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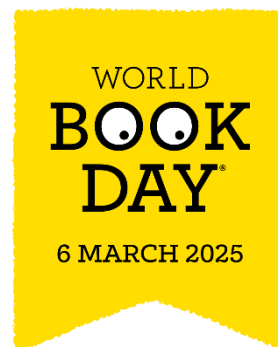
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20th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

World Book Day is just around the corner on Thursday 6th March and we just wanted to let you know about the exciting activities we have planned at Newchurch. As ever, we don't do things by halves and will be celebrating the love of reading for the whole week with some opportunities for our families to come and get involved.

For this Newchurch Book Week we will be having a focus on **non-fiction** texts and the wonderful world they open young readers up to. Our activities throughout the week will reflect this and will allow our Newchurch Robins to celebrate the things which spark their curiosity.



Dress up (Thursday 6th March):

Children up and down the country will be dressing up as their favourite literary characters on World Book Day itself and we will be doing the same at Newchurch. However, as ever, we recognise that the cost of buying or making costumes can be a challenge so this is entirely optional. As we are basing our fun around non-fiction texts this year, children may wish to come in as a representation of their favourite themes – if you love dinosaurs then wear your favourite prehistoric t-shirt or come in a full T-Rex costume. The choice is entirely up to you. Hopefully, this makes the dress up a little easier. Alternatively, if you would prefer to come as a literary character or just relax for your reading, then you are also welcome to come in any costume you wish...even your pyjamas.

Book Making (Tuesday 4th March) and Reading Café (Friday 7th March):

Every year we invite our families to come in and read with the children – sharing a good book. This year we will also be making books ourselves and have two events to invite you to. A Google Form will be sent to you by the school office on **Monday 24th February**; please complete this so that we can identify numbers. Unfortunately, if numbers are high and you have not completed the form, we may not be able to allow you into school.



The book making times will be Key Stage One between 9:15 and 11, with Key Stage Two between 1:15 and 3:00.

Once again, we apologise if this feels really regimented but we need to ensure that the hall and classrooms are not too full and consider the setting up for lunch and afterschool club. To ensure safe numbers of adults and children, we will need to ask that just one adult visits at a time from each family. If you have children in both key stages, please can you select one time slot to attend and both children will be able to come out of class to enjoy the event with you. Any child who does not have an adult attending will have the same experience in class with their teachers.

This year's Reading Café times will be as follows:

Time	Cohort
9:15am – 10:00am	Year Three
9:45am – 10:30am	Year Four
10:15am – 11:00am	Year Five
10:45am – 11:30am	Year Six
1:15pm – 2:00pm	Reception
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Year 1
2:15pm – 3:00pm	Year 2

Events:

There will be a wide range of other activities happening throughout the week which your child will be able to enjoy which you may interact with in other ways. Check out the list below.

Date	Activity	Detail
Monday 3 rd March	Book Swap	The children can start the week with the spirit of sharing. Bring in a book that is suitable for their age group and they will be able to do a swap with one of their classmates. EYFS will be exchanging with one another, Year 1 and Year 2 together, Year 3 with Year 4 and, finally, Year 5 with Year 6.
Tuesday 4 th March	Book Making Workshop	Please complete the Google form to sign up for this event. See timings above.
Thursday 6 th March	Dance Workshop	The children from Reception to Y6 will be working with a professional dance company to use movement to investigate themes within texts and performing to the school at the end of the day. Please be aware that the children may be a little later exiting school due to this performance but we will do our best to stick to times.
WORLD BOOK DAY!	Dress up day	The children can come in dressed in their amazing outfits – see the information above regarding



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		costumes.
Friday 7 th March	Reading Café International Women's Day	Please complete the Google form to sign up for this event. See timings above. The children will be celebrating international women's day with a look at the lives of some true heroines.

There will be lots of additional activities going on in class from teacher swaps to podcasts...we can't wait!

With kindest regards,

John Duckett

Deputy Headteacher



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