



Dear Parents and Pupils,

## Reading - The Building Blocks of Life



We have included information on why reading is so important and how to make it a bit more fun. We cannot stress the importance of your child reading everyday. Primary School children have 2-5 pages or 10 minutes and High School 20 minutes of reading. Parents it is vital that you listen to your child read, and this includes High School children. This is your opportunity to help develop their academic growth and by so doing, their own self-esteem and emotional growth. Every week each class goes to the library and pupils choose a reading book and a book of interest.

Literacy is a social tool; a lens through which we interact with the world. It is not about whether we have read the top 10 novels. It is about using a tool as a means of achieving a purpose, and the choice as to what constitutes a purpose, is an extremely personal one. However - those who cannot read are incredibly vulnerable, which is why literacy is one of our greatest challenges facing us at Wendon and in our country. Not being able to read demolishes and diminishes you as an individual throughout your life. It makes our children dependent on others and above all, as an individual, they cannot contribute to the development and growth of our nation.

The challenge is greater than just teaching our children how to read and write. It is not just literacy alone that make schools or a nation of readers. We need to inspire a passion for reading. This will encourage our children to seek out books for pleasure and information, not just in response to some daily educational requirement that we are asking your children to do. With this, we certainly hope that through the joy of reading, our children will actually connect emotionally with these new skills.

Yes parents, we can all help in this area. All you really need to do is roll up your sleeves, sit with your child and open a book together for the 10 - 20 minutes a day, whether they are 10 years or 18 years old. We appeal to you for your structured support in our endeavours to improve your child's reading ability and development.



### EARTH DAY UPCYCLED FASHION SHOW & PICNIC

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April

We are going to have our Picnic to coincide with Earth Day. Further information and invitations will follow

# Achievers for the Week - High School

High School	
Mrs Dinkele	<b>Aviwe Vanya</b> - For positive attitude towards her work
Mrs Price	<b>Alexa Horwood</b> - Helpfulness in Computers
Mrs Gooding	<b>Bathandwa Shabalala &amp; Atish Puran</b> - Excellent Travel & Tourism test
Mrs Cross	<b>Mila Makhanya</b> - Improved efforts
Mrs Freeman	<b>Stirling Proctor &amp; Daniel Roux</b> - Very helpful
ART	<b>Asanda Mkize</b> - Consistently good Art work

## Flowers in the Foyer

A special thank you to those families who have kindly offered to donate flowers for our foyer, we certainly do appreciate this

Term 1	
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mouton Family Madeline Grade 9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Gosai Family Darshan Grade 11
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Rampersad Family Grade 10
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Millar Family Max Intermediate Class

## SPELL A THON

The Spell-a-thon will take place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Wendon Academy.

High School Pupils will be required to spell fifty words and they have their spelling lists. Primary School will have individual spelling lists as per their own grades and the list will be given a week before the Spell-a-thon.

We encourage you to **sponsor per correct word**

Or

**send a donation.**

We encourage each child to participate. Our continuing fundraising objective is to raise funds for the school.

**All pupils will participate in the Spell-a-thon.**

Prizes: A prize for both the Primary School and the High School will be given to the pupils who raise the most money. Pupils who obtain 100% will receive a certificate presented to them at assembly.

Your support is sincerely appreciated. Encourage your child and let's get spelling!!

After the Spell-a-thon, you will be notified as to how much money has been raised by your child.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SPONSOR SHEETS

Please will you return all your Sponsor Sheets by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The money and the form are due by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**SPONSOR SHEETS AND A SPELLING LIST WILL BE HANDED OUT BY THE CLASS TEACHER TO EACH PUPIL. PLEASE KEEP IT SAFE.**

## Calendar of Events

March

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 12 Leadership Camp	Information has been sent out to Grade 12
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Spell-a-thon Sponsor forms due	Return forms to school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spell-a-thon	Forms to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	PS Parent Interviews	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	HS Parent Interviews	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Spell-a-thon Sponsor Money due	All sponsor money to be sent in
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gala <b>End of term 1</b>	Information to follow

**Please check weekly newsletter for any changes to the calendar**

A simple way to raise funds for the school without costing us a cent - Its MONEY for JAM!!!. We will forward an application form to each parent next week, in the hopes of securing support in this fundraising endeavour.

Have an enjoyable week ahead.

Kind regards

*"How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank*

**Mrs Wendy Hicks**  
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