

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our school's commitment to reading, we are holding our traditional World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 7th March 2024.

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.

This year in order to create excitement we are asking children to come dressed up as their favourite interesting Word!

For example; multi-coloured clothes could be the word 'Rainbow', bubble wrap attached to clothing could be the word 'Fragile', the word 'Slow' could represent a Tortoise or the word 'Quiet' could be a Mouse.

Here is a link with some other ideas - [world book day come as a word - Google Search](#)

It would be lovely to see some fantastic homemade costumes and please remember to make a sign to show what your chosen word is!

If you are unable to participate in the 'Word' World Book Day, Children are welcome to 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 Pippa's long pig tails will bring smiles to all our faces.

It would also be great for the children to bring in their favourite book to give them the opportunity to share their love of reading, to create great discussions surrounding the world of mystery and adventures.

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/

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!

Kind regards,

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