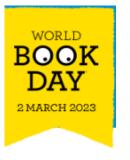
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Dear Parents/Carers

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 2 March** this year. World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it is a celebration of reading. It is the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by <u>UNESCO</u> as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries. To encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading, our pupils will take part in a range of activities on this day. To make the day special, it will be an official '**Pyjama Day'** for pupils. Pupils may come to school in their pyjamas/onesies or dress as their favourite book character. All we ask is that they bring in one of their current favourite books which they can tell their class about. Time will be set aside for all pupils to read a book of their choice during the day, (**E.R.I.C.** Time – **E**veryone **R**eading In **C**lass), and we would encourage you to provide your child with a book to bring to school to read during this time.

Each class will undertake specific World Book Day activities. Our P7 pupils will have the opportunity to read to their buddy, while our P6 pupils will visit our nursery over the course of the week to read to our younger children.

All pupils will be issued with a £1.00 book token on Thursday 2 March. Pupils can exchange their book token for one of a number of exclusive £1.00 World Book Day books, or use it to get £1.00 off any book costing £2.99 or more. A guide to 2023's £1.00 books, which cover a wide range of ages, stages and interests can be viewed by visiting worldbookday.com/books. The World Book Day book tokens are valid until Sunday 26 March.

Many independent bookshops and high street chains all over the UK will redeem the vouchers. Parents and children can find their local bookshop at booksellers.org.uk/bookshop search. Further information about World Book Day can be found by visiting the official website ~ <u>www.worldbookday.com</u>. The site also contains games and activities based on well-known books, suitable for children to play at home.

If your child does not wish to wear their pyjamas, or dress as a book character, then they can wear casual clothes on this day or wear their uniform as normal. Please remember, no football colours are permitted.

 Yours sincerely

 Paul McKeever

 Head Teacher

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