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World Book Day Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the build up to World book day on **Thursday 3rd March** we are planning a series of events for the children. I have outlined further details below. At Bagshot Infant school we value reading and all that it offers, every day of the year but we also like to take any opportunity we can, to celebrate and encourage a love of reading. We hope you will join us in embracing these activities with your children at home.

Book Swap

We will be holding a **book swap** in school, on Monday 28th February. Each child is invited to bring one or two good condition books, from home that they have read and would like to swap for another. We will then hold a book swap, allowing the children to choose a 'new' book to bring home. **Please bring books to school on Friday 25th February**

Storytime

Staff from across the school will be sharing their favourite stories, from when they were a child, with the children, across the school each day.

Dressing up

The children, and staff, are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from any book on **Thursday 3rd March**. It would be good to discuss with your child, different characters from their favourite books. The dressing up possibilities are endless: Postman Pat, Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Danny- Champion of the World, Matilda, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Twits, Cinderella, Gruffalo, Elmer the Elephant, Three little Pigs, Harry Potter etc. Please also send your child to school with a copy of the book their character is from, so they can share it with their classmates.

We will also be holding a special whole school outdoor parade, on the day for the children, so that they can show each other their costumes.

March Reading Challenge.

You will find a copy of our March Reading Challenge attached to this letter. Every child is invited to take part in the challenge, full of fun reading activities. All those that take part will be entered into a draw, to win a very special reading prize! Please complete one activity each day and then initial to say your child has completed it. If you would like to take a photograph of your child, completing one or two of the challenges please send them to our dedicated reading challenge email account and we will print them out and display them in school.

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Completed challenges must be returned to school on **Thursday 31st March** to be entered into the prize draw on 1st April.

Book Tokens

You will also find a special World Book Day £1 book token attached to this letter which your child can exchange for one of the special World Book Day books or use to take £1 from the cost of any book. The Special World Book Day Books can be found at bookshops, such as Waterstones and some supermarkets such as Tesco.

Reading Champions Visit

We will be undertaking our first *Reading Champions* visit of 2022 in March. Six children will be nominated by their class teacher, who have shown a real enthusiasm and love of reading over the last term, to go on a special trip. This term we are planning to visit The Alligator's Mouth in Richmond, a wonderful children's book shop, to choose some new books for our school library.

There will be many other special class activities occurring throughout next week which we hope the children will enjoy.

You will find a paper copy of this letter, along with a printed copy of the reading challenge and special World Book Day book token in your child's book bag today.

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred