

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Hello Everyone, ~ a half-termly update!**

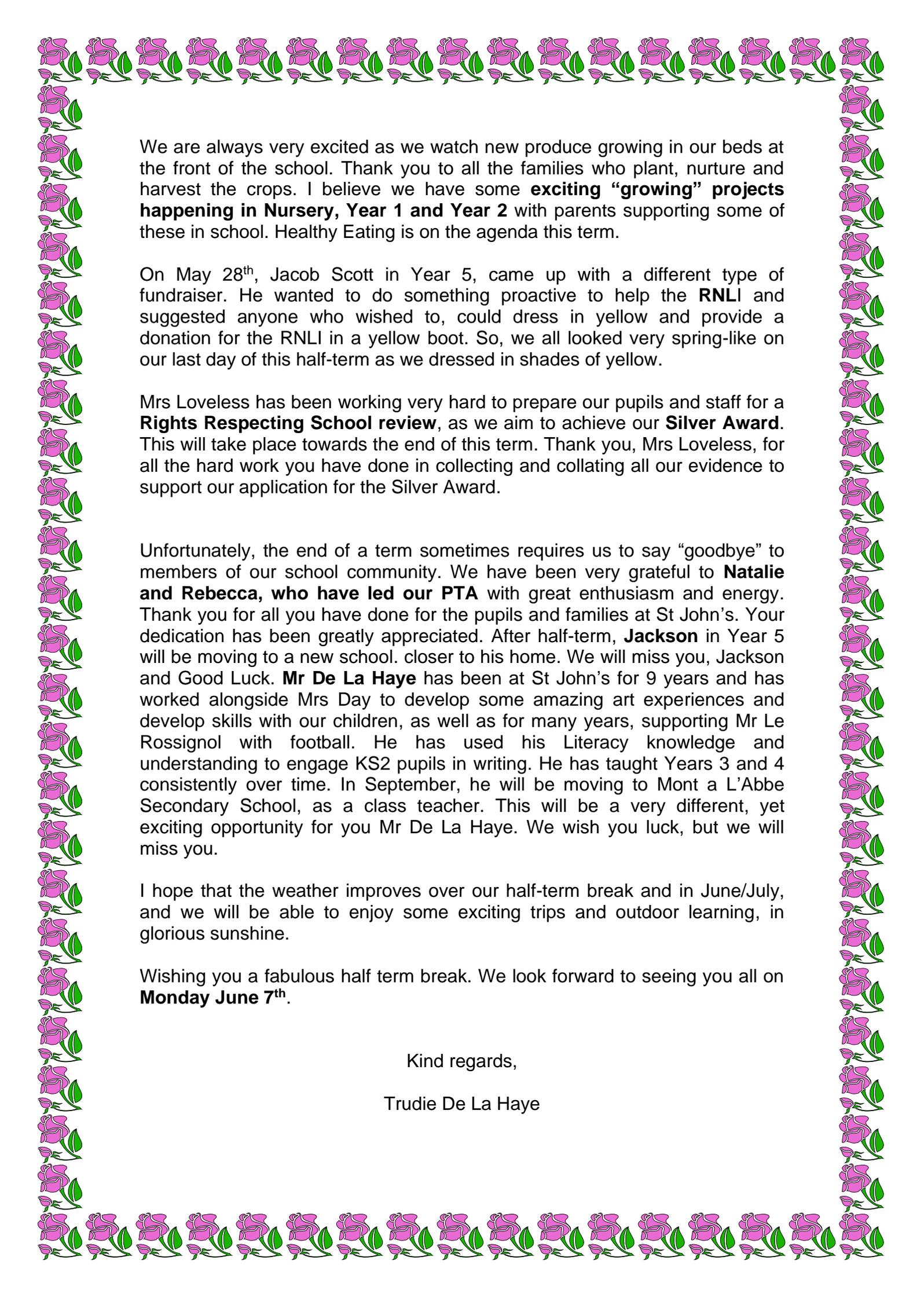
The Summer Term is always energetic. We have been returning to greater normality and freedom, with our regular Lateral Flow testing providing confidence that staff are all **negative and COVID free**. Staff have had at least one COVID vaccination too. We continue to follow guidance to keep everyone at school safe and protected. **At last trips are taking place**. This week, Nursery had a fun day exploring different learning experiences on the beach.

