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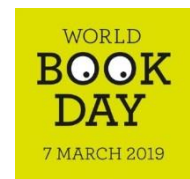


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Dear Parents,

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day! Children (and staff) are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from a book, or as a person from a non-fiction book. Children are also welcome to bring the corresponding book in to share with their class.



The Importance of Reading at Home



In addition to this, we will be launching a new “Reading at Home” incentive program on Thursday too. Each week, the class with the highest percentage of children reading at home will be awarded a prize in assembly. This will be tracked based on the number of children who have read at home and recorded this in their Learning Passport at least 5 days of the week (Friday to Thursday, ready for Friday’s assembly.) This must be signed at least once by an adult at home.

Buy a New Book!

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running just in time for World Book Day! For every £1 you spend on this month’s Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. If you choose to purchase from Scholastic, we would appreciate you doing so through our Scholastic Book Club, so that we can put our reward earnings back into our school library. Orders placed through our school will be delivered to the school free of charge. Orders close on 18th March, 2019.



Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/barnes-farm> to browse the latest books and order online. Orders can be placed securely online through the above link. **Payments cannot be made via ParentPay.**

Please place your order online by **18th March, 2019**. Please note, as we are a cash-free school, we will not be accepting any cash or cheques.

Re-organising our Library Space

We are currently reorganising our school library. We are working hard to ensure that our book bands are in line with those used by Essex Libraries. This eliminates every band above Lime (Lime being approximately Year 3 level) and then moves onto S and S+



books. This will allow your children more freedom when choosing books and we hope that this will encourage our students to read more widely and for pleasure. Going forward, there will be less emphasis on coloured bands, and more emphasis on choosing books based on purpose, interest and understanding. We will be focusing on teaching children the skills they need in order to choose a book that is “just right” for them. This will leave the children better prepared to choose books in shops, libraries and so on, so that they may become lifelong readers.

If your child comes home this week with a different book band than usual, please don't worry. While we are still in the process of reorganising books, we have allowed children to borrow books in the lead up to World Book Day. If the book seems too tricky for your reader, we would encourage you to take this opportunity to read to/with your child. Our new banding system should be launched in the next few weeks, at which point children will be told by their teachers which area of the library they should now choose from. For more information about the Essex Library colour bands, please follow this link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/children-and-young-adults/parent-information/books-for-beginner-readers/>

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this exciting change!

Kind Regards,

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Reading Lead Teacher

