

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **World Book Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

We are writing to you to let you know about our plans to celebrate World Book Day this year. Our activities will be taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and children are **welcome to dress up as their favourite book character, if they would like to**. This will be a community learning day with Infants and Juniors learning together at the Dunbury Juniors site, Winterborne Whitechurch.

We have already made arrangements for all children who travel by bus to be dropped off and collected from Dunbury Juniors. The buses ML005, ML006, ML007 and ML14 have been asked to collect the children as usual in the mornings and bring them to the Junior site instead of the Infant site and then collect from there in the afternoon. The children who catch the bus from Winterborne Whitechurch can come straight to the Junior site that day and be collected from there.

We would be grateful if the parents of the children who do not use buses to get to school at the Infant site could contact the school office to let us know whether you are able to make arrangements to drop off and collect your child from the Junior site on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March or whether you require support with this.

**The gates will be open for children to arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 and will be open again at 3:15 for collecting children.**

**There will be no hot school meals on this day.** An 'Event' has been created on Local Food Links online system. The hot school meal option for this day has been replaced with a packed lunch option. If you require a packed lunch for your child on this day, please log in to the online ordering system and select your child's choice of sandwich filling. If you do not require a packed lunch to be provided by Local Food Links, please ensure your child brings their own packed lunch.

### **Activities on the day**

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a **sponsored read between 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March**. More information about this and the sponsor form are attached. As well as raising money for new books for the school, there will be prizes for the children from each class who have logged the greatest number of reads. All children will have a half hour slot for sponsored reading in the day and **they will need to bring their sponsor form back in on 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

We are delighted to announce that **The Treehouse Theatre Company** will be returning to put on productions for the children across the day. We are immensely grateful to FODA who have raised the funds to make this enrichment activity possible.

We are delighted that **the book fair**, organised in conjunction with our **local Independent Usborne Partner**, will also be at school this day. **The book fair** will still be open after school, so please do come and have a look at what Gillian has on offer. More information about this is attached.

We are also delighted be able to invite a **member from the Blandford Library team**. They will be talking to the children about the library and the services it provides and have kindly agreed to be around at the end of the day to talk to parents and carers as well.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs C Duerdoth**  
**Assistant Headteacher**