

Sark School Herald

A Little School with Big Ambitions

QUOTE OF THE WEEK...

You don't have to be great to get started but you have you get started to be great (Les Brown).



Diary Dates

25/09: Parents' Evening

29/09: United Harvest Festival, Methodist Church.

06/10: United Pet Service, St Peter's Church.

Head of School's Welcome

Welcome to your first weekly newsletter of the school year 2019/20! It's been a busy first week back to Sark School and we have spent this week easing our pupils into the new school routine. After the long summer holidays, the first week at school always presents a challenge for pupils and staff alike and it has been a fantastic to see how well pupils have acclimatised themselves to the rhythm of the school day so quickly.

From next week, we are hoping to include many more pictures into our Weekly Newsletter. To do this, we ask that all the Permission Forms that went home on Tuesday are returned to us at the start of next week. In the meantime, here's a round up of what's been going on at Sark School this week...

SOCIAL MEDIA...

You can see full galleries of this week's action on our Instagram feeds: [@sarkschool](#). Don't forget to like and follow the pages so you never miss out!



School Prefects

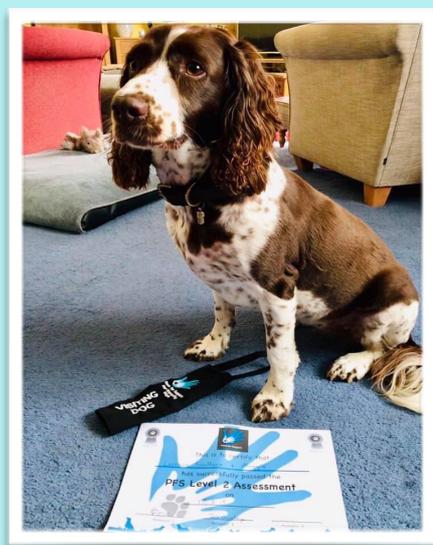
In our first school assembly of the year, we appointed our brand new school prefects: Caspar Ruggaber is Head of Maseline House, Zack Perrée is Head of Gosselin House and Cameron Nigbur is Head of Creux House. We also chose Louie Mann as Deputy Head Boy and Adam Cullen as Head Boy. A huge congratulations to all our Prefects for stepping up to take on more responsibility around school!

House System

In the same assembly, our pupils found out which School House they are in. All children now belong to one of three 'Houses': Creux (yellow), Maseline (red), and Gosselin (green) to help create some friendly competition in school. House Points will accumulate throughout the course of each term for academic achievements and sporting accomplishments, with the winning House being rewarded with an end-of-term House Party.

Rewards and Sanctions

We have introduced a new system for rewards and sanctions this week too. All pupils in the school now have a conduct card in the colour of their House. The top section of each card is allocated to 'Plus Points'. A child may earn a Plus Point at any time and for any positive contribution, be it academic, sport, politeness, helpfulness or good manners to name but a few. When a pupil has earned ten Plus Points on their card, then this is called a 'Merit'. This is taken to the Head of School, where it will be signed off and the pupil will be rewarded with a badge to wear in their House colour and a ball in their House colour for the running total.



SPECIAL FOCUS...

Lorraine and Maggie are regular visitors to the school with both kindly giving up their time to listen to our pupils read, as part of the charity Paws for Support. Paws for Support are a fantastic charity dedicated to using highly trained dogs to improve peoples' lives throughout the Bailiwick. The children love to be given the opportunity to read to Maggie and her presence has led to a huge interest in over ever-popular "reading with Maggie" sessions. Over the Summer holidays, some of our pupils volunteered to help with Maggie's assessment. It was fantastic to see Maggie put through her paces and do so well in her assessment. We are so proud that she passed her Paws for Support Level 2 assessment with flying colours. Well done, Lorraine and Maggie and thanks for all your help around school!



Around the Classrooms

A weekly round-up of what we've been getting up to in our lessons...

Class One

The children in Class One have settled very well back into school. This week we have been focusing on familiar stories and rhymes. The children have continued their phonic work and we have been thinking about numbers to 20 and beyond. We have looked at 2D shapes in the environment and matched them to the shapes we know. The children have enjoyed using our classroom and garden as well as exploring our new extended learning space, the playroom, for both independent and adult led activities.

Class Two

In Class Two, the pupils have been busy getting to grips with our new topics. In English, the children listened to story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and practised re-telling the story to the rest of the class. We mapped out the story and then the children planned a story mountain for their own story entitled 'The Little Red Apple'. In Maths, we practiced leap frogging and learning about multiples of 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10. We also started our new topic about the Great Fire of London and learnt about the differences between London in the present day and London in 1666.

Class Three

This week in Class Three, the children have been busy establishing new routines, setting targets and beginning new learning journeys. I have been hugely impressed with the way that the children have settled down to a new year of work. During writing and reading sessions, we have been exploring the story 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo with a view to creating some stories with similar morals over the next two weeks. This week, the children created some character reviews and produced some sentence level work with expanded noun-phrases. During numeracy sessions, we have recapped our grasp of place value, have worked on our mental calculation strategies, have explored co-ordinates and have experimented with different methods to problem solve. During foundation sessions, the children have started a geography unit surrounding maps and the different uses for maps.

A 'Pic' of the Best



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Alternatively, please feel free to drop-in to School any day between 8.00am and 8.15am.