

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our school's commitment to reading, we are holding our traditional World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

The theme this year is 'Reading for Pleasure'.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is a vital indicator of a child's future success and we therefore put a lot of effort into encouraging a life-long habit of reading for pleasure in our West Vale Academy children.

In order to create excitement, we are asking that children come in dressed as their favourite book character. Their outfit does not need to be a bought costume; a decorated headband, Horrid Henry 'comfies' or Martha Mayhem plaits will bring smiles to all our faces. It would also be great for the children to bring in their favourite book, to create great discussions surrounding the world of mystery and adventures.

During the day, the children will have the opportunity to create a 'story in a jar' based on their class text, which is why we are asking all children to bring in a clean glass jar that they can use during the day. We can't wait to see the children bring a book to life.

The children will come home with a book token on World Book Day. You can use your token to get a FREE book! You can take the book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day book OR you can get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at [www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers/](http://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers/)

The World Book Day token can also be used in our upcoming book fayre commencing the week beginning: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Please have a look at the World Book Day Family Hub for more things to do at home. The site has a wealth of activities and online resources about books should you wish to share reading activities with your children. The World Book Day link is <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers.

Kind regards,  
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