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Dear parents and carers,

This year's World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and once again we will be making the most of this brilliant opportunity to celebrate and promote reading for pleasure amongst our children and families.



Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation - we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden. Dressing up or bringing books into school can be a big part of the celebrations but it isn't essential and we have lots of fun, free activities and opportunities planned.

Style it out:

As an alternative to dressing up, children could choose to style their hair just like a favourite character from a book they've read. We can't wait to see all the wonderful styles they create and try to work out who they are!

If your child is keen to dress up, costumes needn't be shop bought or brand new and may even be made up of simple character clues. Children love to use the clues a friend or teacher is 'wearing' to work out which character or book is being represented. We look forward to seeing which characters arrive on the day!

Wearing PJs or 'onesies' - Children can come to school wearing their cosy PJs or 'onesie's. We'll be doing lots of 'cosy reading' throughout the day so what better way to feel comfortable and snuggle up with a book?

Free WBD books:

During the day, your child will receive a £1 book token that they may exchange for one of the free World Book Day special edition books or they may wish to redeem it against the purchase of a full price book. On **Wednesday 6th March** we will be hosting a 'pop-up' book shop in the school library. The book shop 'Rhyme and Reason' will have copies of the free World Book Day publications to exchange and will also be selling a range of recommended fiction and non-fiction books and children may therefore wish to bring money to spend on an exciting new book. All parents/carers and children are very welcome to visit the 'pop-up shop' in the library and purchase books after school between **3:15 and 4pm**. Please note that parents should collect their children at the gate first before visiting the book shop.

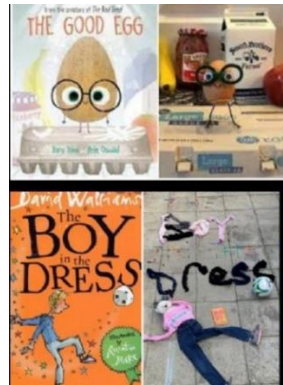
Book cover Competition:

Children, staff and families are invited to take part in this year's competition. We'd like you to recreate a favourite book cover, possibly starring you! You could become the main character of the book or use figures or model. However you do it, we'd like you to take a photo and send it to us.





You could win a prize for your entry and we'll display them in the school library and on our social media. Entries should be sent, along with the entrant's name and child's class, to worldbookday@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk by midday on Tuesday 5th March. Please note that by entering the competition you are giving permission for the photographs to be displayed in school and on school social media.



Readathon event:

Once again, we've signed up to take part in a 'Read for Good' readathon event from **Monday 4th March until 10th March**. This was a huge success last year and as a school we raised £1795 for the charity and were able to buy over £500 of books for our library.

We'll be encouraging all of our children to take on the challenge of reading as much as they can to raise sponsorship money that will be used to provide books and storytellers to all major children's hospitals in the UK. What's more, we'll also receive Scholastic book vouchers worth 20% of the school's fundraising total to buy brand new books for our school library.

We'll be giving out sponsorship cards, bookmarks and stickers in school to get your child ready to take part and staff will be talking to the children about this in assemblies after the half term holiday. Your child can take part by simply choosing what they'd like to read and clocking up as many pages or reading hours as they can between the dates above. We'll share updates and reminders on social media too. Sponsorship money can be donated online at readforgood.org or by bank cheques made payable to 'Read for Good' sent into school with your child. Please do not send cash.

Finally, there are also lots of fun reading ideas and resources for you to enjoy with your child at home on the World Book Day Family Hub as well as brilliant book recommendations for all ages.



We're so looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school and hope you'll take part in lots of the activities we are offering as well as joining in with your child at home too.

Best Wishes,
The English Team