



St. Michael's C.E. (Controlled) Junior School

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Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

11th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Thursday 3rd March**, we are very excited that our school will be celebrating World Book Day. This year the theme is: **"You Are a Reader"**. We are inviting children to dress up as their favourite character from a book. If your child really does not want to dress up, can they please bring in some clues instead as to who their favourite character is – so that their classmates can try to guess, enabling lots of talk about different books. Remember, the less obvious the clues, the better! *Please remember that we do not allow football kits on dress up days and, whatever the children do choose, they need to wear something that they can still run around in at playtime.*

On World Book Day, we will hold a 'Book Talk' lesson, where we invite children to share a favourite age-appropriate book and recommend it to their peers. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to talk about a book they love and use their powers of persuasion to convince their peers that they should read it too! Children can bring that book into school on Thursday 3rd March, and share their recommendations in class on that day. It can be a book that they have enjoyed reading to themselves, or that has been read with them, fiction or non-fiction, and any length, but it is important that the children know the book well so that they can discuss it with their class.

As well as talking about their favourite book, children may (this is optional) write a short review or create a poster to support their 'Book Talk', which will then form part of a class 'book recommendations' display in classrooms. Teachers are happy to help any children with their book presentation, and support them in answering questions that the class may be eager to ask about the book. Year group home learning will include more details about the World Book Day 'Book Talk', including specific advice and help on what sort of information children can share about their book.

We look forward to seeing the children's costumes and hearing their book recommendations on World Book Day. We hope this will be another successful World Book Day and will send a powerful and positive message about books and reading.

Thank you for your support.

Ms J Gregory
English Leader

