



25th February, 2009

Dear Parents,

Next week we are celebrating Book Week. On Monday, the children may come dressed as a character from a book. They need to know who they are and which book they have come from. Please encourage characters derived from books as opposed to films or television programmes; we don't want Power Rangers! Their costume also has to be practical for a day at school.

On Tuesday the author, Heather Butler, is visiting. She writes children's stories but is also an expert on getting children to write their own imaginative stories. She ran a staff training day for us at the beginning of the term, and on Tuesday she will run creative writing sessions with the children.

The Parents' Association are very supportive of the idea of creating a larger, better-equipped library for St. Helen's and we are going to work together in fund-raising to convert 227 ground floor into a library. We are intending to run events, such as a Choral Speaking Competition for Years 4 – 6 on 7th May, at which there will be an opportunity to donate money for a particular book, bought by the school on the recommendation of the children, and it will have a book plate in with your child's name at the front. The money raised at the fete will also go towards this project. The children are excited by the idea and have already begun to e-mail me with ideas!

One idea raised by a teacher was for the children who dress up in Book Week to possibly donate the (new) book from which their character comes, but this is entirely voluntary and there is no expectation!

There is also a Bring and Buy Event being organised by Alexander Ranson and Tom Hunt for a Blue Peter Appeal to aid nutrition in Third World Countries on 11th March, and they would like children to bring in toys etc, which they no longer want but which are in good condition, in order to raise money for this charity. We would also like to sell cakes. The School Council are going to run it during the morning. Please bring donated things to sell from Monday 9th March. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Crehan