

SAMARÈS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from School Council

Hello parents,

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. This year children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school and are encouraged to bring in their favourite book to share with others (please name the book). Class teachers will be organising some extra book related activities on that day to celebrating reading.

Comic Relief, Red Nose Day, is on Friday 21st March. On this day, children are allowed to wear their own clothes and wearing something red is encouraged with a donation of £1. The School Council will be selling red noses on Thursday 20th March after school.

Handwriting Eisteddfod

Last month, we held our annual Samarès handwriting competition for KS2. Certificates were awarded for most improved and best decorated handwriting, as well as an amazing 20 pieces showing such a high standard that they have been entered in the Jersey Eisteddfod. Well done to everyone who took part!



Most improved
handwriting



Handwriting Eisteddfod entrants



Best decorated
handwriting

Oracy Update

This week we welcomed colleagues from other schools in Jersey to see our excellent oracy work at Samares school. Our visitors were impressed by how articulate our children are and all the opportunities they have in school to develop their skills in speaking and listening. Well done everyone!

School Handbook

Our School Handbook is available on our website in the parent section or on this link:

<https://www.samares.sch.je/attachments/download.asp?file=453&type=pdf>

Samarès School encourage all our pupils to maintain high standards not only in their work but also in their appearance. There is an expectation that all pupils wear school uniform and look smart at all times. As part of this, we remind children and parents that:

Hair - any pupil with hair that is longer than shoulder length should have it tied back accordingly with a blue hairband. This is for Health and Safety and working reasons.

Jewellery - the only jewellery permitted is a simple watch. Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain stud earrings only. For safety's sake these are removed or covered for P.E. Nail varnish and other make-up items are not permitted.

Read Write Inc Survey for parents

Read Write Inc (RWI) is our approach to teaching phonics. One of our members of staff is supporting our development through the degree course she is completing. We would really value parents views by clicking on the link to answer a short survey -

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Nvrf-VPWu0WaJcANcgp3xz3rjvSWvwxGrFvImjFZv1NUMUpaWVvVaNzFHRTBDSklzVU9BUUoyTkVHSS4u>

Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below. We have a teacher training day (INSET) on Friday 14th February and school will be closed to children on this day

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,



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