



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day – 7th March 2019

This year, **World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March**. All children are invited to take part in a book-themed fancy dress. This can be as creative as you feel, but if you want to keep it simple we suggest that you wear your school uniform with something to represent your book (Harry Potter glasses for example). For those wishing to indulge in fancy dress, prizes will be awarded to the best costume in KS1 and KS2. No donation, monetary or otherwise, is required for this event.

During the day the children will be taking part in activities designed to promote a love of reading, something which we feel very passionately about at St Mary's. They may be asked to talk about and share their favourite book, illustrate a book, or simply listen to some stories. In addition to this, your child will also be visited by a teacher from another class, who will share one of their favourite stories with them!

Sponsored Readathon 4th-29th March 2019

In line with World Book Day, we will also be launching **Read for Good's 'Readathon' between the 4th and the 29th March**. Read for Good get children reading for fun through a sponsored Readathon. The money raised buys books for schools and brings the power of stories to life. The 'Read for Good' charity motivates whole schools and communities to read for fun because they know that loving reading can change lives. Please look out for sponsorship forms during the week beginning 25th February.

"Reading is like flying – it can carry you to different worlds. So hurray for Read for Good, which helps launch so many children on that exciting journey." Julia Donaldson

As you know, in November, we revamped the Library and, with the support of the PTA, moved it to the heart of the school. It has fast become a much loved part of each class weekly timetable. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to the PTA and the Newly New Sale, who have funded the purchase of £1000 worth of fiction reading books for the school library. In addition to this, every class is enjoying brand new Dictionaries and Thesauruses. Without this support, we would not have been able to purchase these new books. A huge 'Thank you' to you all if you have helped to contribute by supporting the PTA events or buying from the Newly New Sale.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting 'World Book Day 2019' and 'Readathon'. We look forward to talking about everyone's favourite books on the 7th March.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lucy Smith

English Subject Leader.