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### **World Book Day Events**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the build up to World book day on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### ***Storytime and Drop Everything and Read***

Staff from across the school will be sharing their favourite stories with the children each day in March. We will also be holding 'Drop everything and Read' sessions. These are times when, as a whole school, we will be stopping our normal timetabled activity, to stop and share a story together.

#### **Dressing up**

The children, and staff, are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from any book on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 parade, on the day for the children, so that they can show each other their costumes.

#### **Design a Book Cover- competition**

We are inviting the children to design their own book cover for their favourite story on the attached design sheet! This is a task we are asking the children to do at home, with you and then return to school. We would encourage your child to be as creative as they would like, but remember include a title and an author.

All completed designs must be returned to school on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** to be displayed at school. We will then judge the entries and one from each class will be awarded a special prize.

#### **Book Tokens**

Your child will come home with special World Book Day £1 book token 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.

#### **Hidden Books**

Hidden books will be making a return again this March! Last year we hid a number of books around the village, for the children to find, much to their excitement! If you find a book this month, please read it, take a picture, and send

it to [reading@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:reading@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk) and then hide the book again somewhere in the village for another child to find and enjoy.

There will be many other special class activities occurring throughout the month of March which we hope the children will enjoy.

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

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred