



Dear Parents / Carers

## World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place this year on **Thursday 7th March**.

This year, we have decided **not** to ask the children to come in fancy dress, as we are aware of the pressure this can put on people to buy costumes, which can be very costly. Instead, we would like to invite them to bring in any books which they no longer read (only those in a good condition please) and we will arrange for each class to do a book swap, so that everyone goes home at the end of the day with a 'new' book. We will be collecting the pre-loved books between **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February (after the half term break) and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. It would be amazing if your child could bring any book donations into school between those dates and give them to their class teacher.

We recognise the importance of reading every day, here at OLOTA, but World Book Day is especially dedicated to developing a love of reading and so teachers will be planning additional activities for the children – this year we will be focusing on the wide variety of books out there, for example, non-fiction books, books set out in a comic strip style, quiz books, books where you can choose your own adventure and short stories – the aim being that everyone can find a book that they love. As this is a national event, there are lots of lovely resources and activities we can access and lots of famous authors get involved too – so, it should hopefully be a day where everyone will find something about reading they can enjoy!

Finally, the children will all be given a World Book Day £1 voucher to bring home before the half term break. These vouchers are valid from 15<sup>th</sup> February to the 31<sup>st</sup> March. They can be used to get a FREE book especially chosen for WBD, or to get £1 off the cost of any book or audiobook which is more than £2.99. You can go online at [www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers](http://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers) to find out where you can use the vouchers, but I know that Asda, Sainsburys, WH Smith, Tesco, The Works and Waterstones are all included.

Please feel free to catch me on the gate if you have any questions or want any further information.

Best wishes,  
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