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22nd February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, the school is having a World Book Day celebration on Thursday 7th March 2024, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children.

To reduce the pressure on parents during this time of cost of living challenges, we have decided to try something different this year.

We won't be dressing-up as a character from a book this year, but we still have plenty of fun, exciting opportunities arranged for the pupils. Some of these are listed below:

- There is still a chance to 'dress for the occasion' we are challenging pupils to **design and produce their own headwear** of their favourite character or a character that they like for the day.
- Design and decorate their own form class door with a book theme of their choice (prizes for the best decorated doors).
- Opportunities to bring in their favourite book and sharing their teacher's favourite book.
- Design their own bookmark.
- Experience some storytelling with some selected books that inspire written ideas.

This is designed for both KS2 and KS3 to actively take-part in but it is optional and pupils still must remain in school uniform for the rest of their attire. There will also be a special prize for the Best headwear in each year group throughout the school

To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book token that can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books. Your child's token will be distributed during the week of World Book Day and can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop.

You can support us in building your child's enthusiasm for books, well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library, if you are not yet members. For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, visit worldbookday.com. Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

We look forward to seeing your child actively taking part on this special day on Thursday 7th March.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours Sincerely,

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