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Monday 26th February 2024

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

World Book Day is fast approaching on Thursday 7th March 2024 and once again, we would like to celebrate in style!

We do, however, strongly believe that every day should be a 'Book Day' and stories and reading should be cherished and enjoyed all the time. Our Thakeham Reading Tree is how we continuously celebrate those children who read consistently across the year and we are delighted that some of our children are now achieving their 100 reads certificate. Reading is the key to the whole curriculum and opens up doors no matter where your interests lie. Our school library, run by our Book Worms, is open three lunchtimes a week and we have two visiting reading dogs, Kia and Branson and a fantastically strong team of Volunteer Readers every week visiting school who share that love of reading with your children. The School Library Service keeps our library stocked full of some of the latest books written and the money raised from our Scholastic School Book Fair in the autumn, gave us the opportunity to purchase books linked to well-being, to develop diversity in our range of authors and texts and start to build a graphic comic section. Reading can be calming, open doors, be a chance for reflection or an opportunity to escape and explore the world.

The children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day alongside the staff who always enjoy dressing up! Activities linked to reading will take place in each classroom across the day.

We will also be holding our '**Toast and Read**' session from 9:00am to 9.30am. All children will take their reading book to the hall, families are welcome to join us and the Year 6 children will be serving toast while you read. This has always proven to be a lovely community event where we come together to enjoy the love of reading.

Each pupil will also receive their £1 World Book Day voucher to take away with them.





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To celebrate World Book Day we have the two amazing authors visiting us:

Thursday 14th March

David Fuller will be telling the KS2 children all about his books and what inspired him to be an author. David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a copy (please see attached order forms).

Friday 22nd March

Nick Butterworth will be working with all classes across the school in small groups. With Franklin and Marley he will be talking about what inspired him to be an author and the writing process from idea to publication. He will then spend some time with Wonder and Beatles class and will be sharing some of his favourite books, talking about different book characters he created as well as exploring the drawing process behind some of his book characters and how we can draw our own. Nick will be coming back to school after the March Music Festival and will be doing a book signing and selling some of his books in the main hall. These are mostly picture books aimed at Beatles and Wonder class but of course are open to everyone. For ease all the books will be priced at £6.99 (except for the Percy the Park Keeper Treasury book collection which is higher in price).

Kind regards,

Emma Hopkins

