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Dear Parents/Carers,

## World Book Day- Friday 8th March

It's that time of year when we ask children to dress up as their favourite book character for our World Book Day celebrations and donate £1 to Book Aid International. This charity was chosen in honour of Sheila Newman, one of our school governors who sadly passed away last year, who was passionate about all children to have access to books to read.

Please don't feel like you need to buy costumes... Follow this link for some great costume ideas to make: <u>https://bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/</u>. This extract from their website tells you more about why we ask for a donation:

"Every year across the UK schools and families celebrate World Book Day by fundraising to help us send more books to people around the world who do not have the books they need. Children donate £1 and use our costume guides to dress up as their favourite book character. The funds you raise will help us send brand new books to thousands of public and community libraries, refugee camps, hospitals, schools and universities. The books we provide reach millions of people each year, giving them the opportunity to improve their lives and shape their futures."



'For children reading can be a gateway to learning, but also to happiness' Lauren Child, Waterstones Children's Laureate

If you have any costumes at home that your children don't need any more, please consider donating them to school for others to use.

Inspiration & Success

Kind regards,

Sarah Greenway Reading Lead



