



Akrotiri School Newsletter

Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents,

*As this is the first newsletter of the new year, I would like to wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR!
It's great to be back at school refreshed and ready to enjoy all that 2019 has to offer!*

New starters

Our new FS1 Turtles have settled well into school thanks to the brilliant Turtles staff and the support of parents. The children are getting to know the routines, exploring their new environments and making new friends.

We have also welcomed a number of new families across school since term started. As a school we work hard to make the transition into a new school as supportive as possible so please let us know when we are getting it right and how else we can help.

Ben Turner

It has been lovely to host Ben Turner in school this week. As you know, Ben will be our new Headteacher from September 2019 and he is currently the Head of Haig School in Germany. We have taken the opportunity to share our wonderful school with Ben this week and he has met as many staff and pupils as possible. Some of the highlights of Ben's week have been the warm welcome he has received, visiting classes to find out what we are learning and getting his shoes muddy in Forest School! I have assured him that it's not always this wet or cold! Ben will be revisiting school again soon and we will arrange time for him to meet parents.

Curriculum

As I have visited classes across school this week with Ben, I am reminded of the exciting learning opportunities that the staff give our children each week. My highlights have included sharing some amazing art in Y4, foraging in Forest School with Y1 and learning new fraction facts in Y6. As the term continues, we are planning a range of trips to enhance learning and taking part in a number of enrichment activities alongside school across the island. More details to follow.

Road Safety

Across school we regularly revisit the key messages of road safety through assemblies, discussions in class and with the help of our community partners such as the SBA Police. As parents you play a key role in reinforcing and supporting these messages. Whilst we are still dealing with winter weather and light conditions, I would like to make 3 requests.

Please:

- encourage children to wear their helmets when riding scooters or bikes
- ensure that your children are riding their bikes safely and are aware of the road rules
- use the parking areas designated for parents as the staff car parks are out-of-bounds

Attendance

Please call the school office to let us know if your child is absent from school. Messages left on Class Dojo may not get picked up and passed on in time. Please sign your child in and out of school from the office if they arrive or leave within the school day.

Outdoor learning

Where possible we will always aim to continue with our Forest School sessions and playtimes outside, even when the weather is cold and damp. Please send your child to school with a coat and suitable footwear so that they are well prepared and enjoy their experiences.

Thank you for your continued support across school. Have an enjoyable weekend!

*Louise Henry
Acting Head*