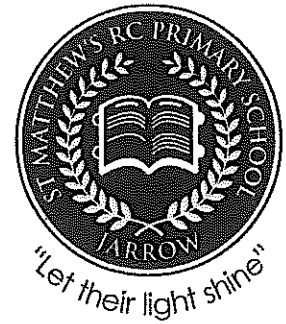


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Dear Parents and Carers

## WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2022

As you will be aware, World Book Day 2022 is coming up on Thursday 3 March. We love reading at St Matthew's and this is always a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading in school. Children will take part in a variety of fun reading activities throughout the day and we will also be holding paired reading, where our older children will become reading buddies and share stories with our younger pupils. We are currently trying to improve our school library/reading areas and would be very grateful of **any donations of children's books (in good condition) that your child may no longer read**; please drop off any donations at the office.

This year we are excited to announce that we will be holding a '**Radical Reading**' competition, which we would love children to take part in. All children need to do is read somewhere exciting, such as in the park or whilst out on a day trip. Parents can then take a photograph of this and either email it to the office at [office@stmatthewsjarrow.co.uk](mailto:office@stmatthewsjarrow.co.uk) or send a copy of the photo into school. The winner from each class will win a £10 book token! The closing date for this competition is **Wednesday 2 March** so half term is a great chance to do some radical reading!

As part of World Book Day, we also invite children to dress up if they wish. However, we are mindful of the pressures that parents may feel around this and wish to try to eliminate some of these pressures this year. Please note that there is **no obligation whatsoever for pupils to dress up** and also that **no donation is required for the day**.

If children do not wish to dress up, they may like to bring in their favourite book to read with their reading buddy instead. For those who would like to dress up, they may wish to wear something they have previously worn or swap costumes with a friend. We are also giving children the option of wearing their pyjamas or onesies this year and bringing in a bedtime story. Please ensure pupils also wear coats and sensible shoes if they do this.

We really hope that World Book Day will be a fantastic celebration of reading for pleasure this year and would welcome any feedback or suggestions for the day.

Best wishes,

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