



In the light of God we care, we share, we laugh, we learn

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: World Book Day 2019 – Thursday 7th March 2019

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, 2019, and we would like all pupils to make the most of this special occasion! World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading. To support children on their reading journey, all pupils will receive a £1 World Book Day token, which can either be exchanged for one of ten special £1 World Book Day books (see www.worldbookday.com/books for further details) or the voucher can go towards a book costing £2.99 or more.

Dressing Up

This year, we would like to celebrate in a slightly different way by dressing up as an **interesting word!** Children are invited come dressed in a costume which represents their chosen word. Pupils can either have their word visible with a sign or label. Or, if they'd prefer, pupils can keep it hidden and see if their classmates can work out what word you are! The word can be as simple or as complex as you like! Here are some examples for you;

- **Hilarious** – you could dress up as clown.
- **Brave** – you might dress as a superhero.
- **Ancient/archaic** – you could make yourself look really old.
- **Illuminate** – you could wear clothes with stars on.
- **Inquisitive** – you could dress as a detective.
- **Magical** – you could be a fairy or a wizard.
- **Blizzard** – you could wear white and be covered in 'snow'!
- **Incognito** – you could try and disguise yourself.



NOTE – If you have already purchased your World Book Day costume and planned on dressing up as a famous book character, this is absolutely fine and will be equally celebrated!

Author Visit – Emma Barnes

I am delighted to announce, this year for World Book Day, we will be joined by local Leeds author, **Emma Barnes** (see emmabarnes.info for further information). Emma has written lots of humorous stories about children getting into mischief, having adventures, falling out with their families, as well as generally battling with the silliness and unpredictability of life! Her books include *Chloe's Secret Club*, *The Wild Thing Series*, *Wolfie*, *Sam and the Griswalds*, *How (not) To make Bad Children Good*, *The Girl From Hard Times Hill*, *The Thief of Bracken Farm* and *Jessica Haggerthwaite: Media Star* *Jessica Haggerthwaite: Witch Dispenser* (see emmabarnes.info/books/ for further info).

Emma will begin the day by introducing herself in our fabulous whole school celebration of books, reading and of course a pupil costume parade! The assembly will give her a chance to chat with children, answer questions, have fun and hopefully inspire them with the excitement of stories and the imagination. There will also be an interactive quiz! Throughout the day, Emma will run a number of creative and exciting sessions with pupils across the school. The sessions will inspire and encourage pupils' love of reading and writing. At the end of the day, Emma will be selling signed copies of her books in the school hall.

The PTA has kindly funded this special event.

In Class Activities

As well as the whole school celebration assembly and author workshops, pupils will be enjoying a range of World Book Day activities: quizzes, reading sessions, bookmark and bunting making, sharing stories and celebrating authors!

If pupils would like, children can bring a book they have finished reading to donate to the school library. We would also like pupils to bring along their favourite book to share with their class.

Finally, parents/carers can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books and reading well beyond World Book Day, by reading together regularly and joining their local library, if you are not members yet. There are also ideas and activities you can do at home, just visit www.worldbookday.com for inspiration!

The benefits of reading books, and subsequent impact on learning is immeasurable. We hope all pupils will feel inspired to become regular, and maybe lifelong readers!

Best wishes

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