



Westfields Infant School

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World Book Day Celebrations – Thursday 7th March 2024

Dear Parents,

In March, we will once again be celebrating, authors, illustrators and all things relating to the wonderful world of reading books as we hold our annual World Book Day festivities! This is an important day in the promotion of a love of reading across our school and also around the world. World Book Day is the biggest event of its kind and is marked in over 100 countries. The main aim of the celebrations is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books which we will achieve through a variety of book-themed activities throughout the day which we hope will be memorable as well as valuable.

Dressing Up

As part of our celebrations, this year we would like to invite all of our pupils (and staff!) to come into school dressed in pyjamas on **Thursday 7th March** as part of our 'Cosy Federation Read' event. Please make sure they are suitably warm (maybe with a fleece or dressing gown) as well as a coat as the children will be outside for playtimes. During the school day, all children will have the opportunity to share a cosy read with a child from a different year group across the federation and explore a book of their choice.

Potato Character Competition!

After the success of last year's World Book Day Competition, we are holding a 'Potato Character Competition'. Children are invited to create a book character using a potato **at home**. They will need to choose a book, find a spare potato and get creative! If the children choose to take part in this competition, they need to bring their Potato character into school on **World Book Day (Thursday 7th March)** for our judging and 'Potato Character' gallery! Please ensure that all competition entries have the name of the book, author, child's name and class clearly labelled. There are some ideas on the next page to give the children a little inspiration but we are sure our creative pupils will be original!

World Book Day Tokens

Every year, the World Book Day team work in partnership with National Book Tokens, a variety of authors and bookshops to gift all children with a book token. This token can be exchanged for one of a fantastic selection of brand new and exclusive £1 books for 2024:



Alternatively, the £1 book token is redeemable against any book or audio book of their choice costing £2.99 or more, at a participating bookshop. Every child will be sent home with a book token which we hope you will all enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support. Keeping reading everyone!

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