

# Bel Royal Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and managed to enjoy some fun family moments and time to relax and recharge.

As the summer holiday draws to a close and we look forward to the start of a new school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the success of last half term and provide some information needed for Tuesday.

You will be receiving further information this week regarding your child's curriculum foci for the Autumn Term including key dates from your child's class teacher and all confirmed key dates can also be found on our website. Please note that dates are frequently added and will be communicated to you via Seesaw as well as being updated on our calendar. A reminder that all Jersey schools are closed for INSET tomorrow, Monday 4th September, and on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September for the Jersey International Air Display.



Schools are a place where you can find your passions, your interests, and possibly your ambitions for future specialisms. Whether that be sports, music, science, art, engineering - it is important that we work to facilitate a broad range of learning opportunities for our children to enable them to find the activities and pursuits that bring them enjoyment. The staff and parent community here at Bel Royal work hard to ensure that our children experience a breadth of activities to develop skills, knowledge, and personal qualities.

Last year was the first year to see all our Key Stage 2 classes experience, a residential. Year 6 visited Osmington PGL Centre in Dorset for a wonderful week of activities which not only provided amazing new learning opportunities. It allowed them to make more memorable memories in their last term of primary school.

Opportunities like this don't happen without the hard work, commitment and dedication of our staff who willingly supported our children during their stay at the Scouts Centre, St Aubin's Fort, and Camp Bosdet and the Year 6 trip to the UK.



Our children made us all very proud as they demonstrated our Bel Royal Core Values – Include, Believe, Achieve throughout, and really made the most of these opportunities.



Our Bel Royal Summer Fayre organised by our Parent Teacher Community Group was another great success and a great opportunity for our community to come together. We raised a fantastic £1069 which will go towards resourcing our playground activities and to help support the development of our food technology room. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped to support this, without whom we could not have run such a fun event.

The end of term saw our Key Stage 2 children perform brilliantly in the production, 'The Island That Rocks'. This was a wonderful team effort with staff and children working together to ensure props, scenery, staging, singing, dancing, and acting all came together for the show.

Please see links below to the recording of the afternoon and evening performances. Please can I ask that these are for personal use within our direct school community only and that these links are not shared on social media for obvious safeguarding reasons.



#### [The Island That Rocks - afternoon performance](#)



#### [The Island That Rocks- evening performance](#)



At the end of term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Marsay, who after 25 years supporting children with additional needs at Bel Royal is starting her well- earned retirement.

We also wished all of our Year 6 children the best of luck as they begin their next educational journey at secondary school. We hope that our past pupils, remember the experiences and memories they have gathered at primary school and that these times will forever hold a special place in their heart.

I would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to all

parents who have supported their children throughout their primary school journey. Your guidance, encouragement, and unwavering commitment have played a pivotal role in shaping these exceptional young minds.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children and some new starters who join us in September. We also welcome some new teachers, Mrs Fernandes, Mrs Durell, Ms Graystone, Mrs Huby, Mr McDermott, and Mrs Evans who will be joining our staff and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school.

Throughout the summer holiday, we have had some major works taking place to improve the safety for our children around the school as well as extending areas internally to enhance learning spaces and allow space for any of our children who require specialised equipment.

I will continue to work with the parish to improve and promote active travel to and from school. I feel very strongly that as many of our families live close by to the school site, we can work together to ensure children can travel to school in a more sustainable, active, and crucially, in a safe way.





Over the next few weeks and during the October half term the works will continue with the installation of climbing equipment for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children and the development of a food technology room which will allow us to plan and teach cooking and food preparation as part of our PSHE and Design Technology curriculum.

Some of the work over the holidays included the installation of a crossing at the end of La Rue De Haut. We are pleased that this work is mostly complete, and the road will go back to being two-way ready for the start of term on Tuesday. The road markings will be completed this week so that the crossing will be in action shortly.

We will be continuing with the same drop off and pick up arrangements as last year with our one-way circuit between 8:30am and 8:45pm. Only Nursery and Reception families are permitted to park in the playground at this time and please can we ask that only parents with permits park in the drop off area directly outside our main entrance as this is to allow any children who require support to arrive and depart school safely.

At the end of the day:

- Nursery finish at 2:30pm
- Reception finish at 2:45pm
- Year 1, 2 and 3 finish at 3pm (Year 3 collect from the top playground, Year 1 and 2 from the front of school)
- Year 4, 5 and 6 finish at 3:15pm (Year 4 collect from the front of school, Year 5 and 6 from the top playground)

We will have a rail of nearly new/donated uniform items (with our current logo) in the foyer outside the Main Office each day. Please feel free to take any items that would fit your child. If you have any items that your child has grown out of and you are willing to donate, this is helpful for our parents and reduces the amount of wasted clothing.

Finally, a reminder that you should have received a Parent Pay letter at the end of term with your child's school report. This letter gives you a code to sign up to Parent Pay which we will be using to simplify any school payments from September.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or queries and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Hammond'.

Claire Hammond  
Headteacher