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Dear Parents and Carers

It was really wonderful to see the children and adults dressed up for World Book Day yesterday. It gave me an opportunity to ask children about their favourite books and characters as well as learn some new titles for myself. As a school that really values reading, creating a buzz around it is really important.

We have lots of books for the children to share in school and really encourage opportunities for them to be read to, as well as independent practise, to enable them to develop a real love of reading. I mentioned the local book shop, Max Minerva's on North View, in a newsletter last term. Jess the owner has set up an account that rewards the school with £1 for each book bought there when you mention the school. I find her advice really helpful and now use her to help me buy all my birthday presents!



Reading Rangers have begun to join us in school to read with the children this week. I have also seen lots of other parents in corridors sewing, playing maths games and supporting with craft activities. Thank you all very much for volunteering your time to support enrichment activities. Keep an eye open for messages outside classrooms asking for either one-off helpers or help with a specific project.



The staff and one of our governors had a lovely breakfast at the junior school this morning enabling us to meet with the teams

from Claremont and Henleaze Junior School. This was a great opportunity to catch up as well as talk about opportunities for the children to make connections. It enabled the Year 2 team to continue transition conversations, as well as catch up about children who have already made the short walk across the playground. The year feels to be galloping away, but at least the postponed Winter disco, as well as some wet and cold weather this week, reminds us that we are not too far into the year!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker
Interim Headteacher

YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK:

Reception

Reception children have enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. Many have had lots of fun taking part in the Reading Challenge and had lots of fun raising money – well done!

Year 1

We have all loved sharing each other's favourite books this week. We have had such a range, great costumes on World Book Day too! The children have been able to talk about these books and also talk about special times of sharing these books with friends and families. We have got to find out about all the interesting voices that parents and grandparents give to characters when reading. You are AMAZING Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have been immersed in Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' all week. They have described the chocolate room, designed and made sweets, written character descriptions and been enjoying the story.

SOME REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 March – Parents' Evenings. Booking system will go live on Tuesday 12 March.

Tuesday 26 March – SATS Meeting for Year 2 parents, 3pm in the Hall.

Wednesday 3 April – Year 1 play 'Our World' at 9.30am

Friday 5 April – Year 1 Egg Rolling Competition, Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade, End of Term 4

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

PICK UP REMINDER – please remember to let the teacher know in advance if your child will be collected from school by someone other than their parent. You can do this by leaving a note in the folder outside of the class.

If you forget, please ring or email the office in the day. For safeguarding reasons, we cannot let children go home with anyone else unless we have had prior confirmation of the arrangement from their parent.

FHIS Winter Disco – tonight! We look forward to seeing you. Please sign up if you can help out!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0449A-EA82EAAF85-winter>

FHIS Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 30 March. Further details to follow.

HENLEAZE MAY FAIR

The annual May Fair will be taking place on **Saturday 11th May 2019 between 2-5pm**. This year we have even more stalls, attractions and activities for a fun filled family event, so put a note in your diary now!

The May Fair is the biggest single fundraiser for the schools and in 2018 we distributed an astonishing £15,000! Parents who are employees of Lloyds Bank helped us raise £3,500 of this simply by volunteering on the day and applying for 'match funding' from the bank. We raised £10,000 from the day itself and added surplus from past fairs. We donated £1,000 to Claremont to add to their profits kept from their stalls, and the rest of the money was split across the Infants and Juniors. Funds were spent on projects to enhance and improve the playground areas in both schools.

Does your employer run a corporate match funding scheme? We would love to hear from you with details.

Would you like to advertise in the programme? A copy is sent home with each child from Infants and Juniors, with copies available at the Fair too. The deadline is the end of March but please contact Hannah Bryant as soon as possible for prices and details. Hannah can be contacted via email on missblondie20@hotmail.com and mobile 07790 254412.

The May Fair needs the support of you and your family to help us maximise the funds that go straight back into the school to enhance your child's learning environment. Look out for future updates on ways you can help both through donating items for the stalls and volunteering your time to make the day a big success.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Clare Savvas on claresavvas@hotmail.co.uk Eric Livingston on eric.livingston@yahoo.co.uk or Amanda Edwards on amanda_edwards09@hotmail.com.

Best wishes,

May Fair Committee