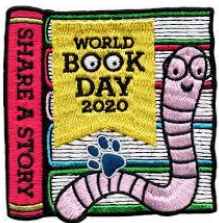


From Mr Chappell

Welcome back to the start of another very busy term, I hope you all had a great break. It has been a delight to go in every class this week and see the continued enthusiasm for learning that our children demonstrate in all areas of the curriculum. One particular area that we try to instil, which is so vital for all of our children, is a love of reading. As I wrote in our lovely 'We the Creative' book, which went on sale before Christmas, there is nothing more magical than sharing books and instilling in children a love of reading. Whilst it is always great as a school to run events such as World Book Day and the Book fair, it is important not to lose sight of the importance of reading with your child **every day** to create that feeling of reading for pleasure. Ten minutes or more of reading every day will see the children develop their reading skills for their own ability, whether it is an EYFS child on the first steps of their reading journey or a Year 6 Children reading four hundred page novels! Have a great weekend! **#readingisthekey**

World Book Day – 5th March

On World Book Day, all children are welcome to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character!** Get creative! We look forward to seeing the imaginative costumes!



As part of this day, we are also inviting parents and carers to come into school at 'drop off' time to read alongside your child in their classroom. This is just another way of promoting a love of reading by sharing the joy of a book. At 9.15am we will ring a bell and ask parents and carers to leave through the gate on the playground.

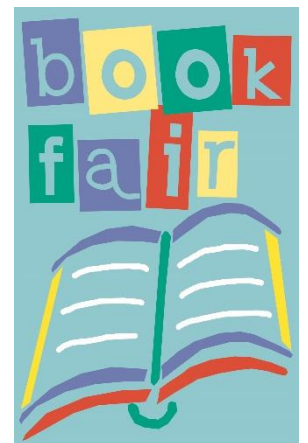


School Book Fair – next week!

Each day next week the Book Fair will be in the library from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to see the latest books by famous authors. Please come along and support the Fair, as the school receives books as commission on sales.

Book Fair Reading Competition

Wouldn't your child love to win a **£5 voucher** to spend at the Book Fair? One child from each class will win a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair on Friday 6th March. The names of all the children who have read every day from Saturday 29th February to Thursday 5th March will be entered into the draw.



£1 Book Token

Schoolchildren in the UK are again receiving a free **£1 Book Token** which can be exchanged at all participating bookshops for a World Book Day book or against a book worth £2.99 or more. Participating bookshops can accept tokens from 27th February to 29th March 2020 inclusive. The tokens have been distributed in school this week and they can be used at our **Book Fair**. See worldbookday.com/books for more information.

Hot off the press ... Author visiting St Helen's

We are excited to let you know that Anna Hoghton, poet and children's author of 'The Mask Of Aribella' will be coming to visit us on Monday 16th March. Anna will be leading an assembly for KS2 children about her book, which is set in Venice, and running workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 children. During the day, Anna will be sharing her experience as an author and offering the children tips as they develop as writers. There will be an opportunity to buy a signed copy of her book on the day.



Behaviour Support “Drop In” Afternoon

On Wednesday 11th March we are running a drop-in afternoon with **Vicky Borel**, the behaviour and emotional support specialist who works with us as a school. If you have any concerns about your child’s behaviour at school or at home, pop in for a chat to discuss your concerns with Vicky. You can ask any questions you might have and get some advice and ideas. There will be 30 minute slots between 1:15pm and 3:15pm. You can book a slot by calling the school office.

The Great Big St Helen’s Bake Sale – Thursday 12th March, 3:30pm

We’ll be turning the school hall into a giant cake sale on Thursday 12th March to raise money for two charities that some of our children are keen to support. The money raised at the event will be split between the ‘Great Western Ambulance Service’, nominated by Harriet (Y4) and Charlotte O (Y2) and the WWF Bushfire Emergency charity, supporting the care of animals and their habitats after the catastrophic bushfires. This charity was nominated by Charlotte M (Y2).



We would love to encourage everyone to donate cakes, which can be brought into school on the morning of the sale, and then come and join us at 3.30pm for the sale!

Cherry Class ‘Walking for WaterAid’

As part of their topic ‘What is fair?’, the children in Cherry class have been looking at the supply of water around the world and raising awareness of how some children aren’t as lucky as us and can’t just turn on a tap for their water. Some children walk an average of 3.7 miles each day to collect clean water. To help with the understanding of the topic, the children took part in a walk to Mrs Woolford’s house in Alveston, with a small bucket, to collect water and bring it back to school. Thank you to their family and friends for sponsoring them – they raised an incredible **£549** for WaterAid.



Twitter

As a school we are very proud of all our Flying High moments. A reminder that in between our fortnightly newsletter, a lot of photographs and information about school is posted on our Twitter page. Please see below some of the latest photos we’ve posted on Twitter. @sthelenspri



Attendance

Congratulations to Holly class who had 96.9% attendance during the last week of Term 3. The school total was 94.7%.
Congratulations to Ash class who had 97.7% attendance this week. The school total was 95.7%

Congratulations to our certificate winners last week and this week:

Cherry Class – Bronnie, Bea, Dougie and Avah-Grace
Holly Class – Sophie, Harrison and Chloe
Beech Class – Casey, Fendi, Charlotte M and Rory
Oak Class – Seth, Charlotte, Huw and Liam

Ash Class – Max, Sehyun, Finley and Harry M
Sycamore Class – Josh, Mya, Alexander F and Paige
Elm Class – Lilie, Josh L, Miles and Rose



Out of school achievements

- Niyumi in Sycamore class has achieved her Silver Challenge and the 800 metres distance award in swimming.
- Bonnie-May in Beech class achieved her Level 8, Bronze Challenge Swim England award and her 400m distance swimming badge.
- Willow in Cherry class has achieved her 25 metres distance swimming award.



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