



Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, we will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 3rd March 2022** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and to love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of activities taking place throughout the day including:

- Independent reading time
- Buddy reading
- Fun activities linked to a book
- Writing a whole school book
- A showcase assembly for costumes and completed work

We kindly invite your children to dress up for **World Book Day**. Your children can either dress up as a book character or they can dress up in their pyjamas to represent 'Bedtime Stories'. If you do choose to dress your child in a fancy dress costume, there are plenty of creative ideas over at [The World Book Day website](#). There will be an opportunity for your children to share their costumes or 'Bedtime Story Pyjamas' in our whole school assembly in the afternoon.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar



The Day the Crayons Quit



Centipede from James and the
Giant Peach



Dennis the Menace

This year is the 25th celebration of **World Book Day** so it is a very special school event this year! To mark the 25th anniversary, the children will be having a reading party in class in the afternoon. Throughout the party, the children will have the opportunity to read, participate in fun activities and to share stories with their friends. Please could you send in a **book from home** that the children LOVE to read so that they can share it with their friends and talk about what happened in the story. This will be to encourage reading for pleasure throughout the day.

If your child has any **additional books** that they would like to swap, please can you send **one book** in and we will operate a **BOOK SWAP** in both the Junior and Infant Schools at break time. It must be a book that your child does not want to keep anymore so that they can swap books with another child.

To celebrate World Book Day, your child will receive a World Book Day voucher on **Monday 28th February 2022**. Simply take the £1 voucher to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.



In addition to our World Book Day celebration on Thursday, we are also running a Read for Good Readathon week and we'd love your child to join in. Our Readathon will begin **28th February 2022** and end on the **4th March 2022**.

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD). The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio-books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK. Teachers, parents and pupils tell us that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital compels pupils to get involved.

All you have to do is:

1. Take a look at what they plan to read, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. Once the children have returned to school on Monday 28th February 2022, they will receive a sponsor card to complete and return to school once they have successfully completed their Readathon challenge.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves. And our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone. For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readforgood.org

On Monday 28th, your child will come home with a sponsor form and a how to form which provides all of the instructions about how to complete the readathon. We would love to see as many children as possible taking part and will be encouraging participation in school too.

