



## Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This year's World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 like your favourite book character:**

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 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!

### **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. During the day and after school we will be hosting a 'pop-up' book shop in our recently renovated 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 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **Book illustrator competition:**

When we think of our favourite books, illustrators are often overlooked. This year, we will be inviting the children to draw/paint/create something by their favourite illustrator. All artwork will be displayed in school and there will be book prizes for year group winners. Entries should be A4 or A3 in size and given in to Mrs Purdom by the end of the day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Name and class on the back please. Let's celebrate illustrators as well as authors!



### **Extreme Reading Competition:**

Children, staff and families are invited to take part in this year's 'extreme Reading Competition. What's the weirdest or most wonderful place that you can read a book? We'd love to see and to share your experiences with our community. 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 entrants' names and child's class, to [worldbookday@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:worldbookday@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) by midday on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February. *Please note that by entering the competition you are given permission for the photographs to be displayed in school and on school social media.*



### **Readathon event:**

This year, we've signed up to take part in a 'Read for Good' readathon event from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of February until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. 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](http://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. **In addition, we have attached some useful information published by World Book Day which includes valuable hints, tips and reading lists for reading with your child.**

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.

World Book Day could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you, you make it happen!

Best Wishes,  
The English Team