Ofsted.

If you are interested, you can read all of our 24 policies (all of which have been updated over the summer holidays) on our website via our Tour Page and Policies Page. We are more than happy to supply hard copies of any policies, should you wish to receive one in a paper format.

Talking of policies, I would like to remind parents that our Homework Policy is also available to read on our website. Whilst the vast majority of children complete homework punctually and to a very high standard, without exception, since the start of this term, a small number of children have seemed to have forgotten that homework is an integral part of school life at Saint Pierre and something that, believe it or not, is for their benefit - both in the short and long term.

Staff do endeavour to ensure that Homework should not impinge too much on the important family time and only set homework that is appropriate and beneficial. Occasionally, homework might even be fun and best of all might also occasionally involve parents too! Please encourage your child to value homework and complete it punctually and to the highest possible standard.

Something that I did forget to mention at the recent hugely well-attended PTA Meeting was the fact that a growing number of girls are wearing, 'dangly' earrings. These are proving to be dangerous both during the normal school day and especially in PE and Games lessons, as they do lead to the possibility of being ripped from the child's ear. To make life much safer and

easier, could we please ask that girls who have already had their ears pierced, wear simple studs to school to keep the hole open rather than wearing anything that could potentially lead to a most painful accident. Thank you.

Now for that favour - I have spoken with Mr. Lewis and have encouraged him to make it a priority to organise a whole host of inter-school fixtures for both boys and girls, now that he is more settled and more aware of how Saint Pierre 'ticks'. This has already started with a cross-country fixture and other fixtures already arranged for before half term.

Whilst, I have already discussed the prospect of PTA helping with match teas, I think that it is important that our teams are smartly turned out and was wondering would anybody like to sponsor a kit. We are looking to purchase 4 or 5 kits - netball, football and cross-country for a variety of age groups. Each kit will cost a maximum of £250 - the netball and cross-country more like £150.

We have already had a very kind offer from one parent to sponsor a kit and that has already been ordered. If there is anyone else who would like to do likewise, please contact either myself, Mr. Davies or Mr. Lewis as soon as possible.

That's about it for now but I will be contacting you again next week to advise you of some exciting potential future developments.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C. Perkins MA(Ed) (Headmaster)