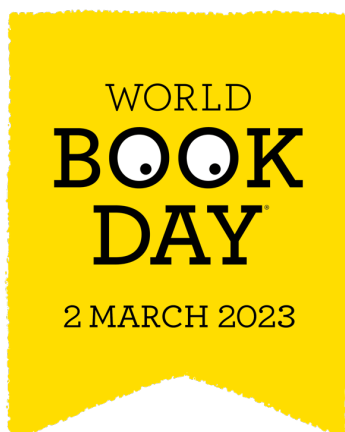


Dear Parents,



This year, World Book Day is being celebrated on Thursday 2nd March. Reading is something we value highly at Shorne Church of England Primary School and we recognise the importance of children gaining enjoyment from their reading. As in previous years, there will be a variety of activities and events throughout the week from Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March. This year's theme is:

"Reading for Pleasure!"

The World Book Day mission is to "promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success - more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them."

This letter is also to let you know about the activities that will be taking place during that week.

Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March - This year the children will be read stories and extracts from members of staff whilst disguised for our "Masked Reader" event! It is up to the children to work out who is reading these stories!

Monday 27th February - A series of online events are available with a number of famous authors including Sophy Henn, Tom Percival and Joe Wicks!

Thursday 2nd March - BBC TEACH LIVE LESSON - WORLD BOOK DAY 2023 - We'll be celebrating the joy of books, authors and reading for pleasure in a World Book Day lesson for 7-11 year-olds.

Thursday 2nd March - On World Book Day the children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character! There is no pressure on these costumes - we would much rather the children be happy in what they are wearing than worrying about their costumes. There are many cheap/free ideas, some of which Mrs Prest has shared earlier this week!

Thursday 2nd March - All children will receive a £1 World Book Day token which 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.

Thursday 2nd March - (Weather dependent) The children will lead a parade through the village from the front gate to the back, showing off their amazing costumes! This will take place at 11:20. Keep any eye out for some posters designed by our Librarians promoting this event around the village!

Friday 4th March - Children are to bring their favourite book to school to share with a 'reading buddy' from another year group - another way to spread the pleasure of reading!

At home, you can encourage your children further by visiting the website www.worldbookday.com and getting involved with some of the many great activities online.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Woodcock

English Subject Leader