



World Book Week

11th February 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, however, we would like to celebrate for the whole week. The theme this year will be **TRADITIONAL TALES**. There is so much planned for the week, so please see the summary table at the end of this letter to see what will be happening when.

Reading is a vital part of a child's education and their life, and we would like to enjoy it in a way which enables and enhances the children's love of reading and books. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday by inviting the children to come into school dressed as a character from a book and bringing that book into school (named please). We will be holding a parade in an assembly, in which each class will parade in front of the other classes and will be praised for their costumes and originality. We look forward to seeing their outfits! It would be lovely to see costumes other than Elsa and Superheroes to keep the spirit of traditional tales alive. Costumes that come originally from books and not films would be great too! It's always nice if the costumes have been made, so please don't think you need to buy anything.

Throughout the week we will continue to focus on activities that enhance the love of books and reading. We will have 'drop it and read times' and sessions with teachers swapping classes to read their favourite book to another class. The children will be involved in paired reading, where they will have the opportunity to read to children from different classes. There will be sessions where the classes will all mix and will they will be working together in team colours to make music, perform some drama and work practically to act out a story. We will develop characters and have opportunities to write short stories of our own, explore story language and engage in role-play. We have also booked a theatre company to come in and perform for the children (provisionally on the Tuesday).

We will be inviting you (parents/guardians/family), in for reading sessions in your child's classroom from normal 'drop off' until 9:10 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will need to get all children registered and their meals choices selected first, so please bear with us. If you have children in different classes, you are more than welcome to read altogether, please go to your younger child's class and once registered the older sibling will be able to join you. If you have children in the same year group, please just pick a class.

To be able to provide this fun filled week and have the opportunity for the theatre company to come in, we are asking for the **children to bring in a £1 on World Book Day** to go towards this cost. Additionally, we are hoping to hold a book and bake sale on Tuesday after school. We would like you to bring in some cakes (no nuts please) and any unwanted books, which we will then put out as a book sale during which you can come in and buy some different books for your children. Please remember that whenever we hold an event like this is it not compulsory, it is just a chance for you to declutter your house, get rid of some books you have already read and purchase some new books for your children.

Many thanks in advance for providing your child with a costume and for your continued support in the school. We hope that it will be a week of fun and cross-curricular activities to celebrate and promote a love of reading amongst the children.

Mrs James and the CHPS team

Break Down of Dates

Monday 4 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mix up day- children working in colour group teams
Tuesday 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come in, snuggle down, and read with your children drop-off until 9:10• Cake and book sale - please provide unwanted books and/or cakes if you can (no nuts please). Please drop these in first thing in the morning and the sale will take place straight after school at 3pm• Theatre Company
Wednesday 6 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come in, snuggle down, and read with your children drop-off until 9:10
Thursday 7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come in, snuggle down, and read with your children drop-off until 9:10• World book day! Children come into school in their costumes with the book the characters are from (named).
Friday 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mix up day- children working in colour group teams