



26th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We will be celebrating World Book Day during the week of 4th March, and have planned lots of exciting activities for the children to take part in across the week!

On Monday 4th March the children will be taking part in a paired read. During this event, each child pairs up with a child from another class and spends some time enjoying reading for pleasure - always a popular activity!

On Tuesday 5th March we will be holding another popular event - a book swap! We would like as many children as possible to bring in one or more books that they would be happy to swap for another book from someone else. These books need to come into the office **as soon as possible** to allow us to get the swap ready for the children. Please do not send in any tatty books that you would not want to rehome yourself! Each class will have the chance to visit the book swap at some point during the day.

On Wednesday 6th March we will be holding our annual Books at Bedtime in school from **5.30-6.15pm**. Please bring your child, dressed in their pj's, to the school hall at 5.30pm ready for a bedtime story. Cuddly toys are also welcome! Staff will be sharing some of their favourite bedtime stories with the children. During this time we would like to invite parents to stay in the hall where there will be tea and biscuits/cake available to buy. The children will return to the hall for their usual hot chocolate and biscuit after their stories.

We would like to offer **adults** the chance to take part in a book swap to be held in the hall while the children are listening to their bedtime stories. If you have one or more books (in good condition please!) that you are happy to contribute to the swap **please bring them with you to the hall when you bring your child to the Books at Bedtime Event**. This is a good chance to have a clear out of books that you no longer want along with the chance to acquire some new reading material! It is also very beneficial for the children to see their adults talking about and enjoying books!

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character today. Please remember that costumes can be very simple. We do not want anyone to think that they have to go out and buy something special for this event. All classes will take part in reading activities during the day.

During World Book Day, every class will also be taking part in an interactive online show with an author. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in a session with award winning author and

illustrator Helen Stephens. She has written many books such as *How to Hide a Lion*, *Saving Mr Hoot* and *The Night Iceberg*. She will share stories and show the children how she brings her stories to life through her drawings. Children in Years 3 and 4 will join children across the country to watch Michael Rosen's Big 50 Years Show live streamed from the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich! This very special show marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of Michael Rosen's first book for children, *Mind Your Own Business*, and 50 years of Michael inspiring generations of children and families with his poetry and live performances. There will be the chance to interact with Michael and ask questions.

On Friday 8th March we would like to invite you into school for **Read with a Relative**. We have received some requests for this to be held at the end of the day so we would like to invite you into the hall at **2.45pm** for some shared reading time with your children before the end of the school day.

A £1 World Book Day voucher will be sent home with every child at some point during the week. These vouchers can be exchanged for a free book at local, participating shops including Waterstones, Asda, Sainsburys and WH Smiths. They can be used up until Sunday 31st March.

Finally, if you have any photos of your child reading in an unusual place and are happy to share, please send them in and we can add them to our display in the library area. Thank you!

We are looking forward to a very exciting week!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Norman