



Dear Parents,

9th February 2024

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. At Poulton Lancelyn, we foster and encourage a love and enjoyment of reading; we therefore want to use World Book Day as an opportunity to celebrate our children's love of books. We have many exciting things planned to celebrate the day. *Every child will be required to bring in their favourite book or book title from home. They will be spending some time during the afternoon discussing their favourite book with their peers.* 

## <u>Dressing up</u>

We know that some of our children love to dress up as their favourite characters and role play is an important part of child development. We are therefore allowing pupils to dress up as a character from a book if they wish to do so. However, we also acknowledge that some children do not enjoy dressing up and we are therefore **not** placing any expectation for all pupils to be in costume. It is personal choice. Some children may prefer to bring in a prop or item of clothing from their favourite book instead; other children may prefer to only bring the book itself into school.

## Meeting an author

This year, we're very excited to be welcoming an award-winning author into school. The children will spend part of World Book Day reading a book written by Sally Nicholls and completing some activities related to her book. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, they will then have the opportunity to meet her, listen to her read and ask her some questions about her work. We hope that meeting a real-life author inspires and encourages our pupils in their own reading and writing.

## Mystery reader

We know that lots of our children enjoy reading with family members at home. We would love to be able to have lots of adults in school to read with us on World Book Day but we don't have enough space to fit everyone in! We would therefore like to invite a secret, mystery reader to read with each class. If you are available to come into school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm, please email the school office. We will then select one adult for each class to come in and read a story to their child's class at the end of the day.

## Book fair

Each year, we host the Scholastic Book Fair. This year, the book fair will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-4pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to purchase new and exciting books to continue to encourage their love of reading. Each child will receive a £1 book token, which provides a discount of £1 off each purchase. For any books you purchase, school receive a percentage of the money back to our Scholastic account. This means that we are extremely appreciative of any books you are able to purchase as it provides us, as a school, with some money to spend on much-needed books within school.

Thank you for your support. Miss Farlam English Lead