

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **World Book Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day together on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. Officially, World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, but due to some classes being out of school for swimming lessons on this day, we have decided to have our big celebration on the Friday. This means everyone can take part. We have a whole host of bookish activities planned to make this special day memorable for our whole school community and promote Reading for Pleasure. This year's theme at our school is 'Reading Together!' and is all about enjoying books together. Research tells us that parents and carers reading to children helps to create emotional closeness and contributes to a child's sense of safety.

#### **Booknics**

In class, teachers will ensure that there are a host of activities to help the children celebrate Reading for Pleasure. Additionally, this year, different classes from across the school will be coming together to take part in special 'Booknics' in the school hall. There will be lovely books to share, bean bags, mats and blankets to get comfortable on and older children reading to younger children. We are really hoping that the 'Booknic' will get our children reading together and celebrating the joy of sharing books. We will post lots of photos on the school website of the Booknics for you to look at after World Book Day.

#### **World Book Day Book Tokens**

Each child will be given a £1 book token which can be used to buy a special World Book Day book or put towards a book of their choosing. These will be given out to children on World Book Day in school. The tokens can be redeemed at participating shops, such as supermarkets, and are valid until the end of March.

#### **Getting involved at home- 'Reading Together' photos**

If you would like to get involved at home, we would love it if the children could send in a picture of them reading and sharing books with their families to help us celebrate the 'Reading Together' theme! Please email your photos to me, Mrs Dowdall, by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March: ([kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk))

The photos will be displayed in school, shared in assembly and also added to our school website after World Book Day.

#### **Dressing Up**

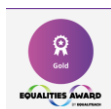
Many children have already expressed to us that they would like to dress up on World Book Day. Children may come to school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** dressed up as a book character of their choice if they would like to. We are aware that this aspect of the day can be stressful for parents and also expensive so we ask that you don't spend lots of money on new costumes but use what you already have at home. This is also much more eco-friendly. Along with this letter, we are sending a list of some really simple ways your child can get involved with the dressing up aspect of the day which should cost nothing and take very little effort.

## **Reception Reading Café**

We will be inviting Reception parents to a special reading café event. At this event, parents will be able to share lovely books with their children in the school hall. A separate letter with more details about this exciting event was sent to Reception parents at the end of last week. This event will be taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

We really hope that your child enjoys the events that we have planned to help us celebrate World Book Day this year. We cannot wait to share with you all the wonderful activities we do in school to celebrate this very special event.

Yours Sincerely,  
Kate Dowdall



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