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Dear Parents,

This week, members of the Junior Handwriting Team have delivered the message to all classes about our new Handwriting Challenge, including the "hows" and "whys." The focus is on improving handwriting, in all books (not just in English books) and in homework too. At the end of this term, the children in each class who have made significant improvement in their handwriting will be recognised and rewarded.

To assist the children in remembering the components of good handwriting, we have devised the acrostic: JESSOP, (though some aspects will not be applicable to the younger children).

J Joined up correctly

E Evenly spaced-out words

S Size - an easy size to read
- lower case letters the same size and ascenders and descenders in proportion

S Speed-don't write too quickly or too slowly

O On the line

P Pen, if you have been asked to use one

Handwriting Helpers from the Junior Handwriting Team, who have been assigned to each class, will assist the teachers in inspiring and encouraging improved handwriting.

For the initiative to be successful, the children will need to be consistently reminded of the expectations of their handwriting, and we would greatly value your assistance with this and, of course, your encouragement.

Yours sincerely

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Whole School Head of English