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Dear Parent/ Carer,

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Normally, World Book Day falls near our English-focused curriculum week: Book Week. However, as we have moved this event into the Autumn Term, we want to make sure that we also support and acknowledge this exciting national event at this time of year too. Therefore, we shall be holding a number of World Book Day linked activities:

Dress Up: On World Book Day, children can come to school dressed as something linked to a book. It might be a character, a word from a book, a setting or even a genre. We know that for many families, finances are tight, so please do not spend lots of money on a fancy costume. Costumes are just as good when they are home-made and imaginative!

Toilet-roll Character Competition: We invite children to turn an empty toilet roll tube into a character from a book. There will be prizes for the winners. Attached are some ideas for inspiration!

World Book Day Vouchers: Children will be provided with a World Book Day £1 voucher that they can use to get one of the recommended books written by famous authors to celebrate this day for free. This year, there are books by David McKee, Tolá Okogwu and Jennifer Killick, amongst others.

After-school Parent Event: We are pleased to be able to offer parents the opportunity to hear from the influential Open University Reading for Pleasure team. This group of academics and practitioners are working with hundreds of schools to support the development of the Reading for Pleasure across the curriculum. The event will be in the Main Hall and will start at 3:30pm with a short talk from Crosshall Junior School staff about how we encourage reading for pleasure. This will be followed by the online event from 3:45pm to 4:30pm with Professor Teresa Cremin, who will talk about strategies for supporting reading in the home. We look forward to seeing many of you at this informative event.

More information about World Book Day can be found here: <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

Yours sincerely,

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