

## **Hughenden Primary School**

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **World Book Day Celebrations**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This year all children are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. There will be prizes for the most original costumes in both Foundation/KS1 and KS2. We are hoping to raise funds for "OurKids", a charity that helps young children deal with the challenges and dangers of staying safe – the charity will be supplying each child with a book "Watch Out" later this year. We are therefore asking each child to bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 for dressing up on World Book Day.

After an assembly about World Book Day, children will be swapping classes to read with other children either younger or older than themselves (buddy reading). All children should bring in their favourite books on this day. This is a good opportunity for children to recommend authors to their friends and inspire others to read some of the stories for themselves.

Other activities throughout the day will include designing a book token for a World Book Day Competition, creating a potato book character and a book swap.

For the potato character, we will provide the potato, paints, paper, card and felt pens. Children will need to draw their design and bring in any additional materials needed. Please see attached photos for ideas. There will be prizes for Foundation/KS1 and KS2. There's no time like the present to start planning a design!

The book swap will take place at the end of the day in each individual classroom. Please could your child wrap up a book (as a present) that they no longer want and write a 'blurb' for the book (this will be English homework the previous week) without saying what the book is called. Ask your child to stick the blurb on the outside of the wrapped up book. Children in class will then read the blurbs and choose a book in the book swap. If you are able to send in more than one book for the book swap, these would be gratefully received.

All children are given a book token to celebrate World Book Day to encourage reading and a love of books. These vouchers can be used up until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017. They can be put towards a new book or to purchase one of ten £1 books written by leading authors specifically for World Book Day 2017. Please visit <a href="http://www.worldbookday.com">http://www.worldbookday.com</a> to learn more about the books, the authors, to play games and also to learn how to write stories.

Please keep reading with your children, take them to the library, visit <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk</a> for eBooks and help us to inspire a love of reading in your children.

Kind regards.

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