

# NEWCHURCH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parent,

The beginning of our new half term signifies the beginning of our annual celebration of books. As always, the staff and children of Newchurch will be celebrating our love of reading for the whole week as part of our World Book Day celebrations which will take place week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The theme we have chosen this year is 'William Shakespeare'.

Today, you will have received your child's homework for the February half term which includes a series of fun reading challenges and the option to make a story hat to take part in our 'Story Hat Parade'. The story hat can be based on any children's book and does not specifically have to be on this year's chosen theme. This homework will run for the whole of the holidays and the first week back so will provide plenty of time for it to be completed.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March we invite you to join us for a reading picnic when you will be provided with the chance to read alongside your child in their classroom from 2.30pm and then take part in a book folding workshop where you will create a masterpiece out of an old book. Please use the slip below to indicate whether there will be someone attending this. **Please note that you will need to bring an old book you no longer want to create your masterpiece- the older the better!**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March you are invited to attend a phonics workshop (Reception and Year 1) at 1.15-2.00 and/or reading workshop (Y2 to Y6) at 2.15-3.00. You should have received a letter regarding this. If you wish to attend please ensure you have completed the reply slip and returned to school.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and we have decided (following discussion with the Parent Board) to have a Newchurch Reading Slumber Party again. This means that at key moments within the school day, the children can lie back, relax and just enjoy time to read for pleasure. Therefore, on this day, the children can come to school in their pyjamas and bring with them their pillow and book of choice. This will also be the day that we will have our 'Story Hat Parade' so make sure your child brings their hat with them.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the children will have the opportunity to take part in a Book Swap. Each child can bring in a book they no longer need and receive a raffle ticket which will be used to 'purchase' another book of their choice from the selection brought in by other children. Please ensure that, if your child wants to take part in the Book Swap, they bring in a book that is appropriate to their own age, not a child younger as they will be swapping with children in their own classes.

There are many more activities happening throughout the week which you will be able to find out about through our twitter feed, Friday Newchurch and also the school website. If you wish to attend the above events, please could we ask that you return the slip by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

I am sure that you will agree, that with all this opportunity to read, there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to go for a Newchurch Reading Ladder record of 100% for each class – it only takes two signatures!

Thank you in anticipation of your continued and valued support in improving the reading experiences of our Newchurch Robins.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Conreen

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Name of pupils \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I will/will not be attending the reading picnic from 2.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (delete as appropriate)

I will/will not be staying for the book folding workshop in my child's classroom.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_