

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much to the people who got in touch after the last newsletter about volunteering in school. All the relevant safeguarding checks are currently in progress and we hope to have the volunteers in school soon after half term.

I hope that those of you who managed to attend Parents' Evenings this week found them useful, particularly as we are now halfway through the school year! If you were unable to attend, please find the time to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or arrange to phone them and have a chat about how well your child is doing and what we can do together to support them further.

I am excited to share with you the news that Mrs Holder is spending her half term in Cape Town, South Africa, as part of a British Council funded project, along with other staff from schools in the Trust. She will be spending time in our link school who we will be completing an environmental project with. We are looking forward to hearing about her adventures and seeing some photos on her return. Teachers from the Cape Town schools will be visiting Plymouth in the summer.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, it is World Book Day once again and the WPFA would like to hold a pre-loved book sale as it was so successful last year. Please bring any books you are happy to donate into school after half term and we will find somewhere to store them until the day itself. Either the WPFA or I will let you know further details about the sale after half term.

Mrs Gifford is currently planning activities for science week in March and the Art and Craft club are currently giving me their amazing ideas for our contribution to the art installation 'Road to Plymouth', which is going along Embankment Rd later this year. I hope you will be able to come into school and see some of these activities in action and will send further information nearer the time.

If you are at a loose end during half term next week, please go and visit Southway library where 'Widewelmer', out St Luke's elephant is currently on tour. Hopefully you might also find a few books to borrow at the same time!

Kind regards

Claire Prynne