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Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day 2023 is fast approaching and takes place on Thursday 2nd March. The theme is 'Reading for Pleasure'. The focus for this year is centred around encouraging children to read for pleasure and this is something we are very passionate about at Carr Junior School.

Nurseries, schools and libraries across the UK will be celebrating World Book Day with a huge range of events and activities. We would love to celebrate World Book Day in style but without putting pressure on parents to provide costumes. We would like the children to come to school in non-uniform but to bring with them three items that would give clues to a children's book character. For example, children may bring a red ribbon, a book and jar of honey to represent Roald Dahl's Matilda. Throughout the day, the children will be playing 'Guess Who?' in their classes to work out what character each child has represented through their three items.

As well as other activities that we have planned for the school day, we would like to take the juniors across to the infants to read together. Therefore, we would like each child to come to school with a book that they think an infant child will enjoy. They will be able to share their stories and read to the younger children.

Competition Time!

World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity for the whole family to get involved in reading and related activities. This year we would love to host a competition for children to complete with someone at home. We would love you to bake or decorate a cake/buns/biscuits to represent a children's book or character. Please bring your entry to the school office on Thursday 2nd March. Entries will be judged and there will be prizes for upper and lower school winners which will be given out in one of our Carr celebration assemblies.



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Book Fair

This year we have arranged a Book Fair! Unfortunately, due to high demand, this could not take place on World Book Day itself but will happen on Thursday 9th March. Each class will spend 20/30 mins with the Book Fair where they will read riddles and stories as well as have an opportunity to browse and/or buy books. If children would like to buy a book, please remember to send them to school with some money to make a purchase. Alternatively, the Book Fair will also be available straight after school for approximately 30 mins for parents/carers to browse and purchase books with the children. More detailed information on this will follow.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help motivate them with their reading journey, children receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token. With books for beginning, early, fluent and independent readers, there is something for everyone!

Your child's token will be given to them in class and can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop.

Here at Carr Junior School we recognise the value of reading and want to encourage our Carr Stars to read for pleasure. You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books and reading well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and talking about books, authors and illustrators that you enjoy. If you are not already a member, why not think about joining your local library?

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are phenomenal. So we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate reading with your child.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hunton
Reading Lead



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