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Dear Parents

As we reach the end of a quite extraordinary term and indeed school year, I am reminded of the words of Howard Schultz “In times of adversity and change, we really discover who we are and what we’re made of”; and we have certainly been tested in this way! Whilst the world has been consumed with Covid-related issues, as politicians have argued over when to do what and how, both internationally and locally, I have been consistently buoyed by the positivity and resolve of everyone who has a vested interest in Jersey College Prep – be they pupils, parents or staff.

When the schools finished on Friday 20th March, nobody could have envisaged just how long we would remain closed to all pupils; it was left up to each and every individual school to decide just how to bridge this unknown length of time and continue to provide some form of remote education for such an extended period.

To achieve this depended on a number of equally important factors:

The pupils themselves, who have shown such energy, commitment and resilience in their application in a very different learning environment and, in doing so, have moved forward in their learning rather than stagnating over three months.

The dedicated teachers, planning and delivering relevant learning over an array of subjects covering the curriculum entitlement for our pupils. Checking and giving targeted and informative feedback to each individual pupil to allow them to reflect and subsequently improve upon their work, week by week.

And finally, you, as parents and carers, who have selflessly devoted your time to supporting your children in their learning in, what has been for many, often difficult and trying circumstances.

I cannot think of a better, more demonstrable example of our sense of belonging as a learning community, together.

We have just learned today that secondary schools should also be fully open in September. However, the latest information about primary schools states that year group bubbles should be maintained – although physical distancing within those bubbles is not needed. So, it looks likely that we may need to maintain a phased entry and exit in and out of school as we do now. We will keep eye on how events unfold over the Summer break as things may well change again. Please be assured that, whatever decisions are ultimately made, we will try to put the most practicable solution together! We will let you all know the final organization before the end of August.

Summer Reading Challenge

The library has contacted us to advise that they are once again running a summer reading challenge and that it will be launched on 17 July. This year’s theme is ‘The Silly Squad’. Please see the attached for more information.

PTA Second Hand Uniform

The PTA still have some availability for the second-hand shop over the holidays. Currently there is only availability now as follows:

Friday 31st July (09:00 -13:00)

Saturday 1st August (09:00 – 12:00)

To make an appointment, please email Mrs Tanya Le Gresley tanyakate@yahoo.com.

Bus Club – Key Stage 2 – Bookings Open

We have launched our School Bus Club for children in Key Stage 2 again from next term. To register for this complementary service please go to <https://jcp.sch.je/parents/bus-club/> and fill in the online form.

Please book up in advance, thank you.

Music News

Congratulations to my Music Leaders who have done such a good job throughout the year - Erin, Bethany, Lottie, Savanna, Connie, Winnie, Honor and Alice.

Well done to you all! I am aware that the current Year 2 children have missed out on the violin and cello "taster" sessions which we would normally offer in this term.

When they come back in September, I will be letting parents know what instruments are available to learn.

If the island gets to Level 1 status, I am hopeful that instrumental lessons can restart at school with strict hygiene rules and the required social distancing. Choirs, ensembles and the orchestra are still unable to take place, but fingers crossed everything will have improved by September!

Thank you, Mrs Smith.

Samurai Kickboxing

Samurai Kickboxing are hoping to be able to return to running kickboxing classes at JCP next term. The classes will run as follows:

Tuesdays 8.00am till 8.45am – Reception – Year 2 – Little Samurai (12 week course @ £90)

Thursdays 8.00am till 8.45am – Years 3 – 6 – Young Samurai (11 week course @ £82.50)

8th September to 3rd December 2020 – excluding half term and Thursday 10th September (INSET)

1 FREE TRIAL session offered for new students

Our kickboxing classes are safe, professional and fun and offer a variety of fantastic benefits for your children:

- Improvement in general health and fitness including strength, balance, coordination, speed, agility and flexibility
- Opportunities for self-development including improved self-confidence, focus, discipline and mental well-being
- Learning self-protection techniques and how to deal with bullying

To book your child a space in the Samurai Kickboxing class, please go to; www.SamuraiKickboxing.je

We regret that we are unable to teach any students who have not booked. If this session day/time does not suit you, we also have public classes at JCP on a Saturday morning.

Any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email as detailed below.

Kind regards, Matt Collins, Founder and Chief Instructor admin@SamuraiKickboxing.je

Wishing you all a wonderful, relaxing and, above all, safe summer holiday!

With kind regards

Richard Sugden

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (New dates/changes in Red)

September	
Weds 2 nd	INSET day – school closed
Thurs 3 rd	Start of Term
Fri 4 th	PTA 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale and new miscellaneous items – 8.30-9.30 and 2.30–3.30pm
Thurs 10 th	Battle of Britain INSET – school closed
Mon 14 th	Possible Parent/Teacher introductory curriculum meeting – 6:00 – 7:30pm - TBA