In the past few weeks, we have had some varied and exciting learning opportunities in school. Paul and Pippa Adams came and led some drama inset for all our pupils; Year 5 have enjoyed the **French Experience** with Mrs Mann. This emersion in French took place three days a week, for an hour a day. What a wonderful way to embrace French on a regular basis. Year 5 have also learnt about our Island political system and visited the **States Chamber**. Years Reception, 2 and 6, have been externally moderated by members of the **Island Moderation Team**. Well done to all the pupils and staff in those classes. We received excellent feedback and reports. We have chosen to have **all our year groups from Year 1-Year 6**, moderated by external moderators, to ensure rigour and consistency is evident across the school. The reports from these sessions clarified that our pupils are making great progress in every year group. In September, Mrs Paul will be joining myself and Mrs Fairhead as part of the Island Moderation Team. The Moderation Process is highly valued at St. John's School. Mr Le Rossignol is now part of the school's OLEVI coaching team, with Mrs De La Haye, Mrs Fairhead and Miss Walker. We engage with Island learning opportunities, wanting to remain at the forefront of Education on Jersey. Four members of our staff will be engaging in RE training after half-term. This will take place in our school hall.

We have enjoyed several **TEAMS assemblies**, with classes sharing some of their learning with the whole school. It has been lovely to see all classes on a big screen. So far, we have enjoyed assemblies from **Year 5, Nursery, Reception and Year 2**. We look forward to the other class assemblies, in the second half of the term.

**PTA's latest venture! Natalie Jardine and some of the PTA Committee, have put together a Wellbeing Month at St John's from 15<sup>th</sup> June- 15<sup>th</sup> July.** There are so many exciting well-being activities on offer. Thank you so much for organising this great PTA fundraiser.

**Potato judging** proved to be another fun event on our yearly calendar. Mrs Surcouf used her understanding and skills to judge a fair and highly competitive competition. **Well done Year 3** for being the Island victors, growing 1,271 grammes of Jersey Tubers in a bucket. Thank you for being great ambassadors for the school when collecting your certificate last week. The soil is obviously rich and fertile in St John's. 😊



We are always very excited as we watch new produce growing in our beds at the front of the school. Thank you to all the families who plant, nurture and harvest the crops. I believe we have some **exciting “growing” projects happening in Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2** with parents supporting some of these in school. Healthy Eating is on the agenda this term.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Scott in Year 5, came up with a different type of fundraiser. He wanted to do something proactive to help the **RNLI** and suggested anyone who wished to, could dress in yellow and provide a donation for the RNLI in a yellow boot. So, we all looked very spring-like on our last day of this half-term as we dressed in shades of yellow.

Mrs Loveless has been working very hard to prepare our pupils and staff for a **Rights Respecting School review**, as we aim to achieve our **Silver Award**. This will take place towards the end of this term. Thank you, Mrs Loveless, for all the hard work you have done in collecting and collating all our evidence to support our application for the Silver Award.

Unfortunately, the end of a term sometimes requires us to say “goodbye” to members of our school community. We have been very grateful to **Natalie and Rebecca, who have led our PTA** with great enthusiasm and energy. Thank you for all you have done for the pupils and families at St John’s. Your dedication has been greatly appreciated. After half-term, **Jackson** in Year 5 will be moving to a new school. closer to his home. We will miss you, Jackson and Good Luck. **Mr De La Haye** has been at St John’s for 9 years and has worked alongside Mrs Day to develop some amazing art experiences and develop skills with our children, as well as for many years, supporting Mr Le Rossignol with football. He has used his Literacy knowledge and understanding to engage KS2 pupils in writing. He has taught Years 3 and 4 consistently over time. In September, he will be moving to Mont a L’Abbe Secondary School, as a class teacher. This will be a very different, yet exciting opportunity for you Mr De La Haye. We wish you luck, but we will miss you.

I hope that the weather improves over our half-term break and in June/July, and we will be able to enjoy some exciting trips and outdoor learning, in glorious sunshine.

Wishing you a fabulous half term break. We look forward to seeing you all on **Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Kind regards,

Trudie De La Haye