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RE: World Book Day, Thursday 7th March 2024

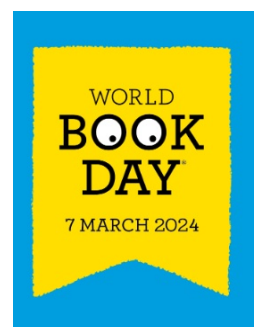
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be marking World Book Day on Thursday 7th March with a host of activities in school. On this day, we will share the magic of reading with the whole St Monica's family. We have worked tirelessly to put reading at the heart of our curriculum this year, and we want this day to celebrate all of the hard work.

I have been asked many times what is the best way for a child to make progress in their education: I have three rules that will never fail: *Read, Read and Read Some More*. There is nothing more powerful than a child reading a book they love.

World Book Day's work is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. The research tells us there are 6 elements which support a child to read for pleasure:

- Being read to regularly both at home and in school
- Access to books at home and in school
- The ability for children to choose what they want and like to read
- Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- The reading experience being enjoyable
- Designated time to read both at home and in school



At St Monica's, our promise is to make reading irresistible for all children so that they acquire a lifelong love of reading, books and authors. Reading will always be prioritised here in St Monica's so that children become motivated, fluent, skilled and attentive readers,

readers who develop an understanding and confidence to ensure the process is pleasurable and enriching.

If you want to learn more about how we promote reading in St Monica's, see [here](#).

World Book Day at St Monica's: Events

Dressing Up (Optional)

All children and staff are invited to dress up as a book character on World Book Day. This could involve a full costume or just a prop / hat (or similar) relating to a favourite book or character. If your child is a non-fiction fan, tabards or t-shirts with top facts or illustrations are a good alternative. We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this. If possible please bring the book that relates to your book character to share with your class (we may have it in our library).

Own clothes are just fine - many, many characters in books wear 'normal' clothes. Please note: this will be the final whole school dressing up day of this academic year.

Some good ideas can be found [here](#).

Children will enjoy a range of activities on the day, including:

- World Book Day Assembly
- Sharing recommended reads with friends
- Talking about stories and characters
- Role-playing book characters
- Competitions
- A (virtual) fireside story

Our Class Reading Scrapbooks

During the week we will be launching our St Monica's "Reading Scrapbooks". Each class will receive a "Reading Scrapbook" as an opportunity to promote a love of reading with their peers. The scrapbook will be looked after by the pupils in the class and will share and make

a record of the pupils' favourite books and stories. Photographs, reviews, drawings, speech bubbles, notes and thoughts will all be recorded in our scrapbooks.

Reading for Pleasure: Home Challenge

Come on adults, we'd love you to join in. Over the next week, please take photographs of your child reading. Anywhere is great: at home, in the park, on the beach, at dance, at football - anywhere at all. The best photographs will be celebrated in our World Book Day Assembly. You can start emailing and posting these from today.

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We are really looking forward to the opportunity to fully immerse ourselves in the world of reading here at St Monica's. If you have any costumes before or after the event that you can donate, please do so.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." - Margaret Fuller

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gouldbourne
Headteacher